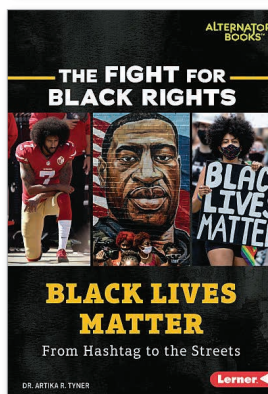
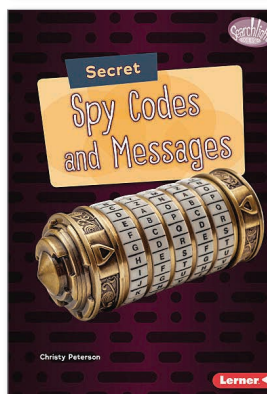
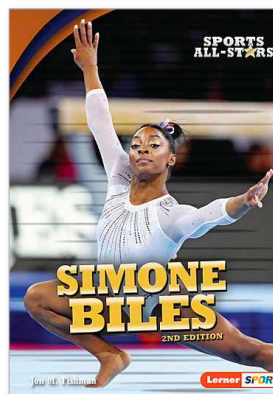
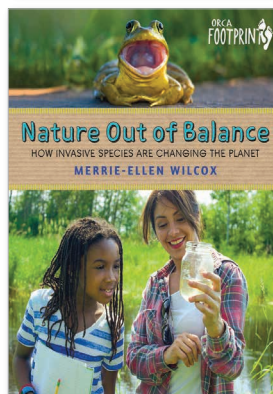
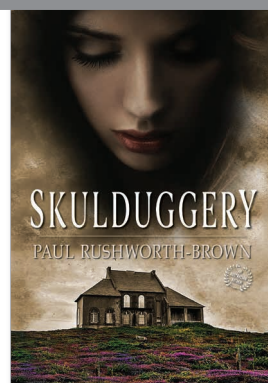
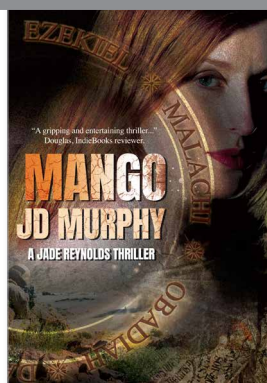
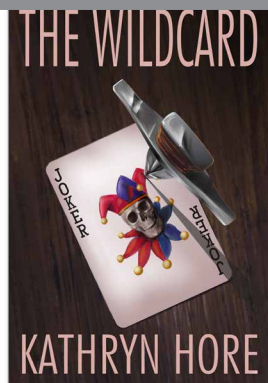
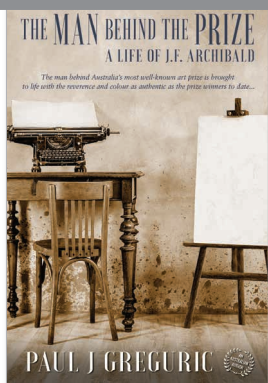
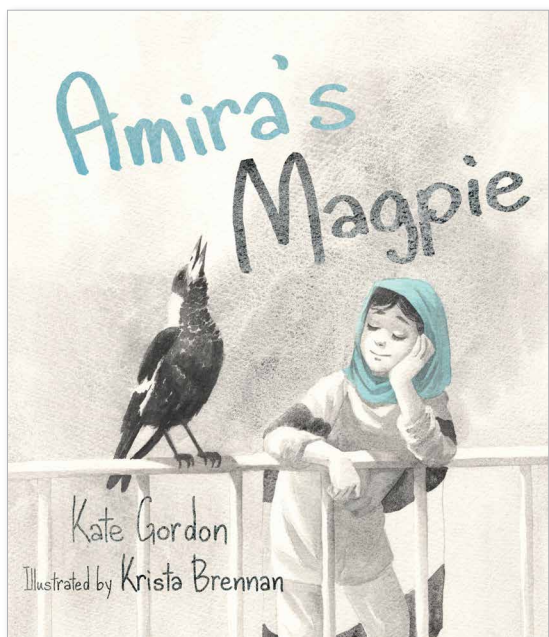


NEW RELEASES APRIL 2021



AMIRA'S MAGPIE

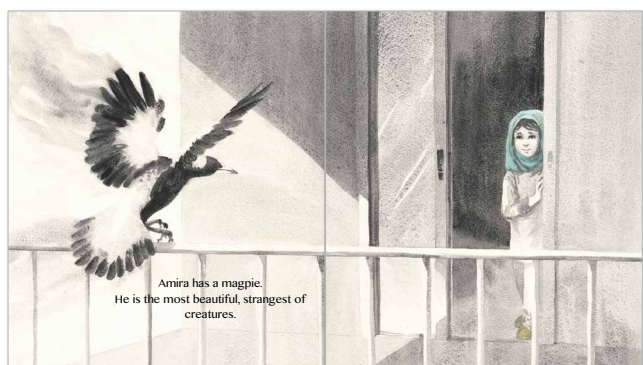
Kate Gordon, Illustrated by Krista Brennan



10/04/2021 | Wombat Books | BB
JUV039250 | 32pp | 25 x 22 cm | \$24.99



PAGE SAMPLE



SALES POINTS

- Targeted at ages 5+
- Kate Gordon is a best-selling and award-winning author who has been sold internationally.
- Perfect for fans of *Suri's Wall*.
- Electronic proofs available.
- Unique and beautifully evocative illustrations.

Amira's Magpie is a story of friendship, family and escape; of bravery and resilience in the face of hardship. It is the story of hope we find in small happinesses, even when it seems like all hope is lost.

In the evocative and primarily monochrome illustrations, we see Amira living in some kind of compound. Her beloved grandfather lives a long way away, and as she remembers him, Amira imagines her magpie flying backwards and forwards between them, bringing news of home.

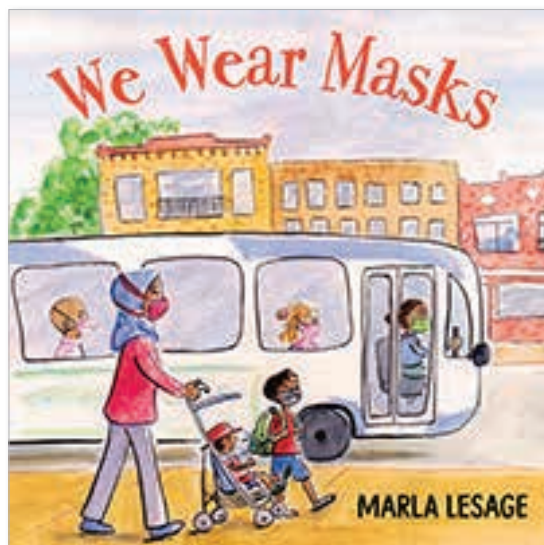
In a beautifully lyrical way, this gentle yet powerful story reminds us of asylum seekers and anyone who longs for home.

An outstanding book for older picture book readers and for education and awareness in schools.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Kate Gordon grew up in a very booky house, with two librarian parents, in a small town by the sea in Tasmania. She spent her childhood searching for fossils at Fossil Bluff, wondering about the doctor who rode his horse off the cliff at Doctor's Rocks, and eating the best chips in the world at the fish and chip shop at the wharf. She also spent much of her time dreaming about being a writer, and spent many a lunch hour walking around the playground reciting poetry. The other children thought she was a little bit odd. After studying performing arts and realising she was a terrible actor, Kate decided to give in to genetics and study to be a librarian herself. She is the author of six novels for teenagers, as well as the picture book, *Bird on a Wire*, and the junior fiction series, *Juno Jones*. She now writes middle grade fiction.

WE WEAR MASKS

Marla Lesage



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17/04/2021 | Orca Book Publishers | BB
JUV015020 | 32pp | 22.86 x 22.86 cm | \$34.95

"A book for the moment in which we find ourselves, and it offers a ready avenue for opening discussions with our children about what is occurring in the world around them. Recommended."

—Canadian Review of Materials

SALES POINTS

- Author and illustrator Marla Lesage is a registered nurse and the mother of two young children.
- This book features different types of masks, including one with a clear panel being used by characters who rely on reading lips to communicate.
- Mandatory mask-wearing has been used in Australia to stop the spread of coronavirus.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many children have been introduced to wearing face masks and seeing others in masks. Author and illustrator Marla Lesage normalizes mask-wearing by introducing young readers to artists, pilots, welders, scientists and many more people who already wear masks in their day-to-day lives. This delightful, rhyming picture book will help explain to children why wearing a mask is important as we interact with others in our communities. Readers will learn that, when they put on their mask, they are choosing to be kind and considerate of others.

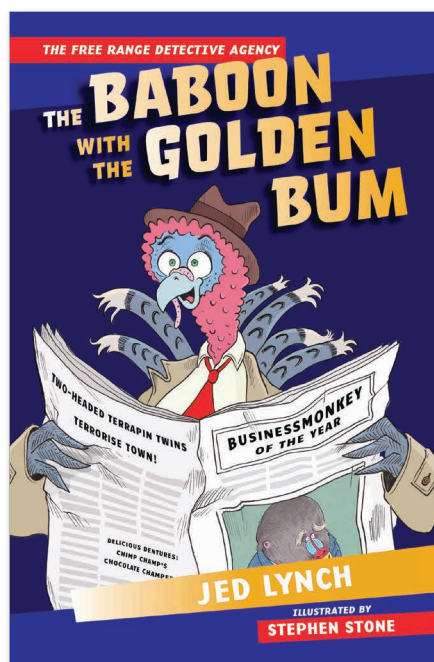
We Wear Masks is a fun tool to help children make sense of this new reality and make wearing masks less scary and more relatable. This book can be used as a conversation starter about the pandemic, the spread of germs and viruses, and what families can do to keep themselves and the people they care about safe.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Marla Lesage is a registered nurse who loves to tell stories, both real and imagined, through urban sketching, painting, illustration and words. Her art can be found in private collections in Canada, the United States and Australia, and her debut picture book, *Pirate Year Round*, published in 2019. *We Wear Masks* was inspired by a trip Marla took with her mask-wearing children to a petting zoo where they discovered an excellent benefit to wearing masks—blocking out stinky smells! Marla lives near Fredericton, New Brunswick.

THE BABOON WITH THE GOLDEN BUM

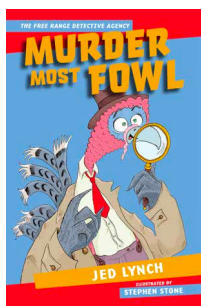
Free Range Detective Agency # 2

Jed Lynch, Illustrated by Stephen Stone



17/04/2021 | Little Island Books | BC
JUV019000 | 160pp | 19.8 x 13.1 cm
\$18.95

OTHERS IN THE SERIES



Murder Most Fowl # 1
9781912417414 | \$18.95

A playful and brilliantly funny take on detective noir fiction with an all-animal cast of characters.

Praise for *Murder Most Fowl*:

'Funny, sweet, and beautifully illustrated.' – Sue Leonard, *Irish Examiner*

SALES POINTS

- A playful and funny take on detective noir fiction with an all-animal cast of characters and cartoon-like illustrations that lend a vintage atmosphere to the novels.
- Second installment of an ongoing series of detective novels – can be read in any order.
- Playful b/w illustrations throughout.
- Each copy contains a postcard addressed to Seamus: he responds online to readers who have a mystery to be solved!
- Gold foil on cover.

A brand new instalment of *The Free Range Detective Agency* series.

Seamus the turkey detective is once again desperate for a new case.

When security breaches threaten two-time Business Monkey of the Year baboon Frank Bloombum's top-secret money-making facilities, the Free Range Detective Agency is called to the rescue.

Who might be responsible? The baboon, the jackal, the newt, the toad? And what about that other toad Frank accidentally flushed down the toilet all those years ago?

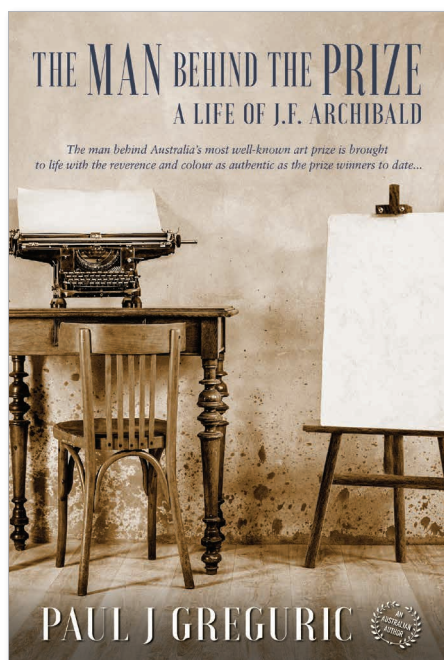
It's a hard case, but Seamus can count on his friends, a meerkat and a mole, to help him crack it.

FOR MORE GREAT CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT TITLES GO TO PAGE 16

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Jed Lynch is a human author from Cork. *The Free Range Detective Agency* is the first thing that he has co-written with a turkey. Seamus provides the exciting storylines based on the cases he has worked, as well as all of the feathers, wings, and beaks in the partnership. Jed, on the other hand, provides the hands.

THE MAN BEHIND THE PRIZE

Paul J Greguric



15/04/2021 | Shawline Publishing Group
BC | ART015000 | 190pp
22.86 x 15.24 cm | \$22.95

"A marvellous and articulate account of a life not well known or shared...Greguric has done a wonderful and professional job as author and biographer to the great Australian man we all know of, but little about...5 stars"
—James, Indiebook reviewer

SALES POINTS

- Biography of J.F. Archibald, founder of the renowned Archibald Portraiture Prize.
- Emerging Australian author.
- Will be featured in full page ads in *ABR Magazine* and *GoodReading Magazine* along with press releases to media outlets and direct mail to Australian bookstores and libraries.
- The author is available for signings and readings.

The man behind the prize lived a life that was not without tragedy and mystery...

Every year thousands of Sydneysiders visit the Art Gallery of NSW to view the entrants in the Archibald Prize for Portraiture. The prize aims to foster portrait artistry, as well as to eternalise the memory of great Australians. Across Australia, thousands more will see the travelling exhibition of the prize.

As editor of *The Bulletin* newspaper, Archibald nurtured the careers of Australian writers and artists from Miles Franklin and Banjo Paterson to Norman Lindsay and Francis Rodway. In 1900, he commissioned Melbourne portrait artist John Longstaff to paint a portrait of poet Henry Lawson. Archibald, pleased with this portrait, left money in his will for an annual portrait prize, which was first awarded in 1921.

Discover more about the man behind Australia's most well-known art prize.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Paul Greguric grew-up in Adelaide. He studied at the Education Faculty of Sydney University. After graduating, he taught English in NSW high schools for over two decades. He has published both fiction and non-fiction in numerous journals, newspapers and magazines. He currently lives in the Sydney suburb of Waterloo.

THE WILDCARD

Kathryn Hore



SALES POINTS

- Exceptional and well-researched thriller and suspense novel, centred around gambling and the underworld.
- Australian setting.
- This book will be incorporated into IFWG's 'Uncaching the Treasures' marketing campaign, including reviews, podcasts and the like.
- Compelling cover designed by very talented US-based Ioanny Dimov.

Jem doesn't do risk. He doesn't play games with chance. At least not until his ex-girlfriend shows up on his doorstep in tears and tricks him into signing for an impossible debt.

Thrust into an underworld of card players who bet anything they can think of — favours, information, secrets, even coffee — Jem has to figure his way out of a debt he doesn't understand, in a world where the rules are twisting, complex and never explained. Relying only on a woman who plays life like she plays a game of poker, and drawn to a young man who offers temptations Jem's not sure that he can trust, there is only one thing he is clear on: the consequences of losing in this crowd. Because the last guy to owe a debt like his was just found floating face down in the ocean, and if Jem doesn't sort this out fast, he could be next.

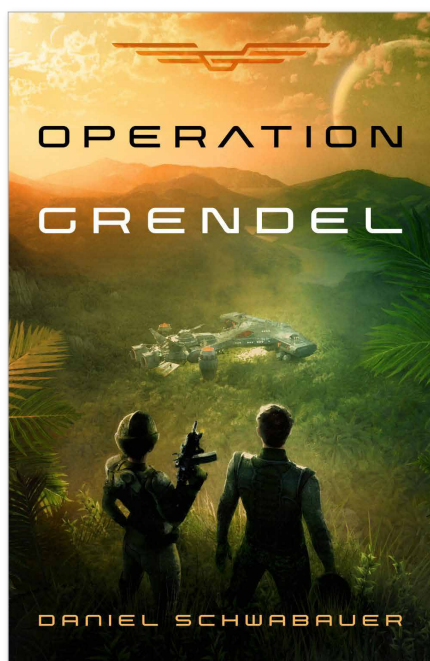


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15/04/2021 | IFWG Publishing Australia
BC | FIC031010 | 288pp | 22.9 x 15.2 cm
\$32.95

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Kathryn Hore is a Melbourne writer of speculative and thriller fiction, who enjoys blending dark genres in twisting ways, often throwing in a dash of romance for good measure. Her short fiction has been published in several anthologies and magazines, including *Aurealis*, *Midnight Echo* and *The Crime Factory*, and anthologies such as *Transcendent* (Transmundane Press), *Dead of Night* (AHWA), *Beautiful Lies Painful Truths* (Left Hand Publishers) and *Hear Me Roar* (Ticonderoga Publications), among others. When not writing she works in information management, archives and libraries, and has a couple of small children to keep her busy. You can find her on her website www.letmedigress.com, or catch her on the usual social media haunts as @kahmelb. *The Wildcard* is her debut novel.

OPERATION GRENDEL

Daniel Schwabauer



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9/04/2021 | Enclave Publishing | BC
FIC028050 | 256pp | 21.59 x 13.97 cm
\$22.95

SALES POINTS

- Enthralling military science fiction.
- Daniel Schwabauer is an award-winning author of adult and young adult science fiction.
- Perfect for fans of military fiction, classic sci-fi, and military sci-fi.
- Themes: war, secrets, space colonisation, impersonation, journalism, artificial intelligence.

It's the war story he's dreamed of. But the battle may cost him his mind.

Military journalist Raymin Dahl thinks he's finally getting the story of a lifetime. Secret peace talks on a remote tropical moon are about to surrender five colonized worlds—and six hundred million civilians—to a ruthless enemy.

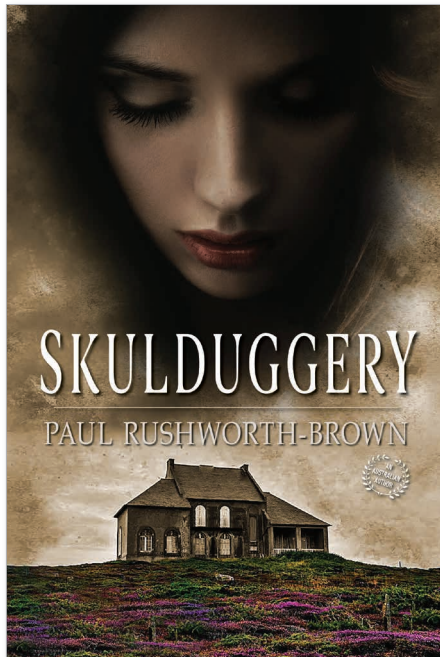
But when his commanding officer, Captain Ansell Sterling, is fatally wounded before the negotiations can begin, Dahl can no longer just report on the mission. He's ordered to complete it. With help from the AI embedded in Sterling's comms bracelet, Dahl must impersonate his commander—a Marine Corps hero and psychological operations expert.

However, Sterling's AI may be luring him to surrender more than he realizes. And the mission Corporal Dahl thinks he's running isn't the only operation underway.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Daniel Schwabauer is an award-winning author and teacher. He is the creator of *The One Year Adventure Novel*, *Cover Story*, *Byline* and the young adult novels in *The Legends of Tira-Nor*. His professional work includes stage plays, radio scripts, short stories, newspaper columns, comic books and scripting for the PBS animated series *Auto-B-Good*. His young adult novels, *Runt the Brave* and *Runt the Hunted*, have received numerous awards, including the 2005 Ben Franklin Award and the 2008 Eric Hoffer Award. He graduated with honors from Kansas University's Masters program in Creative Writing in 1995 under the guidance of science fiction writer James Gunn.

SKULDUGGERY

Paul Rushworth-Brown



15/04/2021 | Shawline Publishing Group
BC | FIC014000 | 225pp | 22.86 x 15.24 cm
\$24.95

"A glorious read of a period well-versed and presented with accuracy and authentic telling by an author who is as much engrossed in his prose as the reader he shares with...masterful and thoroughly enjoyable...5 stars." —Adrian, Indiebook reviewer

SALES POINTS

- Historical fiction set in 1600s England.
- Emerging Australian author.
- Will be featured in full page ads in *ABR Magazine* and *GoodReading Magazine* along with press releases to media outlets and direct mail to Australian bookstores and libraries.
- The author is available for signings and readings.

Times were tough in 1603, when shenanigans and skulduggery were committed by locals and outsiders alike...

The bleak Pennine moors of Yorkshire; a beautiful, harsh place, close to the sky, rugged and rough, no boundaries except the horizon. Green pastures and wayward hills, the colours of ochre, brown and pink in the spring. Green squares divided the land on one side of the lane; on the other, sheep with thick wool and dark snouts dotted the hills and dales.

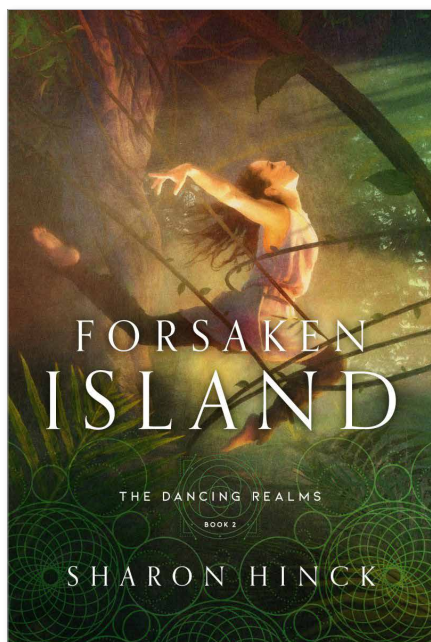
The story, set on the moors of West Yorkshire, follows wee Thomas and his family shortly after losing his father to consumption. Thomas Rushworth is now the man of the house, being the older of two sons. He is set to wed Agnes in an arranged marriage, but a bond of true love seems to be developing...

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Paul Rushworth-Brown was born in Maidstone, Kent, England. He spent time in a foster home in Manchester before emigrating to Canada with his mother in 1972. As a teenager he lived and attended school in Toronto, Ontario where he also played professional soccer in the Canadian National Soccer League. In 1982, he emigrated to Australia to spend time with his father who had moved there from Yorkshire in the mid-fifties. Paul became a writer in 2015 when he embarked on a six-month project to produce a written family history for his children.

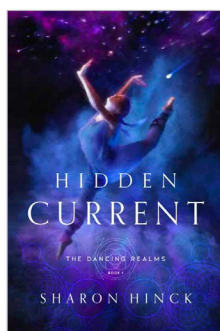
FORSAKEN ISLAND

The Dancing Realms #2

Sharon Hinck



1/04/2021 | Enclave Escape | BC
FIC042080 | 272pp | 22.86 x 15.24 cm
\$22.95



ALSO IN THIS SERIES

Hidden Current
The Dancing Realms #1
9781621841562 | \$22.95

SALES POINTS

- Fantasy novel that explores faith, truth and freedom through the performance of dance.
- "Recommended as an excellent YA crossover, appealing to fans of the Christian genre, fantasy, romance, and adventure." —Library Journal
- Third book in the trilogy, *Windward Shore*, is slated for release in June 2021.

On an uncharted world, happiness is effortless and constant ... but can true joy exist without sacrifice?

The people of Meriel have long believed their island world floats alone in the vast ocean universe, so they are astonished when another island drifts into view. With resources becoming scarce, Carya and Brantley quickly volunteer to search the new land for supplies.

After navigating a barrier of menacing trees, the pair encounter a culture of perpetually happy people who readily share their talents and their possessions. But all is not what it seems. At the core of the island is a horror that threatens everyone, including Brantley and Carya.

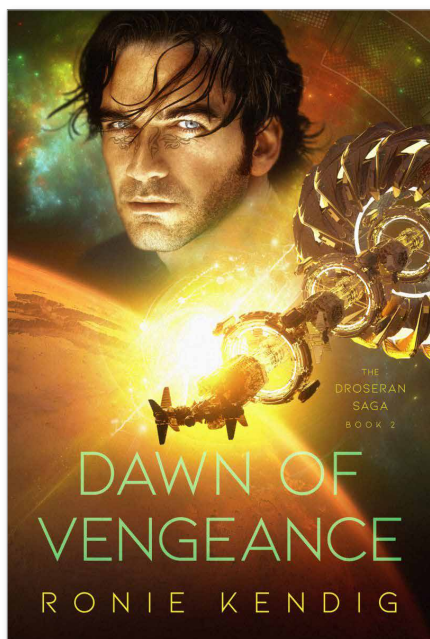
Freeing the villagers of the bondage they've chosen may cost Carya and Brantley more than they could have imagined. Even if the two succeed, they'll have to find a way to return to Meriel quickly ... or be cut off from their home forever.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Award-winning author of *The Sword of Lyric* series, Sharon Hinck writes "stories for the hero in all of us" about women on extraordinary adventures of faith. Her novels are praised for their authentic characters, strong spiritual themes, and emotional resonance.

DAWN OF VENGEANCE

The Droseran Saga #2

Ronie Kendig



1/04/2021 | Enclave Escape | BC

FIC042080 | 416pp | 22.86 x 15.24 cm

\$24.95



ALSO IN THIS SERIES

Brand of Light

The Droseran Saga #2

9781621841555 | \$24.95

SALES POINTS

- Science fiction/space opera about loss and new beginnings, set on the brink of intergalactic war.
- First book in the series, *Brand of Light*, was 2020 Realm Award Winner, Science Fiction; 2020 Alliance Award Winner, Reader's Choice
- "Kendig weaves suspenseful intergalactic intrigue in the entertaining second space opera in the Droseran Saga series." — *Publisher's Weekly*

A haunting prophecy upended his identity. Now it demands his life.

Once a formidable bounty hunter, Marco Dusan is plagued by insecurity as he tours the realm he now rules. This quiet, backwater planet is not as untouched as he'd once thought. Evidence of collusion between Droseran factions and the powerful Symmachians with their forbidden technology litters his encounters. Worse, all signs indicate Xisya, the alien who tortured him, is still snatching Kynigos Brethren—but to what end?

Lance Corporal Eija Zacdari works hard to win a coveted place on the Symmachian hyperjump program, but instinct tells her their intel is flawed. Despite nearly failing the tests, she is assigned to the team—and lands in the middle of a bewildering conspiracy.

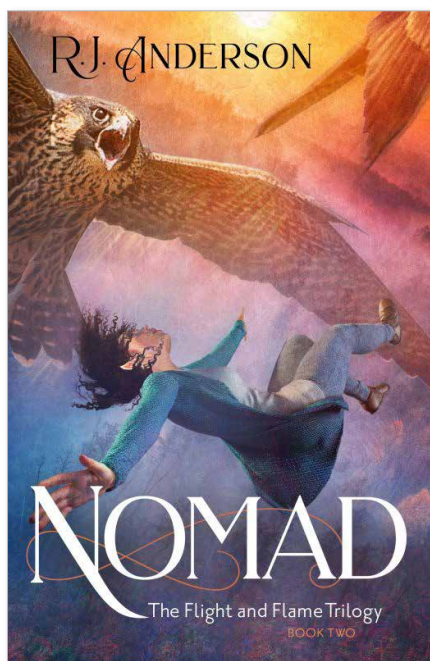
Haunted by a prophecy that promises pain and war, Marco forges alliances to protect the primitive world against Symmachia's devastating influence. But one truth becomes painfully clear: the biggest threat to their world may be much, much closer to home.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Ronie Kendig is an award-winning, best-selling author of more than 20 books who grew up an Army brat. She married a veteran, and together their lives are never dull with four children and two dogs—a Maltese Menace and a retired military working dog. Ronie's degree in psychology has helped her pen novels of intense, raw characters.

NOMAD

The Flight and Flame Trilogy #2

R.J. Anderson



15/04/2021 | Enclave Escape | BC
YAF017030 | 288pp | 21.59 x 13.97 cm
\$22.95



ALSO IN THIS SERIES

Swift

The Flight and Flame Trilogy #2
9781621841326 | \$22.95

SALES POINTS

- For readers 12 and older.
- Second book in 'The Flight and Flame Trilogy'—a fantasy and magical realism series based on Cornish folklore.
- Book 3, *Torch*, will be released in May 2021.

Cast into exile, she must return to free her people.

Banished from her underground home by Betony, the queen of the Cornish piskeys, young Ivy sets out to forge a new life for herself in the world above. But a deadly threat lingers in the mine, and Ivy cannot bear to see her people suffer while Betony refuses to believe. Somehow she must convince the queen to let them go.

Her mission only becomes more complicated when Ivy starts to dream of the ancient battles between her ancestors and the spriggan folk. Who is the strange boy in her visions? Could her glimpses of his past help Ivy find a new home for her fellow piskeys?

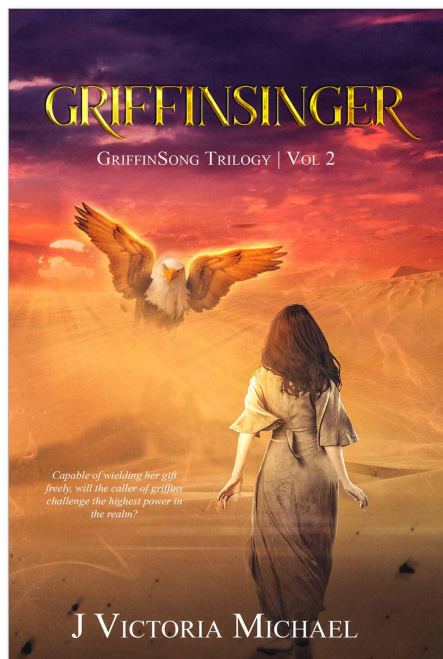
To find the answers, Ivy must outfly vicious predators, outwit cunning enemies, and overcome her own greatest fears. And when evil threatens the people Ivy loves best, it will take all her courage, faith, and determination to save them.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Born in Kampala, Uganda and raised in various parts of Ontario, Rebecca has spent much of her life dreaming of other worlds entirely. As a child she immersed herself in fairy tales, mythology, and the works of C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien and E. Nesbit; later she found inspiration in books by Ursula LeGuin, Patricia A. McKillip and Robin McKinley, and learned to take as much pleasure from the authors' lyrical style as the stories they told. Now married and a mother of three, Rebecca reads to her sons the classic works of fantasy and science fiction that enlivened her own childhood, and tries to bring a similar excitement and timeless wonder to the novels she writes for children and teens. She lives in the beautiful theatre town of Stratford, Ontario.

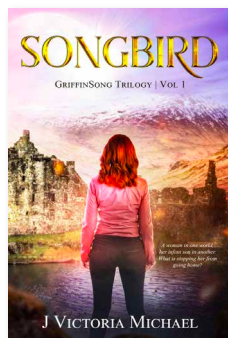
GRIFFINSINGER

The GriffinSong Trilogy # 2

J. Victoria Michael



07/04/2021 | Odyssey Books | BC
FIC009000 | 280pp | 21.6 x 14 cm | \$26.95



OTHERS IN THE SERIES

Songbird (#1)
9781922311078 | \$26.95

SALES POINTS

- Second book in a new fantasy series.
- The GriffinSong Trilogy is a tale of transformation, from the painful rebuilding of self to the rebirth of a realm. It parallels our dependency on technology and challenges our responses to dislocation and violence.
- The story melds a personal quest with a journey into a world on the brink of disaster. On another level the story presents a timely reminder: adapt in order to survive.
- Electronic ARCs available.

The dying seer's words spell doom for Irenya. If she stays in Dar Orien to save their way of life, she might never see her infant son again.

Hopelessly lost in the desert of Midrash, Irenya faces the legendary griffin and, without fanfare, a new seer is silently declared. An act of revenge delivers Irenya the knowledge she needs, but her return to Melbourne is tragically far from anything she had imagined.

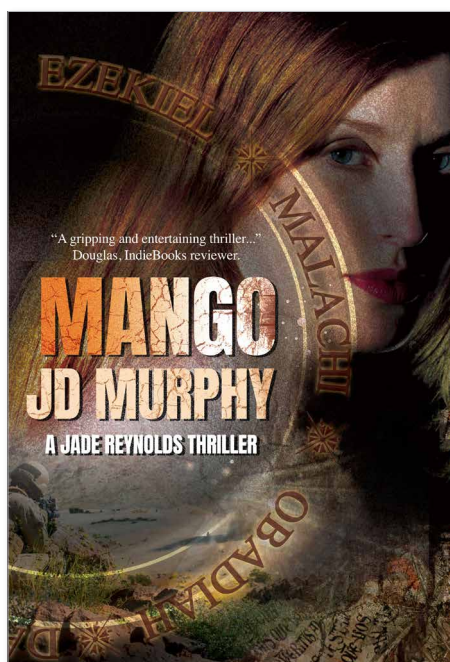
An alien in her own world, she must decide her fate and that of her son Mikey. Out of time and place, Irenya braves new challenges and meets a fleetwalker, who teaches her something of his art. But civil unrest turns to outright conflict. Dar Orien is on a knife edge, and Irenya gives herself permission for a dangerous undertaking.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Judith Michael, writing as J Victoria Michael, is a storyteller with an insatiable curiosity for other dimensions, time travel and fantastical places. Her loves are music, mostly classical, and dance, from ballet to flamenco. Judith has a Diploma of Professional Writing and Editing and her short stories have won various awards and have appeared in print and online. Born and raised in New Zealand, her imagination is indelibly drawn in pristine landscapes and dotted with fantasy castles. Judith now lives in Melbourne, sharing her home and her somewhat neglected garden with a bossy ginger cat.

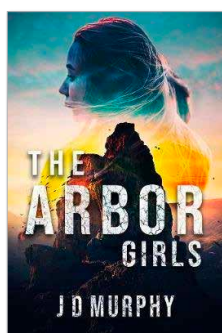
MANGO

A Jade Reynolds Thriller # 1

JD Murphy



15/04/2021 | Shawline Publishing Group
BC | FIC022000 | 280pp | 22 x 15.24 cm
\$24.95



ALSO BY THIS AUTHOR

The Arbor Girls
9780648368694 | \$22.95

SALES POINTS

- Detective/thriller novel for general audience.
- Emerging Australian author.
- Will be featured in full page ads in *ABR Magazine* and *GoodReading Magazine* along with press releases to media outlets and direct mail to Australian bookstores and libraries.
- The author is available for signings and readings.

Jade Reynolds is a dedicated detective.

Articulate. Intelligent. Ethical.

She manages her 'patch' with her law book in one hand and compassion in the other. When a series of gruesome killings occur, she is drawn deeper into the psychotic world of unknown enemies.

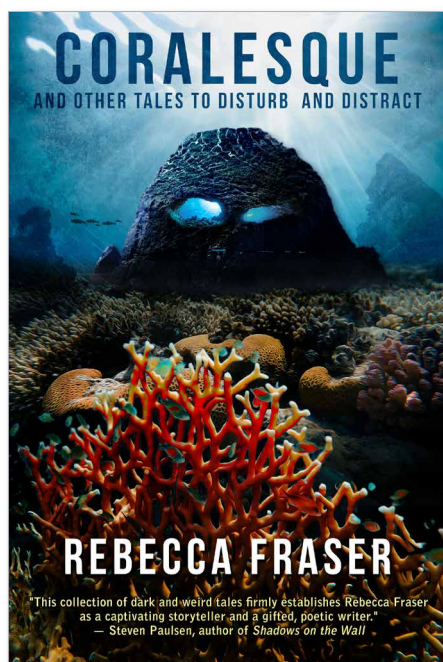
Her personal life, bleached by tragedy, is under threat. She must fight to retain her sanity and to stop the killings. She knows in her heart that she will survive, but she has to muster her all before the darkness consumes her...

"A gripping and entertaining thriller that raises questions and thoughts on the unexpected and the unanticipated... great book and thoroughly recommend..." — Douglas, IndieBooks reviewer

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: JD Murphy is an Australian author, based in Queensland and he often asks: 'what is life without a good yarn?' His first novel, *The Arbor Girls*, was published in 2020. JD Murphy's gripping second novel of a contemporary setting, examines the clashes possible between culture and faith in modern Australia.

CORALESQUE AND OTHER TALES TO DISTURB AND DISTRACT

Rebecca Fraser



SALES POINTS

- Short fiction collection, including poetry.
- Rebecca Fraser is an upcoming and skilled writer of weird and dark fiction. Because of her affinity and background with the sea and coastal regions of Australia, her stories imbue these qualities with effectiveness.
- This work will feature in publisher IFWG's upcoming 'Uncaching the Treasures' marketing campaign in April 2021.
- Key Words: adult fiction, dark fiction, short story collection, poetry, weird fiction.



15/04/2021 | IFWG Publishing Australia
BC | FIC015000 | 168pp | 22.9 x 15.2 cm
\$24.95

A surfer who becomes horrifyingly one with the sea. A new mother's devastating search for belonging. A stone gargoyle with a violent history. A fisher boy who discovers the real cost of forbidden love. A farmer whose delight at drought-breaking rain quickly turns to terror. A hedonistic rock star who manifests double trouble. A young girl's chilling sacrifice for justice. A dirty ex-cop with a dirtier secret. An unscrupulous mayor's solution to rid her city of the homeless...

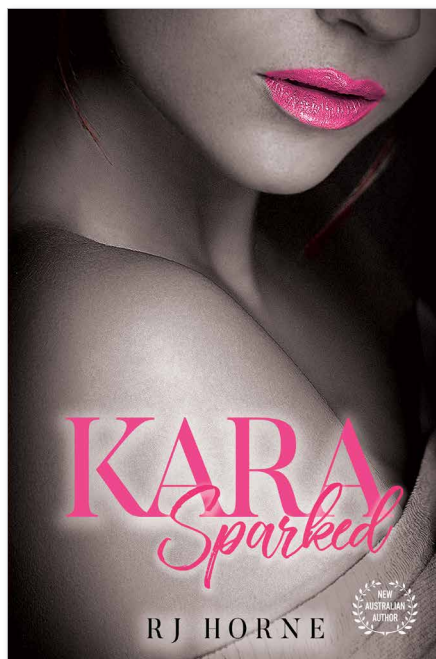
These are just some of the characters you'll meet in this collection of dark offerings.

From the harsh terrain of the Outback, to the depths of the Pacific Ocean, the wilds of Tasmania, dystopian futures, enchanted lands, and the familiarity of suburbia, *Coralesque and Other Tales to Disturb and Distract* takes readers on a journey into unsettling, unforgiving, and unforgettable territory.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Rebecca Fraser is an Australian author who writes genre-mashing fiction for both children and adults. Her short stories, flash fiction, and poetry have appeared in numerous award-winning anthologies, magazines, and journals, and her first novel *Curtis Creed and the Lore of the Ocean* was released in 2018 (also with IFWG Publishing Australia). *Coralesque and Other Tales to Disturb and Distract* is her first collection. Rebecca holds an MA in Creative Writing. To provide her muse with life's essentials, Rebecca copywrites and edits in a freelance capacity, and operates StoryCraft Creative Writing Workshops for aspiring authors of every age and ability.

KARA: SPARKED

RJ Horne



SALES POINTS

- Sequel to the erotic romance novel *Kara: Ignition*. A trilogy is planned.
- Emerging Australian author.
- Will be featured in full page ads in *ABR Magazine* and *GoodReading Magazine* along with press releases to media outlets and direct mail to Australian bookstores and libraries.
- The author is available for signings and readings.

Kara's passion is sparked beyond control...

From a poignant memory of an innocent childhood kiss, two people are intimately reconnected thirty-five years later.

Their reunion sparked the start of a rare, unexpected, and yet very sexual bond that enabled their desires, fantasies, and deeper understanding of a new relationship. Open, honest, raw, and uninhibited, this story will continue to arouse, excite, and provoke all who indulge to explore and to challenge stereotypes...

Kara and Greg's genuine expression of unconditional connection realised through ultimate sexual pleasures shared with others is enthralling. Their story tells all...explicitly.



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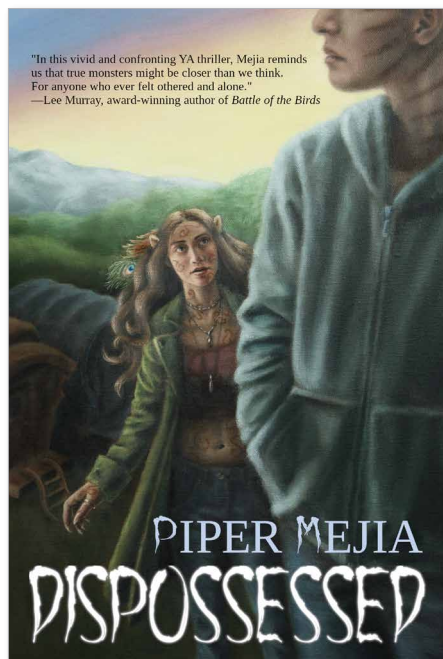
OTHERS IN THE SERIES

Kara: Ignition (#1)
9781922444073 | \$22.95

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: From Adelaide, South Australia, RJ Horne's passion for writing novels was dormant for decades. Despite avid research, he wrote no more than short stories and anecdotal reflections for friends before 2017. RJ writes for the pleasure of others, sharing a desire to 'expose' and challenge the hidden thoughts, true feelings and experiences about sex, love, intimacy, marriage and friendship—especially through the lens of older, mature adults.

DISPOSSESSED

Piper Mejia



SALES POINTS

- Young adult fantasy, for ages approximately 15+.
- Set in New Zealand.
- Attractive to Antipodean readers.
- Very much classic young adult fiction, with themes that concern youth of today—particularly loneliness and feeling like an outsider.

Nobody likes you when you're the ugly new kid.

A hoodie and a new foster home won't hide the creeping dread that you are dangerous. So, when you're offered the chance to meet a grandfather you never knew, you jump on a plane to the bush-covered mountains of New Zealand.

Slate longs for a home when he finds himself living among an ancient race masquerading as travelling performers. Dispossessed and disillusioned, Slate fears being trapped in a life hiding from the world; one his own father had to run from.

However, the decision to stay or leave is taken from him when he is held captive by hunters on the trail of the ultimate game trophy. Tortured and alone, Slate fears that the only way to escape is to become the monster he never wanted to be.

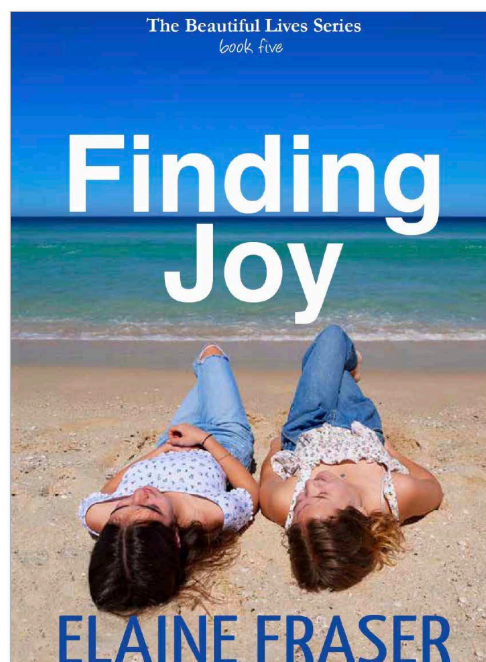


ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Piper Mejia is an advocate for New Zealand writers and literature. Her short fiction has been published in a range of magazines and anthologies, including "Room Enough for Two", which appeared in the Sir Julius Vogel award-winning anthology *Te Korero Ahi Ka* (2018). A collection of her original short stories, *The Better Sister*, was published by Breach in 2020. In addition to writing, Piper is a founding member of Young NZ Writers — a non-profit organisation dedicated to providing writing and publishing opportunities for young writers. As a child, Piper stayed up late laughing at horror films. As an adult, she has never lost her love for science fiction and horror.

FINDING JOY

The Beautiful Lives Series #5

Elaine Fraser



30/04/2021 | Beautiful Books | BC
YAF051110 | 270pp | 19 x 13 cm | \$16.99

OTHERS IN THE SERIES

Perfect Mercy | BC | 9780980780222

Love, Justice | BC | 9780980780253

Amazing Grace | BC | 9780980780277

Scarlett Love | BC | 9780980780291

SALES POINTS

- Recommended Audience 13+.
- Genre: Contemporary Australian Young Adult fiction.
- Diverse representations such as sexual orientation, racial diversity, cultural diversity, religious diversity, and mental health issues.
- Elaine Fraser has twice been a finalist in the Caleb Awards.
- Key themes: friendship, relationships, growing up, anxiety, mental health, teen pregnancy, bullying, faith.
- Radio interview on 98.5FM, school visits and talks, in-person book launch April 2021.

Joy has a secret struggle. A secret struggle that will change what people think about her. A secret struggle that could keep her from living her dreams.

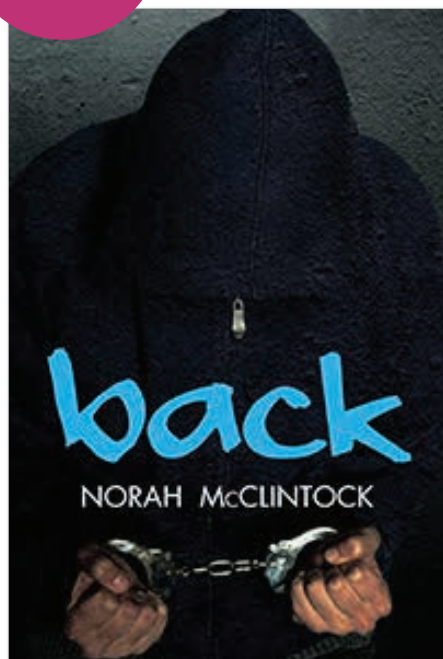
It's the last day of Year Twelve. It should be the happiest day of Joy's life so far. So, why is she having an anxiety attack?

Joy is the one everyone looks to for answers. She's the happy, confident, and reliable one in her group. Now, she's the one looking for answers.

When Lucas, the cute boy she met online, wants her to send a photo, she freaks out. Joy's mum is losing it and wants Joy to stay in Annie's Bay. As if that's not enough to deal with, she finds out the truth about why her father left.

As Joy goes through the final weeks of Year Twelve, she'll have to decide whether she'll give into fear or live the life of her dreams.

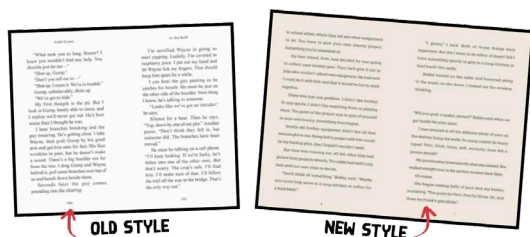
ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Perth-based writer Elaine was a high school English teacher who took the plunge and began writing full-time. Since then, she has published six books — inspirational non-fiction and fiction— and blogs at Elaine Fraser and several other sites. Elaine's passion is to write contemporary books that are honest, concerned with real lives and real issues, with a spiritual edge.

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BACK

Orca Soundings

Norah McClintock

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READING LEVEL	INTEREST LEVEL
GRADES 2.0-4.5	AGES 12+

Teen fiction for
reluctant readers

SALES POINTS

- Fry Reading Level: 4.0
- CCBC Best Books starred selection | 2010 | Commended
- OLA Best Bets | 2009 | Commended
- Resource Links "The Year's Best" | 2009 | Commended
- TriState YA Review Group Book of Note | 2010 | Commended
- "Bullying and revenge are common themes in young adult literature, but author Norah McClintock gives these classic themes an updated twist...The experiences in the book are ones to which almost any reader will relate." — Journal of Adolescent and Adult Literacy
- Free teacher's guide available from: <https://www.orcabook.com/Orca-Soundings.aspx>

This time, real justice will be done.

Jojo's back, released from jail, and people are tense and afraid all over again. They wonder if his friends will start showing up again. They wonder if they'll be walking down the street one day and they'll run into Jojo and Jojo will give them attitude or shove them around, just for fun. Jojo's friends have a way of making it hard—really hard—on people who decide to press charges against Jojo. Those people just wish Jojo would go away and never come back. Then there are the people who have hate in their hearts. These people wish something bad would happen to Jojo. Something really bad. Ardell Withrow is one of those people.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Norah McClintock won the Crime Writers of Canada's Arthur Ellis Award for crime fiction for young people five times. She wrote more than sixty YA novels, including contributions to *Seven* (the series), the *Seven Sequels* and the *Secrets* series.

THE BODYGUARD

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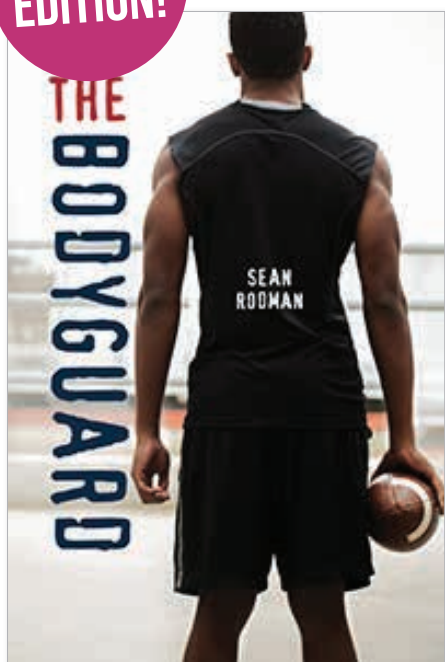
Sean Rodman

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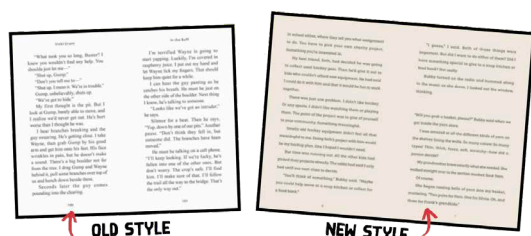
- Engaging thriller where a high school sports star becomes a reluctant bodyguard to a classmate.
- CCBC Best Books for Kids & Teens | 2019 | Commended
- Fry Reading Level: 3.6
- "Readers will be enticed by the edgy theme and compelling story...multidimensional characters and briskly paced plot."— School Library Journal
- Free teacher's guide available from: <https://www.orcabook.com/Orca-Soundings.aspx>



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Everyone knows Ryan is destined for greatness. Except Ryan.

Ryan Hale, aka Replay, is the most successful running back in his high school's history. With university scouts making him offers he can't refuse, his future seems set. The problem is, Ryan would much rather go to film school. But his dad doesn't want to hear it. His teammates sure don't. He can't afford the application fees anyway. But then a solution appears when Markus, a strange exchange student with outrageous stories about mobsters and hackers, offers to pay Ryan to be his bodyguard. Things get complicated when Ryan realizes the stories may be closer to the truth than anyone imagined.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Sean Rodman is the child of two anthropologists, who gave him a keen eye for observation and a bad case of wanderlust. His interest in writing for teenagers came out of working at schools around the world, including the Snowy Mountains of Australia, where he taught ancient history to future Olympic athletes. When not working on his own books, Sean works with The Story Studio, a charity that is dedicated to getting kids excited about writing. He lives in Victoria, British Columbia. For more information, visit srodman.com.

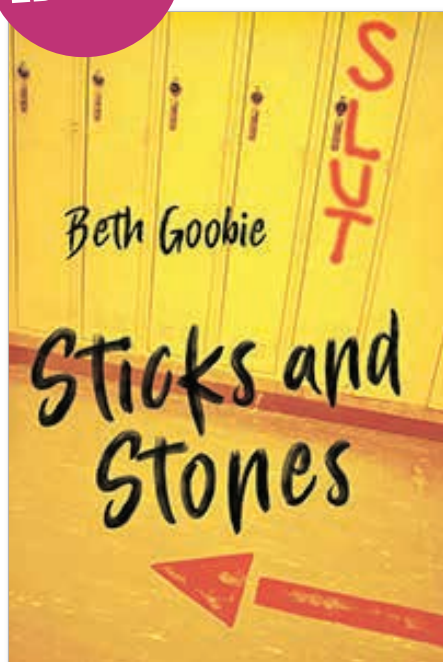
STICKS AND STONES

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Beth Goobie

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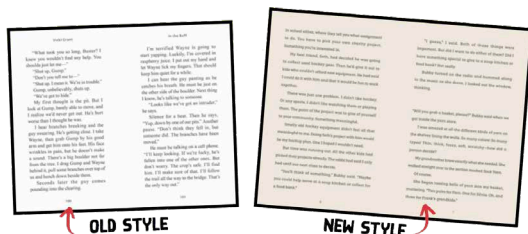
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Beth Goobie grew up in a family in which the appearance of a normal childhood hid many secrets. She moved away to attend university, became a youth residential treatment worker and studied creative writing at the University of Alberta. She is the award-winning author of over twenty novels, including *The Pain Eater*, *The Lottery*, the CLA award-winning *Before Wings*, and the adult novel *The First Principles of Dreaming*. Beth makes her home in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

SALES POINTS

- Jujube takes on her tormentors and helps a group of girls win back their self-esteem.
- Fry Reading Level: 2.6
- CCBC Our Choice | 2003 | Commended
- CLA Young Adult Book Award nominee | 2003 | Short-listed
- ALA Amelia Bloomer List | 2003 | Commended
- YALSA Quick Picks | 2003 | Short-listed
- "At a time when we hear so much about bullying in schools, *Sticks and Stones* will encourage youngsters to find positive ways to fight back. Recommended."—
Canadian Book Review Annual

No one expects Jujube to fight back when her reputation takes a beating.

Jujube is thrilled when Brent asks her out. She is not so happy when the rumors start flying at school. Pretty soon her name is showing up on bathroom walls and everyone is whispering behind her back. When her mother gets involved, Jujube's reputation takes another hit. Deciding that someone has to take a stand, Jujube gathers all the other girls who have been labelled sluts—and worse—and tries to impress on her fellow students the damaging effects words can have on a person.

THE THING YOU'RE GOOD AT

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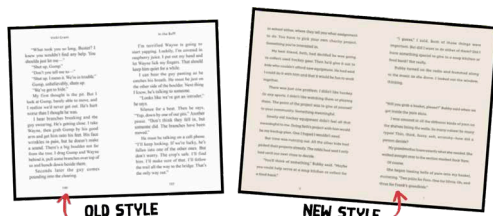
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SALES POINTS

- Jake tries to help his friend Maria after her parents are deported.
- "Fast-paced and easy to read...A novel that will hold student readers' attention and will enable them to connect with the text in a variety of ways. Recommended."— CM Magazine
- Fry Reading Level: 3.8
- JLG Gold Standard Selection | 2018 | Commended
- Free teacher's guide available from: <https://www.orcabook.com/Orca-Soundings.aspx>

Jake is desperate to find Maria.

Jake's friend Maria is the daughter of undocumented immigrants who have been living and working in the country for a long time. But the new government has implemented a crackdown. Maria's parents are detained and quickly sent out of the country. Maria, who was born here, decides to hide out in Jake's basement rather than risk becoming a ward of the state. But when she returns to her old apartment to retrieve her hidden birth certificate, Maria is abducted by young men on the lookout for teenage girls who have lost their parents to deportation. Jake is determined to rescue Maria before she's turned over to the authorities. Or worse.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Lesley Choyce, who has been teaching English and creative writing for over thirty years, is the author of more than ninety books of literary fiction, short stories, poetry, creative nonfiction and young adult novels. He has won the Dartmouth Book Award, the Atlantic Poetry Prize and the Ann Connor Brimer Award. He has also been short-listed for the Stephen Leacock Medal for Humor, the White Pine Award, the Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award, the Aurora Award from the Canadian Science Fiction and Fantasy Association and, most recently, the Governor General's Literary Award. He lives in Lawrencetown Beach, Nova Scotia.

BEYOND REPAIR

Orca Currents

Lois Peterson

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READING LEVEL	INTEREST LEVEL
GRADES 2.0–4.5	AGES 10–14

Middle-school fiction
for reluctant readers

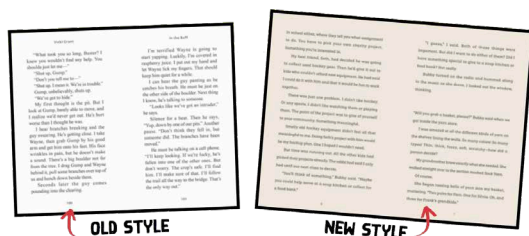
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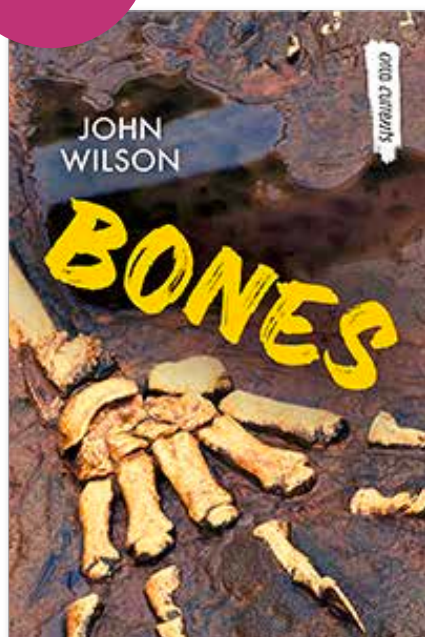
SALES POINTS

- Cam, grieving over the death of his father, becomes worried he is being stalked.
- Themes: stress, mental health, responsibility.
- Fry Reading Level: 3.8
- "Compact, dialogue driven writing keeps the atmosphere tense as Cam races toward a confrontation with his father's killer...A resonant, quick read from a reliable reluctant reader series." — *Booklist*
- Orca Currents are short, high-interest novels with contemporary themes written specifically for middle-school students reading below grade level.
- Free teacher's guide available from: www.orcabook.com/Orca-Currents.aspx

Stalking the stalker.

As much as life has changed forever since the death of his father, much has stayed the same for Cam. He's always had a great deal of responsibility around the house, but the burden is heavier now with the load of grief he's been carrying. After the man who was driving the truck that killed his father turns up at the end of the driveway, Cam feels pressure to keep his family safe as well. He starts to see the man everywhere: at his work, in stores, at his sister's school. Cam needs to know what the man wants from his family, and he starts following his father's killer in search of answers.

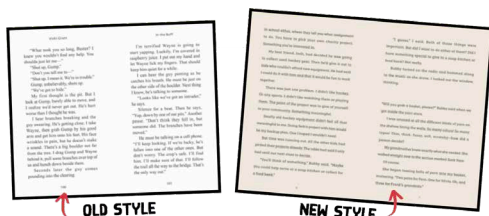
ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Lois Peterson wrote short stories and articles for adults for twenty years before turning to writing for kids. She was born in England and has lived in Iraq, France and the United States. She now lives in Surrey, British Columbia, where she writes, reads and teaches creative writing to adults, teens and children.

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BONES

Orca Currents

John Wilson

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GRADES 2.0-4.5	AGES 10-14

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for reluctant readers

SALES POINTS

- Fast-paced, easy to read paleontology themed mystery.
- Fry Reading Level: 4.5
- First edition was Commended in CCBC Best Books 2014.
- "The novel's appeal comes from its thrilling storyline and its fascinating descriptions of the world of paleontology. Although Wilson deals with a fictitious dinosaur discovery, he makes paleontology an interesting foundation for his story without stepping too far away from reality." — *CM Magazine*
- Free teacher's guide available from: www.orcabook.com/Orca-Currents.aspx
- Also recommended: *Fraud Squad*, ISBN: 9781554691142

Will these bones survive their fifteen minutes of fame?

Sam and Annabel are visiting Sam's mom in Drumheller, Alberta. The farm she is living on is hosting a dinosaur dig. Annabel is thrilled to have access to paleontologists and spends as much time as she can near the dig, much to Sam's dismay. But when they learn the dig has uncovered scientifically important bones, even Sam is curious. In fact, the whole town is talking about the discovery. When Sam and Annabel learn that Humphrey Battleford, a famous collector of stolen goods, is in the area, they realize they need to do their part to keep the ancient bones safe.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Born in Edinburgh, Scotland, John Wilson grew up on the Isle of Skye and outside Glasgow, without the slightest idea that he would ever write books. After obtaining a degree in geology from the University of St. Andrews, he worked in Zimbabwe and Alberta before taking up writing full-time and moving to Vancouver Island in 1991. John is the author of numerous articles, essays, poems and reviews, and almost fifty novels and nonfiction books for kids, teens and adults. He was a finalist for the Governor General's Literary Award (*The Alchemist's Dream*, 2007), and his books have won or been short-listed for most Canadian children's literature prizes.

DEATH DROP

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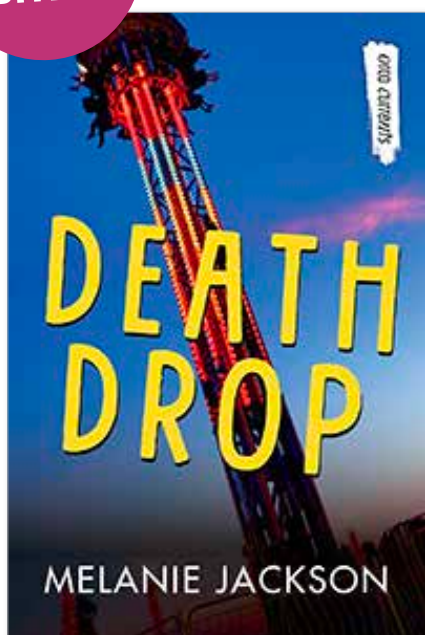
Melanie Jackson

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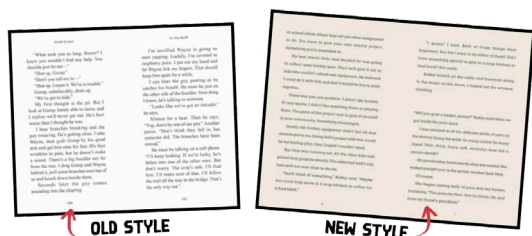
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SALES POINTS

- Zeke gets caught up in a mystery involving a missing child, a thrill ride and a priceless piece of art.
- Fry Reading Level: 2.0
- "Death Drop reads a lot like a good buddy movie with a teen audience in mind—an enjoyable read. Recommended."— *CM Magazine*
- Free teacher's guide available from: www.orcabook.com/Orca-Currents.aspx

A drop faster than gravity and a plot more twisted than twine.

On his way to baseball practice, Zeke lines up for Vancouver's newest thrill ride: Death Drop, an elevator that falls faster than gravity. The theme of the ride is based on the story of Persephone, who tumbled into the underworld. Zeke tumbles into a frightening situation himself after he discovers a little girl who is lost. He takes her to the Death Drop manager's office. But later, when he tries to find out what happened with her, the ride's staff say they never saw her! To find the missing girl, Zeke must navigate a devilish plot that includes Dante Gabriel Rossetti's famous painting *Proserpine*, a fiery drop into flames, and an angry coach.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: A 2018 CCBC-TD Book Week author, Melanie Jackson has written several books for young readers in the Orca Currents series, including *Tick Tock Terror*, *Medusa's Scream* and *Death Drop*. Every spring Melanie teaches a mystery unit at a Vancouver secondary school. When not devising diabolical mysteries, she works for corporate clients as a contract writer/editor. Melanie lives in Vancouver.

EMBRACE THE CHICKEN

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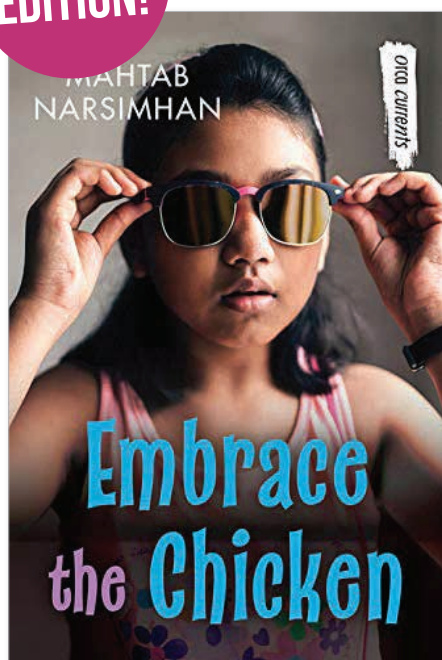
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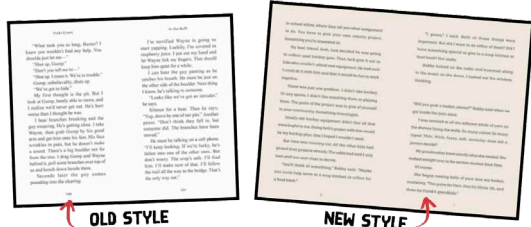
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SALES POINTS

- Shivani is horrified when her mother volunteers to cook traditional Indian food for her school's annual fundraiser.
- A story about cultural difference and familial love.
- CCBC Best Books for Kids & Teens | 2019 | Commended
- Chocolate Lily Book Awards (Celebrating the creative work of children's authors and illustrators living in British Columbia) | 2021 | Short-listed
- 5-star review in the Canadian Review of Materials.
- Fry Reading Level: 3.8
- Free teacher's guide available from: www.orcabook.com/Orca-Currents.aspx

Shivani might actually die of embarrassment.

Even though she only left Mumbai a few months ago, Shivani isn't feeling like such an outsider anymore. She likes her new school. She finally has a best friend. But when her mother volunteers for the school's annual fundraiser, Shivani is sure she will completely embarrass her. Especially if she cooks one of the "stinky" dishes that Shivani loves but is too ashamed to eat in front of her friends.

On the day of the fair, the moment Shivani walks into the gym, she knows her worst fears have come true: the unmistakable scent of Indian spices is in the air. But then she sees that dozens of people are lined up at her mom's stall. It's the most popular one!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Mahtab Narsimhan is the award-winning author of several books for young readers, including *Embrace the Chicken* (Orca), *Mission Mumbai* (Scholastic), *The Tiffin* (DCB) and *The Third Eye* (Dundurn), which won the Silver Birch Award. She was a Writer in Residence at the Toronto District School Board from 2015-2016. Born in Mumbai, India, Mahtab immigrated to Canada in 1997. She now lives in Vancouver.

CHICK: LISTER

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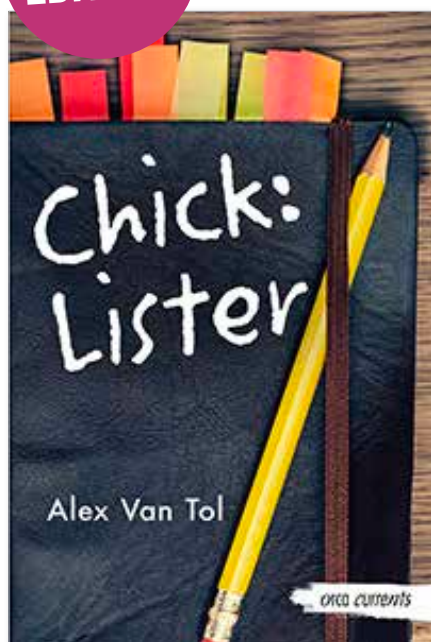
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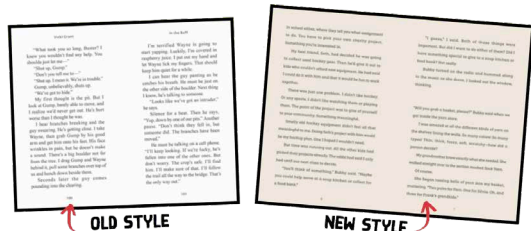
- Fourteen-year-old Chick struggles with obsessive-compulsive disorder and his father's expectations.
- Contemporary novel about dealing with school life, OCD and anxiety.
- Fry Reading Level: 2.4
- "Teen readers who suffer from anxiety or OCD behaviors will find hope that understanding and help are out there...Well written and engaging...[with] a strong sense of the characters." —VOYA
- Free teacher's guide available from: www.orcabook.com/Orca-Currents.aspx



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Is there such a thing as normal?

Chick is a popular fourteen-year-old who is essentially on this earth to live up to his father's impossible expectations or, at least, that's how he feels. This pressure is a grinding source of anxiety for him, which he copes with by making lists. He itemizes every aspect of his life, from his daily routine to the things that make him nervous. But as the pressure of school and his budding romance with his debating teammate Audrey builds, his compulsion starts to feel impossible to control or conceal.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Alex Van Tol grew up reading a wide range of books, from Enid Blyton to Stephen King. She taught middle school for eight years, then made the switch to writing for a living. She has published numerous titles with Orca. Alex lives in Victoria, British Columbia, with her family.

NINE DOORS

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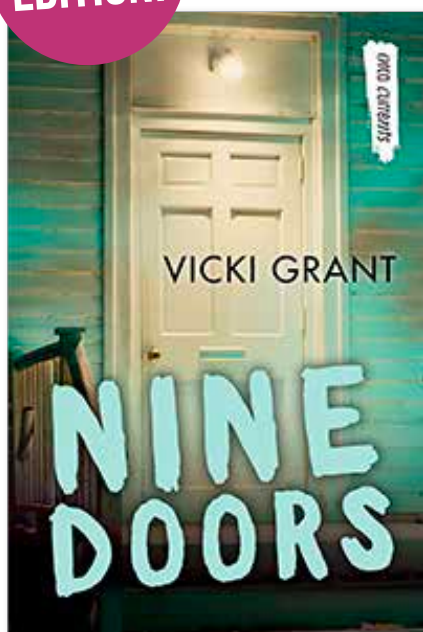
Vicki Grant

Orca *currents*

READING LEVEL	INTEREST LEVEL
GRADES 2.0-4.5	AGES 10-14

Middle-school fiction
for reluctant readers

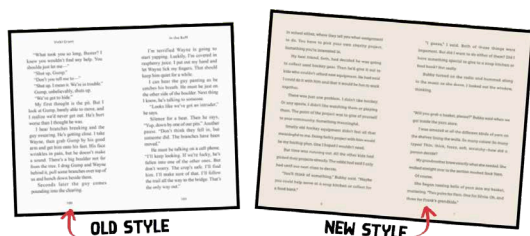
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17/04/2021 | Orca Book Publishers | BC
JUV039100 | 112pp | 19.05 x 12.7 cm
\$19.95

NEW ULTRA-READABLE FORMAT!

- Larger trim size
- Dyslexia-friendly font
- Increased line spacing
- Cream-coloured paper



SALES POINTS

- Emery and Richard discover there can be serious consequences to scaring your neighbours.
- A novel about pranks, consequences and documentary filmmaking.
- Fry Reading Level: 3.2
- "Realistic action and dialogue, along with a fast-paced plot, will keep reluctant readers turning pages...A solid hi/lo choice." — *School Library Journal*
- Free teacher's guide available from: www.orcabook.com/Orca-Currents.aspx

It's just a harmless little game...or is it?

Emery's neighbour, Richard, is the kind of kid who gets under your skin. When Richard suggests a game of "Nicky Nicky Nine Doors," Emery can't come up with a good excuse not to play. Using chocolate bars as "stunt poo," the boys start playing the classic prank of the burning bag on the doorstep, but this game has a modern twist. They record their neighbours' reactions. The naked guy and the man in the apron are highly entertaining, but Emery starts to get cold feet when another neighbour is reduced to tears. Emery wants out, but he's not sure how to stop the game without losing face. Soon the game gets serious, and Emery has a lot more to worry about than his reputation.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Vicki Grant is a best-selling and award-winning author of many books for juveniles and young adults, including *I.D.* and *Dead-End Job* in the Orca Soundings series and *Pigboy* in the Orca Currents series, all of which were YALSA Quick Picks. Vicki lives in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

SWIPED

Orca Currents

Michele Martin Bossley

Orca *currents*

READING LEVEL	INTEREST LEVEL
GRADES 2.0–4.5	AGES 10–14

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for reluctant readers

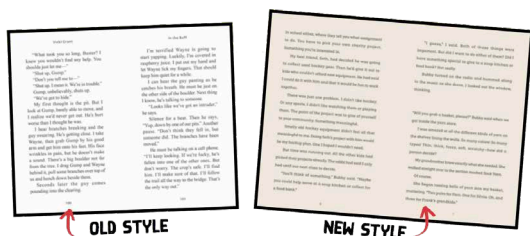
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- Dyslexia-friendly font
- Increased line spacing
- Cream-coloured paper



SALES POINTS

- Trevor and his friends try to figure out who is behind the theft of a valuable hockey book.
- Fun school-based mystery novel about thefts.
- Fry Reading Level: 3.0
- "Fast-paced, well-written book, written in a simple style for young readers. Recommended."—VOYA
- Free teacher's guide available from: www.orcabook.com/Orca-Currents.aspx

In this mystery, everyone is a suspect.

Would-be detectives Trevor, Nick and Robyn are hot on the trail of a sandwich thief when they learn that more than food has been going missing at school. A valuable hockey book has been stolen from the library, and the kids worry that the librarian might lose her job if it isn't found. Who would steal a hockey book? Could it be Robyn's arch-nemesis and hockey enthusiast Clay? Or could it be Ms. Thorson, the Oiler fan teacher? The kids are determined to solve these mysteries even though their sleuthing efforts land them into trouble at every turn.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Like her character, Trevor, Michele Martin Bossley loved reading mystery novels as a child. She still has her collection of books in the Trixie Beldon series. Michele is an award-winning author and has written numerous books for young adults, including *Jumper* and *Kicker* in the Orca Sports series, as well as *Bio-pirate*, *Cracked* and *Fraud Squad* in the Orca Currents series. Michele lives in Calgary, Alberta.

GENIE MEANIE

Orca Echoes

Mahtab Narsimhan, Illustrated by Michelle Simpson



SALES POINTS

- A story with a twist: a magical genie who would grant unlimited wishes if he wasn't on vacation.
- Themes: diverse characters, magical realism, bullying, friendship, problem solving.
- A story about bullying, friendship, loyalty and inner strength.
- Features 15 black-and-white illustrations.
- Extensive ARC distribution, including NetGalley.
- "A fun read that tackles adversity and bullying in a relatable way for young readers. Recommended."—*School Library Journal*



17/04/2021 | Orca Book Publishers | BC
JUV039230 | 96pp | 19.37 x 13.34 cm
\$14.95

PAGE SAMPLE



What good is a genie who refuses to grant your wishes?

When eight-year-old Kiara discovers that her recently deceased grandmother left her a genie, trapped in a bottle of garam-masala, she's elated. She'll be a modern-day Aladdin and have someone to do her bidding. And Kiara could really use a little magic. Third grade is just about to start and she's spent the summer worried about being in class with Matt, a bully who seems to have nothing else to do but make Kiara and her best friend Bai's lives miserable. Unfortunately, the genie has decided he's on vacation after working for ten thousand years and is looking for someone to do *his* bidding. A battle of wills ensues, and Kiara realizes that you don't really need magic to solve your problems.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Mahtab Narsimhan is the award-winning author of several books for young readers, including *Embrace the Chicken* (Orca), *Mission Mumbai* (Scholastic), *The Tiffin* (DCB) and *The Third Eye* (Dundurn), which won the Silver Birch Award. She was a Writer in Residence at the Toronto District School Board from 2015-2016. Born in Mumbai, India, Mahtab immigrated to Canada in 1997. She now lives in Vancouver.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR: Michelle Simpson is a full-time illustrator from Niagara Falls, Ontario.

PASTURE BEDTIME

Charlie's Rules #1 (Orca Echoes)

Sigmund Brouwer, Illustrated by Sabrina Gendron



17/04/2021 | Orca Book Publishers | BC
JUV002090 | 112pp | 19.37 x 13.34 cm
\$14.95

PAGE SAMPLE



SALES POINTS

- This is the first of four books in the *Charlie's Rules* series.
- Chock-full of animal stories: a puppy is abandoned, a dog falls ill with a mysterious sickness, a cow gets stuck in a tree, an owl gets into a sticky situation and a kitten has tummy troubles. An author's note in the back of the book explains that all of these stories are true.
- Sigmund Brouwer is well-known by teachers and librarians and his Orca Echoes books are bestsellers within the series.
- Themes: ranch life, veterinary clinic, friendship, animal stories, rules for life.

If there is one thing Charlie knows for sure, it's that cows do not belong in trees.

Eleven-year-old Charlie Dembinski likes to keep his life organised and quiet. This is a challenge when you live on a farm where your mother runs a veterinary clinic for the local livestock, neighbours' pets and sometimes rescued wildlife. To complicate Charlie's orderly life even further, his mother hires a bookkeeper to live on the farm who brings along her daughter, Amy Ma. And Amy is anything but quiet! Her constant questions and attempts to spend time with Charlie really bother him, and he doesn't understand why the adults seem to like her so much. But when a neighbour's beloved dog gets sick with a mysterious illness, Charlie realizes that Amy's outgoing approach might not be all that bad.

This is the first book in the *Charlie's Rules* series.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Sigmund Brouwer has written more than 100 books for readers of all ages including the 2015 Arthur Ellis award-winning novel *Dead Man's Switch* (Harvest House). He is the author of the *Justine McKeen* series and the *Howling Timberwolves* series in the Orca Echoes line. He visits over 150 schools per year, speaking to over 60,000 students. Sigmund lives in Red Deer, Alberta.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR: Sabrina Gendron is an illustrator whose work includes *Badir and the Beaver* and *High and Dry* in the Orca Echoes line. Sabrina lives in Mont-Saint-Hilaire, Quebec.

ELEPHANTS DO NOT BELONG IN TREES

Russ Willms



17/04/2021 | Orca Book Publishers | BB
JUV002080 | 32pp | 27.31 x 19.69 cm | \$34.95

PAGE SAMPLE



SALES POINTS

- When a bulldozer comes along to knock the tree down, Larry is able to save the tree and the animals realize that having an elephant for a neighbour is actually pretty handy.
- Perfect for Mo Willems fans!
- The author has a picture book called *Sleigh Pullers Wanted* due out in Fall 2021 with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt and another book called *Quiet Please* with Orca for Fall 2021 about some noisy giraffes.
- Themes: acceptance, friendship, animals, silly stories, team work.

Elephants do not belong in trees. It's not natural. It makes other animals uncomfortable.

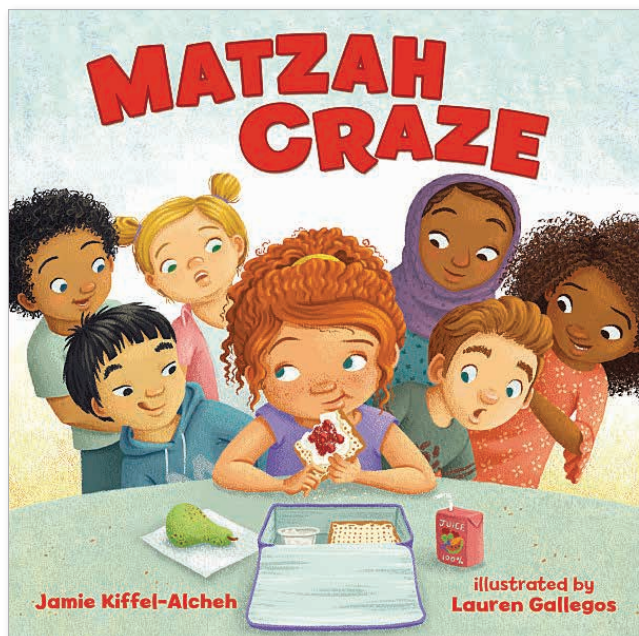
This is the story of Larry, an elephant who wanted to live in a tree. This is a story about being the new kid and being a little bit different (okay, A LOT different). A story about acceptance and making friends.

When Larry decides he wants to live in the big bushy tree in the middle of the wide-open field, the current residents, Bird, Squirrel and Monkey, are not very welcoming. They throw nuts at him and peck at his head; they tell him to leave and are downright rude. But Larry persists—why can't he live in the tree? When his new home is threatened by something much bigger than all the animals combined, Larry shows everyone that he cares just as much about the tree as they do.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Russ Willms has always had a passion for art and fun. His work as an ad executive and designer has been featured in hundreds of magazines, books and ad campaigns throughout the world. He is the illustrator of *Brewster Rooster* (Kids Can Press), which won the Mr. Christie's Book Award and was a finalist for the Governor General's Award.

MATZAH CRAZE

Jamie Kiffel-Alchek,
Illustrated by Lauren Gallegos



17/04/2021 | Kar-Ben Publishing | BB
JUV033020 | 32pp | 24.765 x 24.77 cm
\$34.95

PAGE SAMPLE



SALES POINTS

- Passover is 27 March to 4 April 2021.
- Cute rhyming story about the Passover holiday that takes place in a diverse public school setting.
- Encourages the celebration of diversity by sharing foods unique to different cultures.
- A fun way to reinforce the idea that it's fun and interesting to eat special foods on Jewish holidays, while also an accessible way to teach non-Jewish kids a bit about Passover.

When Noa refuses to swap food from her lunch one day, her friends wonder why. She explains it's because it's Passover. For the rest of the week, she brings Passover foods to school to share with her friends to let them enjoy the holiday fun.

ALSO AVAILABLE IN PAPERBACK

Matzah Craze | BC
9781541586697 | \$14.95

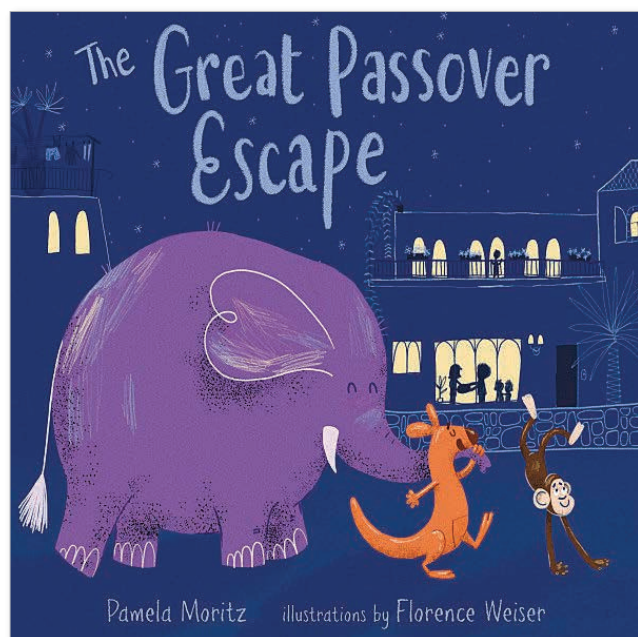


ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Jamie Kiffel-Alchek regularly writes for *National Geographic KIDS*. Her many books include *Hard Hat Cat*; *Kol Hakavod: Way to Go!*; *A Hoopoe says Oop!*; *Rah! Rah! Mjadara*; *Can You Hear a Coo, Coo?*; and *Listen! Israel's All Around*. She is also a lyricist for pop songs, advertisements and motion pictures. She lives in Burbank, California.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR: Lauren Gallegos has illustrated many children's books since she earned her Bachelors of Fine Arts in Illustration from Cal State Fullerton. She continues to improve her craft and illustrate for young children. She lives in the Washington, DC area with her husband and young daughter.

THE GREAT PASSOVER ESCAPE

Pamela Moritz, Illustrated by Florence Weiser



17/04/2021 | Kar-Ben Publishing | BB
JUV017120 | 32pp | 22.5425 x 26.99 cm
\$34.95

PAGE SAMPLE



SALES POINTS

- Passover is 27 March to 4 April 2021.
- Charming illustrations and funny word play.
- Includes back matter about Passover and the Biblical Zoo in Jerusalem.
- Kids can learn about Passover with animal friends, Ellie the Elephant and Kanga the Kangaroo, while enjoying the zoo animals' adventure.

Long-suffering Chimp tries to talk his friends Ellie the Elephant and Kanga the Kangaroo out of trying to escape from the Biblical Zoo to find a Passover seder to attend, but ends up joining them in the escapade, teaching them about the Passover holiday along the way. And whose house do they turn up at for the seder? Their old friend and zookeeper, Shmulik! Droll Passover story includes lots of funny mistakes when the animals try to remember the words for Passover items and get them all wrong, needing to be corrected by Chimp. Includes back matter about Passover and the Biblical Zoo in Jerusalem.

ALSO AVAILABLE IN PAPERBACK

The Great Passover Escape | BC
9781541588981 | \$14.95

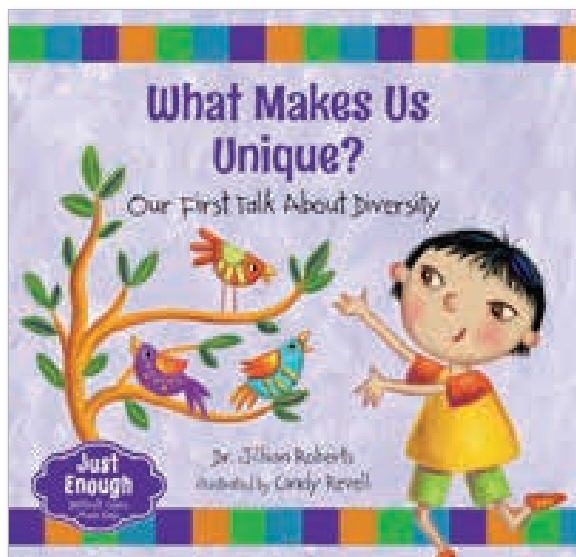


ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Pamela Moritz loves writing for kids, teaching kids, and (sometimes) acting like a kid. She lives in Israel, and every so often you can find her at the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo admiring the elephants, kangaroos, or chimpanzees. She wonders where they might go if they really do escape.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR: Florence Weiser is a French illustrator currently based in beautiful, rainy Belgium. While growing up in Luxembourg, she always knew she wanted to draw and draw. She lives and works surrounded by nature, from which she gathers most of her inspiration.

WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE? OUR FIRST TALK ABOUT DIVERSITY

Jillian Roberts, Illustrated by Cindy Revell



17/04/2021 | Orca Book Publishers | BC
JNF069000 | 32pp | 21.59 x 21.59 cm | \$22.95

OTHERS IN THE SERIES

What Happens When a Loved One Dies? Our First Talk About Death | BB
9781459809451 | \$34.95

Where Do Babies Come From? Our First Talk About Birth | BB
9781459809420 | \$34.95

What Makes Us Unique? Our First Talk About Diversity | BB
9781459809482 | \$34.95

SALES POINTS

- Part of the bestselling Just Enough series, *What Makes Us Unique?* explores the concept of diversity in a simple and straightforward way.
- Written in a Q&A format, this book empowers parents and caregivers to start conversations about a subject that's often difficult to talk about.
- Dr. Roberts has been working with children for over 20 years, first as a teacher, then as a child psychologist.
- Now available for the first time in paperback.
- Themes: diversity, inclusion, representation, celebrating differences, foundational conversations.

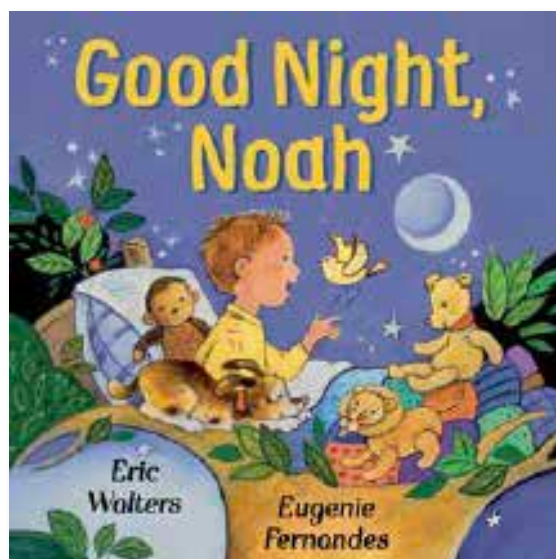
A dynamic and approachable introduction to diversity.

Our conversations with children about cultural, religious and physical differences are more important than ever, and they need to start at an early age, but we know it can be difficult to know where to begin. *What Makes Us Unique?* provides an accessible introduction to the concept of diversity, teaching children how to respect and celebrate people's differences and that, ultimately, we are all much more alike than we are different. Additional questions at the back of the book allow for further discussion.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Dr. Jillian Roberts is a renowned child psychologist, author, associate professor and parent. Considered a go-to child psychology expert for journalists, Dr. Roberts has had her work published in the *New York Times* and the *Toronto Sun* and is a regular contributor to *HuffPost* and *Global News*. Her bestselling *Just Enough* series of children's books was released in 2015 to international acclaim. In early 2017 Dr. Roberts co-founded FamilySparks to offer families a supportive, resource-rich community to help them navigate our increasingly complicated world. She lives in Victoria, British Columbia.

GOOD NIGHT, NOAH

Eric Walters, Illustrated by Eugenie Fernandes



17/04/2021 | Orca Book Publishers | BH
JUV010000 | 24pp | 17.78 x 17.78 cm | \$19.95

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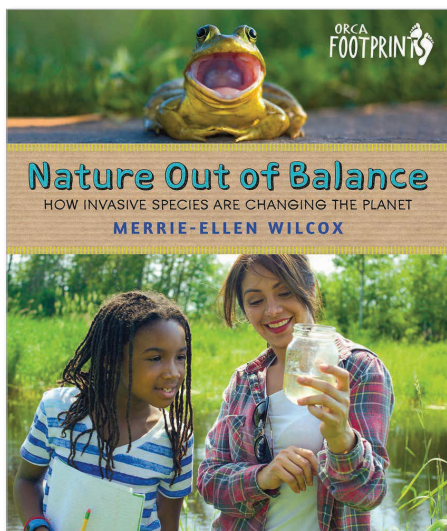
- Noah's drawings and toys come to life as he says good night to each of them in an imaginary world before coming back to his room to say good night to his father.
- Each spread gives a hint of the next animal (real or toy) to be seen once the child turns the page.
- Eric Walters wrote *Good Night, Noah* as a bedtime story for his own grandson, Noa.
- Themes: bedtime routine, lullaby, call and response, search and find, animal sounds.

Say good night, it's time for bed.

This call-and-response board book with animals is perfect for your bedtime routine. A young child imagines all of his animal friends have come to life as he says good night to each of them before tucking in to sleep. "Moo," says the cow. "Good night, cow," says Noah. With hints on each page of the animal featured on the following page, the simple, repetitive text will encourage your little reader to wish their own stuffed animals sweet dreams as they snuggle down for the evening.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Eric Walters began writing as a way to get his fifth-grade students interested in reading and writing. A Member of the Order of Canada, he has now published more than 100 novels and picture books. He is a tireless presenter, speaking to over 100,000 students per year in schools across the country. He lives in Guelph, Ontario.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR: Eugenie Fernandes is one of Canada's most established children's author/illustrators, with more than 90 books to her credit. Her paintings for illustrations have been used by UNICEF to create cards and puzzles and by One Hen, Inc. to create award-winning educational websites. Her paintings from the books *Earth Magic* and *One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference* are on display at the Smithsonian's National Museum of African Art, and *Earth Magic* was shortlisted for Canada's Governor General's Literary Award for Illustration.



17/04/2021 | BB | JNF037020 | 48pp
24.13 x 20.32 cm | Written by
Merrie-Ellen Wilcox

NATURE OUT OF BALANCE: HOW INVASIVE SPECIES ARE CHANGING THE PLANET

Orca Footprints | **\$34.95 ea**

SALES POINTS

- Recommended for ages 9–12.
- Offers a unique perspective on invasive species and how it might be time to rethink how we coexist with them.
- Invasive species are often described as the most overlooked environmental threat in the world. In the US, they cause \$120 billion/year in damage.

Invasive species aren't going anywhere.

Plants, animals, insects and fish are moving in. Invasive species threaten local ecosystems and the planet's biodiversity, but are they all as bad as we think they are?

In *Nature Out of Balance*, Merrie-Ellen Wilcox profiles all-star invasive species around the world, starting in her own neighbourhood, and warns that humans are the most invasive species of all. We find out how and why species become invasive, what we can do to stop their spread and whether it's time to think differently about invasive species that are here to stay.

ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE *Orca Footprints* SERIES

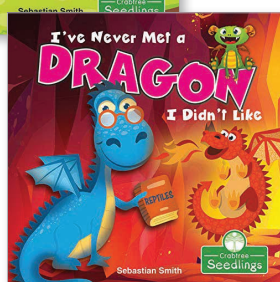
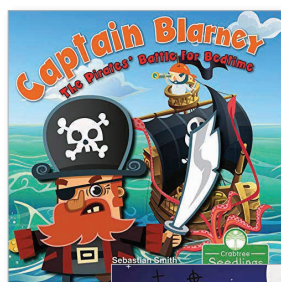
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Brilliant BC	9 781459 812147	Let's Eat BB	9 781459 809390
Deep Roots BB	9 781459 805828	Ours to Share BB	9 781459 816343
Dive In BB	9 781459 815865	Pedal It BB	9 781459 802193
Down to Earth BB	9 781459 804234	Pedal It BC	9 781459 812154
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Every Last Drop BB	9 781459 802230	Take Shelter BB	9 781459 807426
What's The Buzz BB	9 781459 809604	Talk Trash BB	9 781459 806924

I READ-N-RHYME

Crabtree Seedlings | **\$14.95 ea**

17/04/2021 | BC | JUV010000 | 28pp | 20.32 x 20.32 cm

Written by Sebastian Smith



Make every kid a reader—even the reluctant ones! This collection of low-level illustrated readers has something for everyone. Some books are wacky, some are scary, and some are just plain cute! Prompts encourage readers to recognize rhyming words, and extension activities support comprehension and help readers build literacy skills.

Title	ISBN
Captain Blarney: The Pirates' Battle for Bedtime	9 781427 129307
Haunted Mansions: A Terribly Creepy Tale	9 781427 129314
How Do You Find a Bug on a Branch?	9 781427 129321
I've Never Met a Dragon I Didn't Like	9 781427 129338
I've Never Met a Monster I Didn't Like	9 781427 129345
I've Never Met a Robot I Didn't Like	9 781427 129369
I've Never Met an Alien I Didn't Like	9 781427 129352
It's Halloween! What Will We Be?	9 781427 129376
Muttlee: The Best Dog in the World!	9 781427 129383
Spooky Soup: A Creepy Counting Backwards Book	9 781427 129390
The Night of Scares!: A Terribly Creepy Tale	9 781427 129406

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ABOUT THE PUBLISHER: Developed by early learning consultants, the Crabtree Seedlings series collection, focuses on beginning and early reading with simple text, sight words, and high quality photographs and illustrations to engage young readers. Content is leveled to support all reading levels while supplemental teaching guides provide caregivers and educators with the tools they need to support successful readers!



IN MY COMMUNITY

Crabtree Seedlings | **\$14.95 ea**

17/04/2021 | BC | JNF037070 | 24pp | 20.32 x 20.32 cm

Written by Taylor Farley

This engaging series is a first introduction for young children to the people, workers, and places that make up a community. Each book contains simple text, large appealing photos, an index, and a picture glossary with phonetic spelling to support word meanings.

Title	ISBN
At the Pond	9 781427 129635
Hometown Fire Department	9 781427 129642
Hometown Police	9 781427 129659
My Home in the City	9 781427 129666
My Local Hospital	9 781427 129673
My Town Helpers	9 781427 129680
Playground Kindness	9 781427 129697
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When I Go to the Grocery Store	9 781427 129710
When I Go to the Zoo, What Do I See?	9 781427 129727

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SEARCHLIGHT BOOKS — SPY SECRETS

Lerner Publications | **\$16.95 ea**

17/04/2021 | BC | JNF068000 | 32pp | 22.86 x 17.15 cm

Written by Christy Peterson

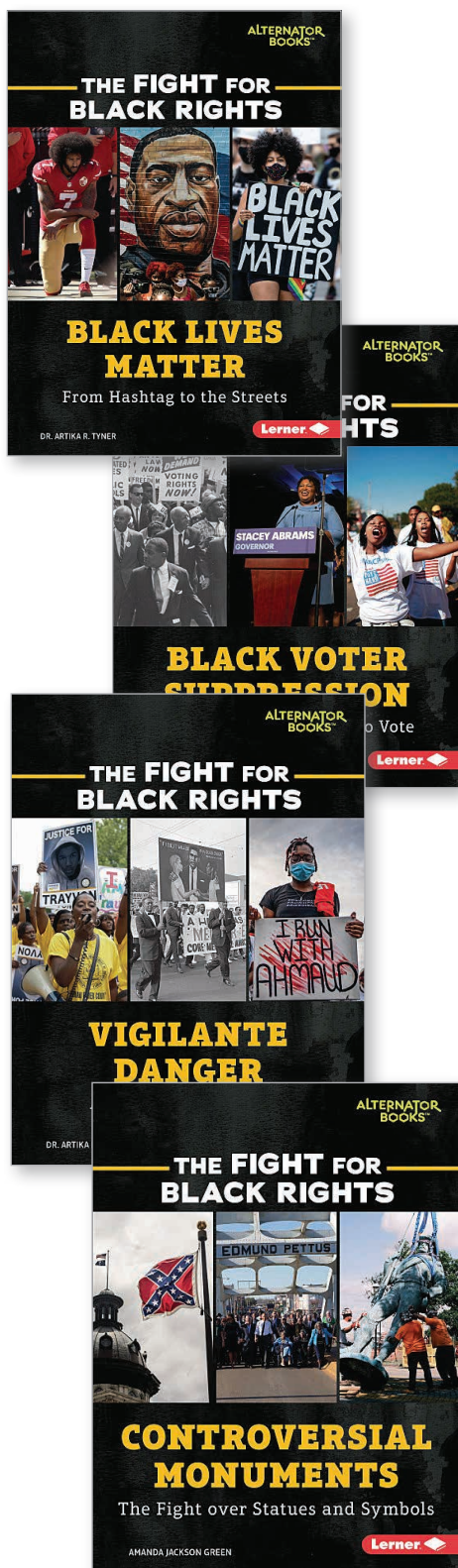
Readers are in for a thrill as they uncover true fascinating stories of spies, the people they worked for, and the methods they used to complete their missions.

Title	ISBN
Secret Spy Codes and Messages	9 781728 423722
Secret Spy Gear	9 781728 423739
Secret Spy Hacks	9 781728 423746
Secret Spy Skills	9 781728 423753

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ABOUT THE PUBLISHER: Searchlight Books support elementary readers' quest for knowledge and turn questions into answers. Straightforward informational texts build expository skills while photos and diagrams provide additional content support. Reading Level: Grades 3-4, Interest Level: Grades 3-5.



THE FIGHT FOR BLACK RIGHTS (ALTERNATOR BOOKS)

Lerner Publications | **\$16.95 ea**

17/04/2021 | BC | JNF053140 | 32pp | 22.86 x 17.15 cm

Written by Dr. Artika R. Tyner

Examine the struggle for justice for Black Americans, from voter suppression and the controversy over Confederate monuments to the protests against police brutality and racially motivated violence. Gain historical and current context to understand why the fight for Black rights continues today.

Title	ISBN
Black Voter Suppression	9 781728 430249
Controversial Monuments	9 781728 430263
Diversity and Entertainment	9 781728 430270
Hidden Black History	9 781728 430287
Vigilante Danger	9 781728 430256
Black Lives Matter	9 781728 430232

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ABOUT THE PUBLISHER: Alternator Books energize nonfiction reading. This powerful brand features a wide range of curriculum and high-interest topics. With engaging informational text, fresh approaches, and dynamic designs, Alternator Books are sure to spark curiosity and jump-start reading engagement. Reading Level: Grades 4-5, Interest Level: Grades 3-6.

SPORTS ALL-STARS (LERNER SPORTS)

Lerner Publications | **\$16.95 ea**

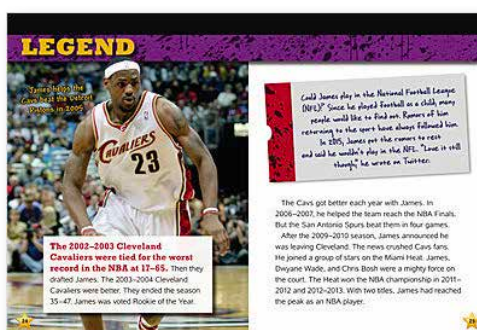
17/04/2021 | BC | JNF007100 | 32pp | 22.86 x 17.15 cm

Written by Jon M. Fishman

This high-interest series is sure to score with sports fans, reluctant readers, and report writers. Action-packed titles cover high-profile sports superstars and explain how the athletes got to the top, how they maintain their bodies and their skills, what they like to do for fun, and much more. More interesting than cradle-to-grave bios, these titles focus on the biggest games, the most defining moments, and the intriguing facts and fun aspects that make these superstar athletes who they are.

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Coco Gauff	9 781728 423128
Cody Bellinger	9 781728 423135
LeBron James, 2nd Edition	9 781728 423173
Naomi Osaka	9 781728 414058
Paul George	9 781728 414065
Simone Biles, 2nd Edition	9 781728 423166
Trae Young	9 781728 423159

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ABOUT THE PUBLISHER: Lerner Sports books bring excitement from the field into readers' hands. Reading Level: Grades K-1, Interest Level: Grades 2-5.