

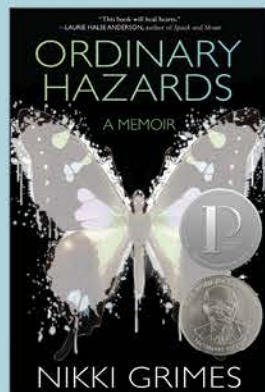
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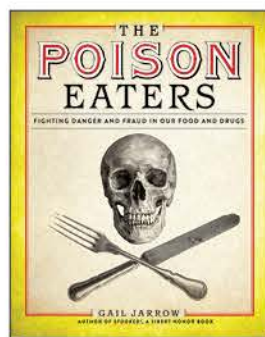
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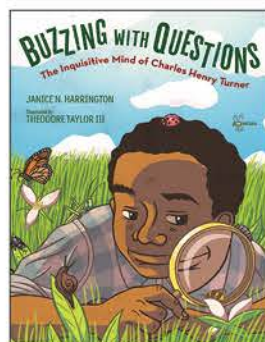
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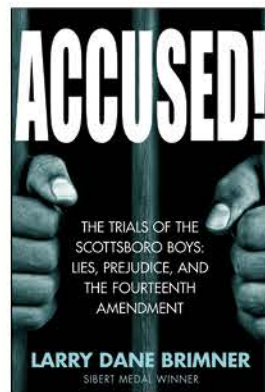
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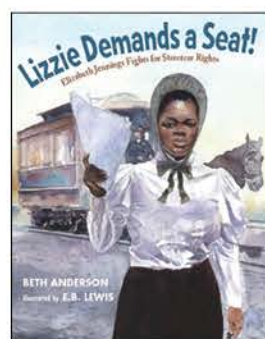
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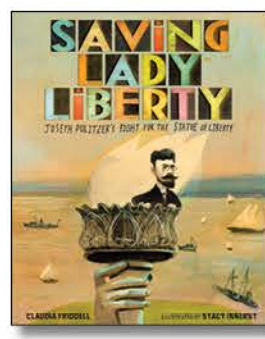
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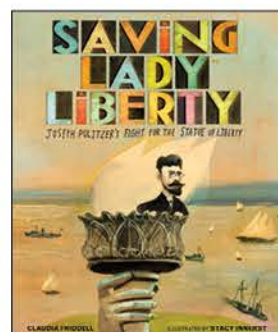
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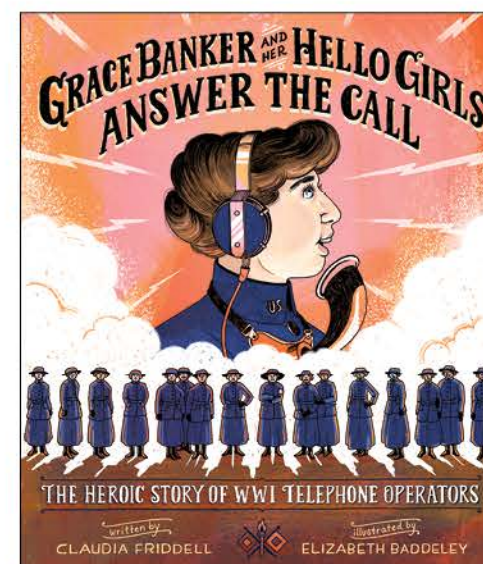
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Author Claudia Friddell and artist Elizabeth Baddeley beautifully capture this true American story that celebrates the lives of this little-known heroine and her team of Signal Corps Operators. Includes a timeline of Grace Banker’s life; an exploration of the aftermath of the war and the operators; a look at the Signal Corps by numbers; a listing of WWI firsts; a look at how telephone operators worked; and a bibliography.

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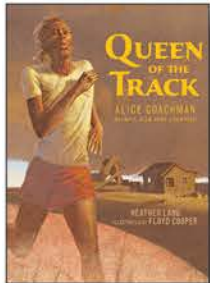
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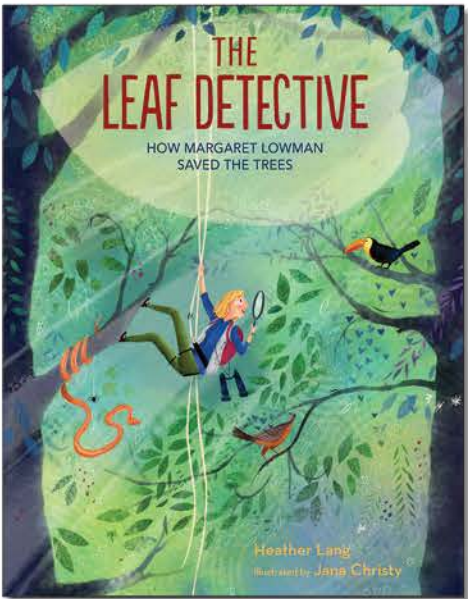


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Meg Lowman was determined to investigate the marvelous, undiscovered world of the rainforest treetops. Her perseverance and creativity allowed her to achieve this goal, but when this fantastic ecosystem started to disappear, Meg needed to act quickly.

Meg Lowman was always fascinated by the natural world above her head. As a scientist, she set out to climb up and investigate the rainforest tree canopies—and to be the first scientist to do so. But she encountered challenge after challenge. Male teachers would not let her into their classrooms, the high canopy was difficult to get to, and worst of all, people were logging and clearing the forests. Meg never gave up or gave in. She studied, invented, and persevered, not only creating a future for herself as a scientist, but making sure that the rainforests had a future as well.

Working closely with Meg Lowman, author Heather Lang and artist Jana Christy beautifully capture Meg’s world in the treetops. Includes a bibliography, source notes, an author’s note, and photos.

HEATHER LANG loves to write about real women who overcame extraordinary obstacles and never gave up on their dreams. She lives in Lexington, Massachusetts. Visit [heatherlangbooks.com](http://heatherlangbooks.com).

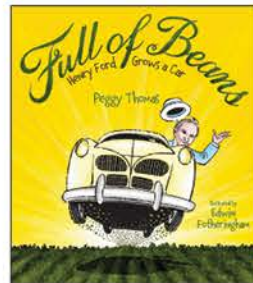
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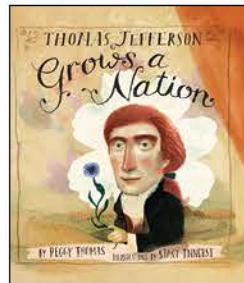
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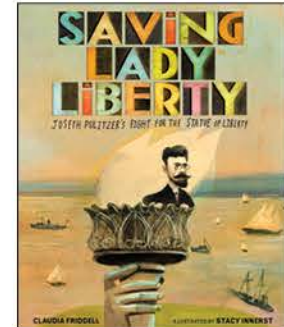


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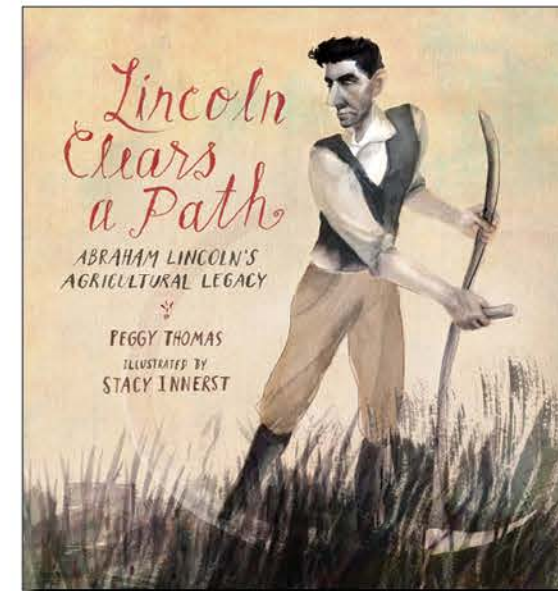


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## LINCOLN CLEARS A PATH

Abraham Lincoln's Agricultural Legacy

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Throughout his life, Abraham Lincoln tried to make life easier for others. During the darkest days of the Civil War, when everyone needed hope, President Lincoln cleared a path for all Americans to a better future.

As a boy, Abraham Lincoln helped his family break through the wilderness and struggle on a frontier farm. When Lincoln was a young man, friends made it easier for him to get a better education and become a lawyer. As a politician, he paved the way for better schools and roads. And, as president, Lincoln cleared a path to better farming, improved transportation, accessible education, and most importantly, freedom.

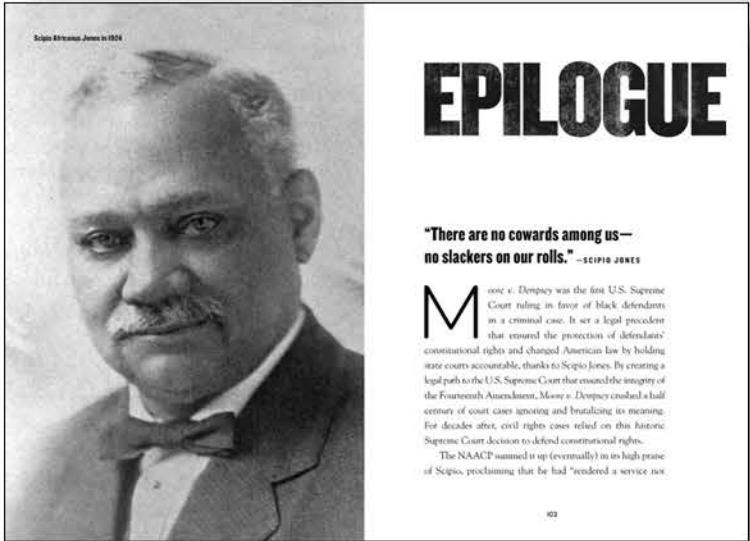
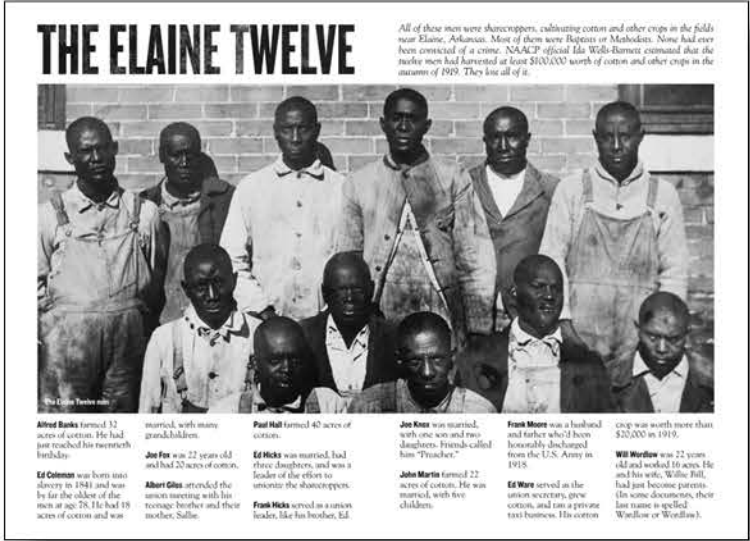
Author Peggy Thomas uncovers Abraham Lincoln's passion for agriculture and his country while illustrator Stacy Innerst cleverly captures Lincoln's many positive changes. Back matter includes an author's note that explores in detail Lincoln's early life and his agricultural legacy, with key websites and a selected bibliography.

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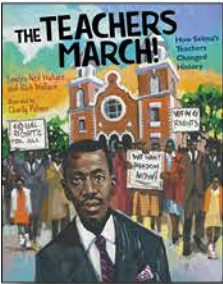
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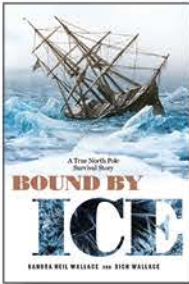
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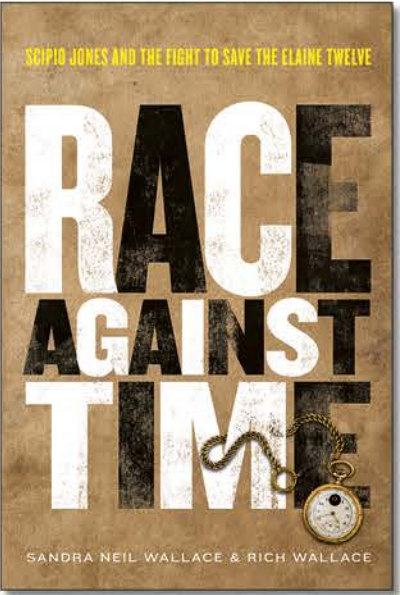


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Scipio Africanus Jones—a self-taught attorney who was born enslaved—leads a momentous series of court cases to save twelve black men who’d been unjustly sentenced to death.

In October 1919, a group of black sharecroppers met at a church in an Arkansas village to organize a union. Bullets rained down on the meeting from outside. Many were killed by a white mob, and others were rounded up and arrested. Twelve of the sharecroppers were hastily tried and sentenced to death. Up stepped Scipio Africanus Jones, a self-taught lawyer who’d been born enslaved. Could he save the men’s lives and set them free?

Through in-depth research and consultation with legal experts, award-winning nonfiction authors Sandra Neil Wallace and Rich Wallace examine the complex proceedings and an unsung African American early civil rights hero. Extensive source materials provide a detailed account of the authors’ thorough research, including field research in Little Rock, Arkansas, and significant primary sources.

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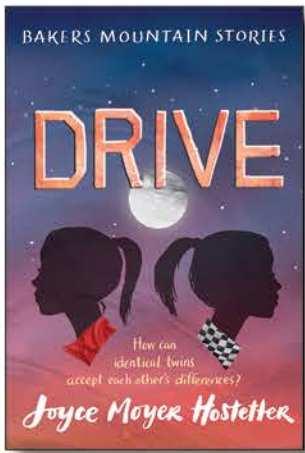
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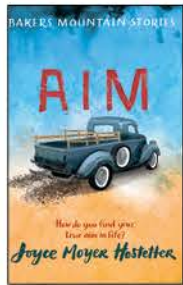


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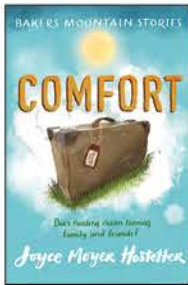
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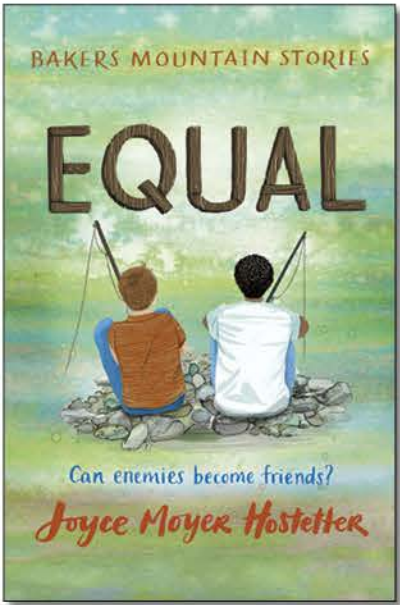


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It’s the summer of 1959, and when 13-year-old Jackie Honeycutt bumps into Thomas Freeman fishing on the riverbank, he hopes the two of them can be friends. However, he quickly learns that racial inequalities and Jackie’s own behaviors make the prospect of friendship challenging. Meanwhile, North Carolina becomes the focus of the civil rights movement, as African Americans seek to integrate variety store lunch counters. Amid community pushback to racial integration, bullying at school, and turmoil within his family, Jackie struggles to free both his conscience and his voice and to secure his friendship with Thomas.

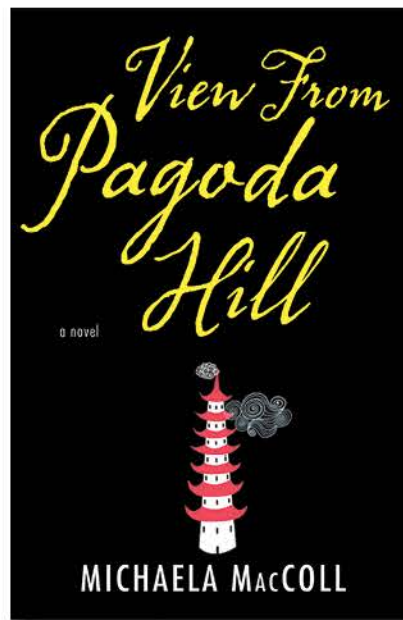
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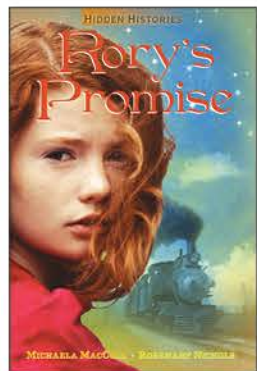
Set in the late 1800s, this is the story of Ning, a Chinese American girl who struggles to find her place in the world when she is forced to leave her home in Shanghai to go to America to live with her father's family."

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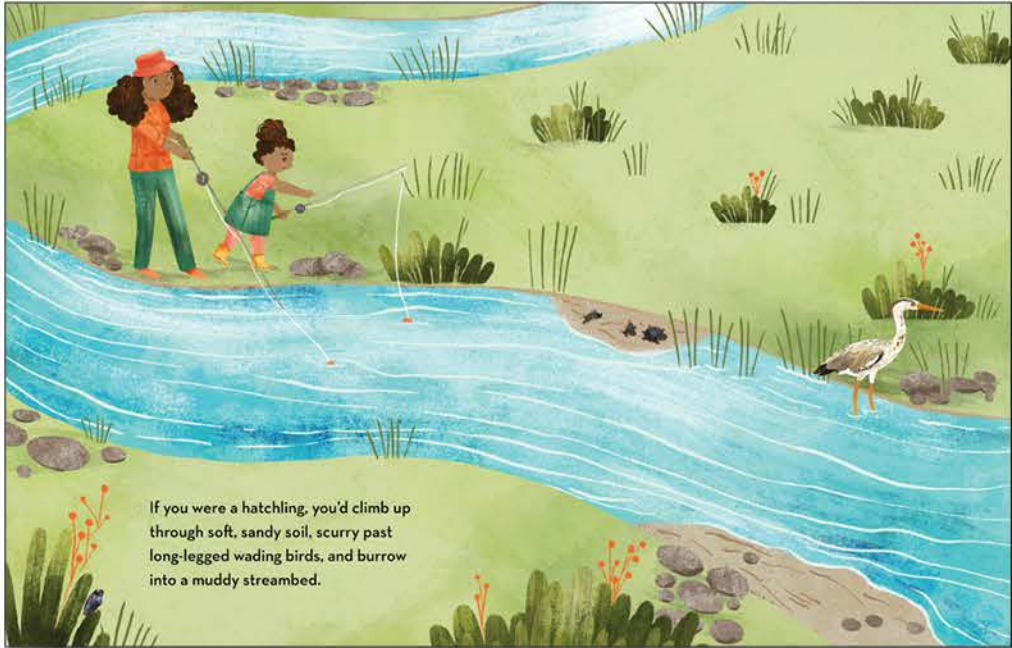


  
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A tiny tugboat overcomes her fears of a turbulent storm to save a stranded barge in this timeless tale of persistence.

When faced with a tough challenge, Little Scoot only tries harder. Sent into a gathering storm to rescue a barge that’s run aground, Little Scoot is tempted to turn around. But though she’s scared of the squall, she perseveres through thunder, lightning, blustery winds, and swamping waves, reminding herself “Little Scoot never quits!” This triumphant tale with bright, retro illustrations is a testimony to the power of determination.

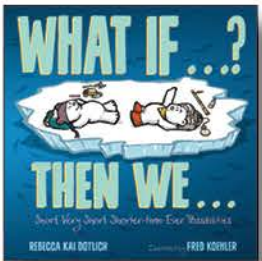
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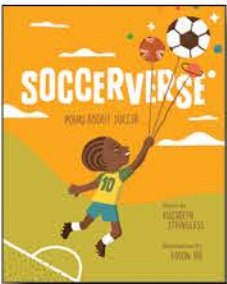


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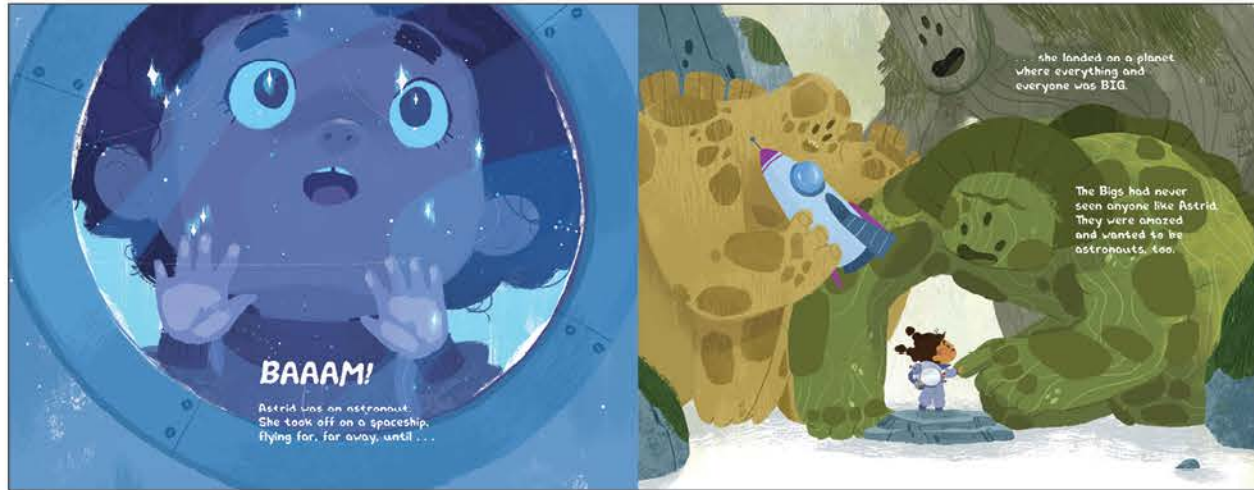
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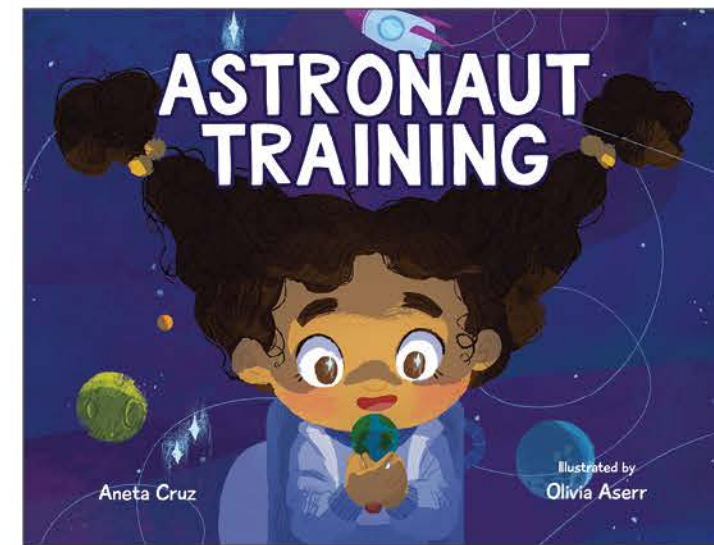
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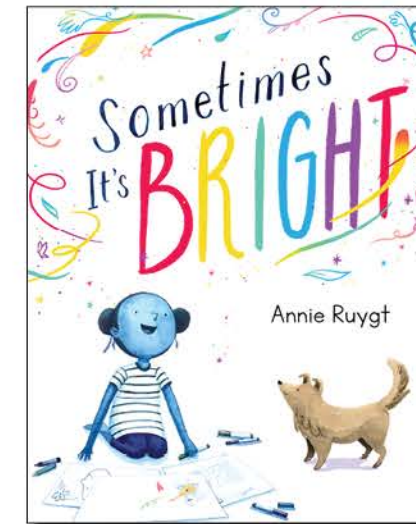
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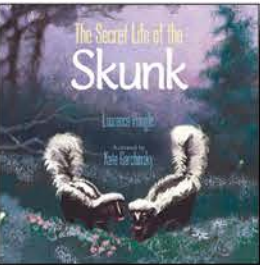
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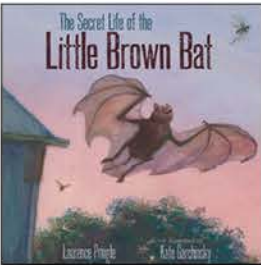
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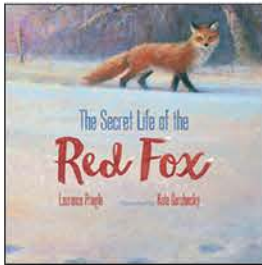
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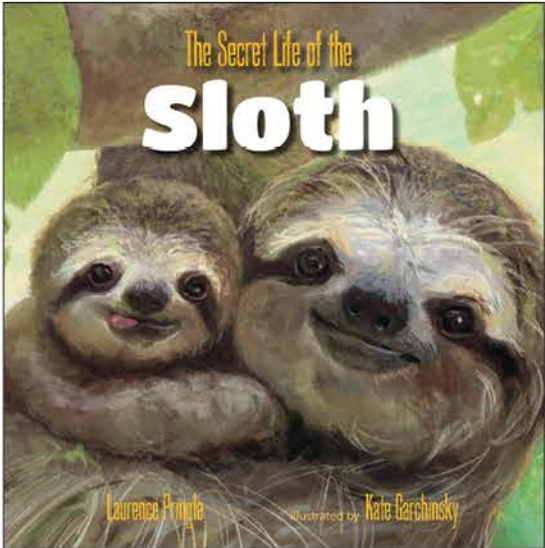


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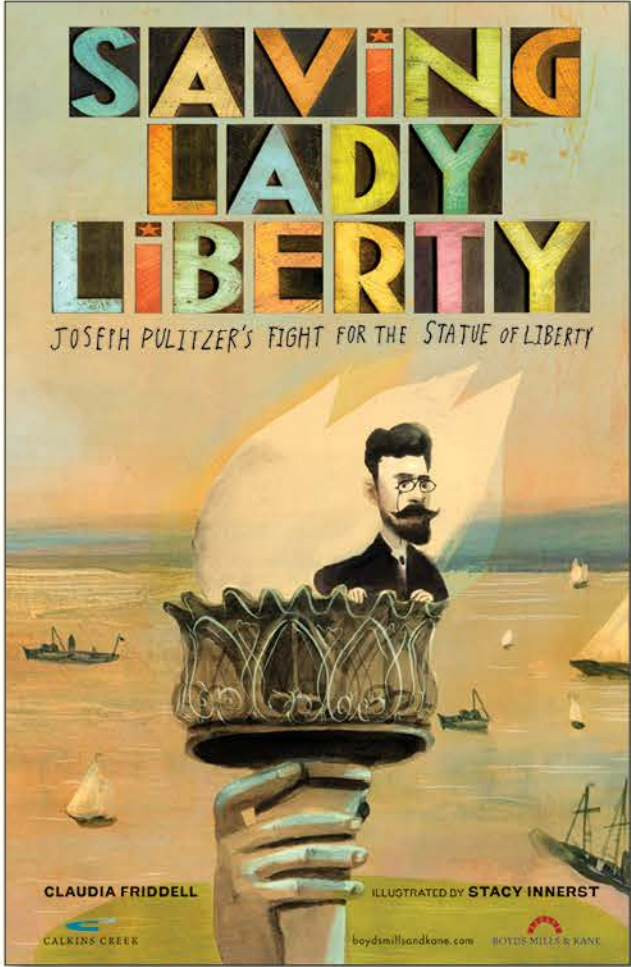
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