

# Book Buddies



Meet the Book Buddies, toys that can be checked out from the library, just like books. For the Book Buddies, every borrowing is a new adventure!

## Book Buddies: Dazzle Makes a Wish



Will lonely Maya's wish for a friend come true when she borrows Dazzle, a toy unicorn, from the library? What about Dazzle's wish for a place to belong? The heartwarming series continues with a third adventure.

Dazzle is a snow-white unicorn with a twisty horn, a sparkly pink tail, and a tag that says unicorns can grant wishes. He isn't sure whether he can grant a wish for himself, but he makes one anyway, hoping for a child and a home of his own. Instead, Dazzle gets sold at a yard sale and becomes one of the Book Buddies, friendly toys that children can check out of the library just like books. Meanwhile, Maya has just moved to town and decides to borrow Dazzle, hoping he can grant her a wish for a new friend. But when a girl named Isabelle comes over for a playdate that doesn't go as well as Maya had expected, she's worried that they won't become friends after all. Maybe Dazzle and Maya can help each other make their wishes come true? With a gentle tale of empathy and growth, Newbery Honor winner Cynthia Lord and celebrated artist Stephanie Graegin offer another endearing story in the Book Buddies series.

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Cynthia Lord is the author of award-winning middle-grade fiction. Her titles include the Newbery Honor *Book Rules*, *Touch Blue*, *Half a Chance*, *A Handful of Stars*, *Because of the Rabbit*, and other books for young readers. Cynthia Lord lives in Maine.



Stephanie Graegin is the author-illustrator of *Little Fox in the Forest* and the illustrator of many other books, including *You Were the First* by Patricia MacLachlan and *Water in the Park* by Emily Jenkins. Stephanie Graegin lives in Brooklyn.



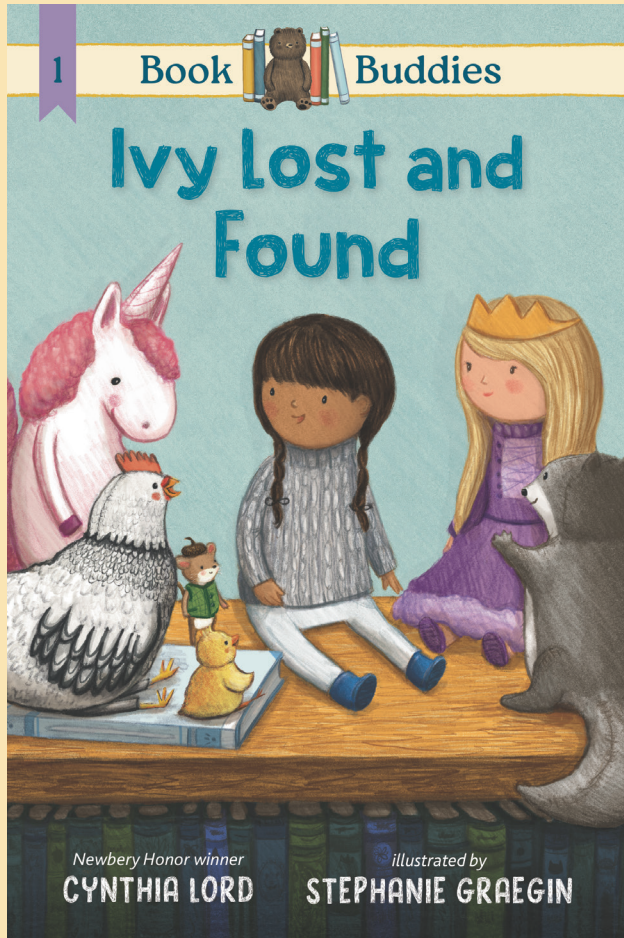
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Read all the books in the Book Buddies series!

## Book Buddies: Ivy Lost and Found



A lonely doll helps a child adjust to a blended family in the first of a charming series about library toys and the children who borrow them.

Ivy was Anne the librarian's doll when she was a young girl. But now she has moved to Anne's library to be its newest Book Buddy—a toy that can be checked out just like a book. Ivy isn't sure she wants to be borrowed, though. She'd rather go back to just being Anne's favorite toy. Fern, a child who visits the library with her stepfamily, also wishes things could go back to the way they were, when Fern had her dad all to herself. When Fern takes Ivy home, an unexpected outdoor adventure helps both of them find confidence and belonging in their changing worlds. This heartwarming story by Cynthia Lord, with a classic feel and gentle illustrations by Stephanie Graegin, is the first in a chapter-book series that pairs friendly toys with child characters who need them.

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★“An engaging story of insecurity overcome by hope, courage, and love. . . . The simply written narrative and the pleasing artwork convey heartfelt emotions with honesty and subtlety.” —*Booklist* (starred review)

“In this series opener, a long-forgotten doll is dismayed to find herself repurposed as a library toy for children to check out. . . . Like the story, the charmingly retro illustrations honor the genre's antecedents, from Rumer Godden's sentient dolls to the *Toy Story* franchise. . . . A beguiling series opener that gently conveys the upside of adapting to unwelcome changes.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

“Humorous, lively conversations between the Book Buddies . . . offer the promise of happy borrowings ahead.” —*Publishers Weekly*



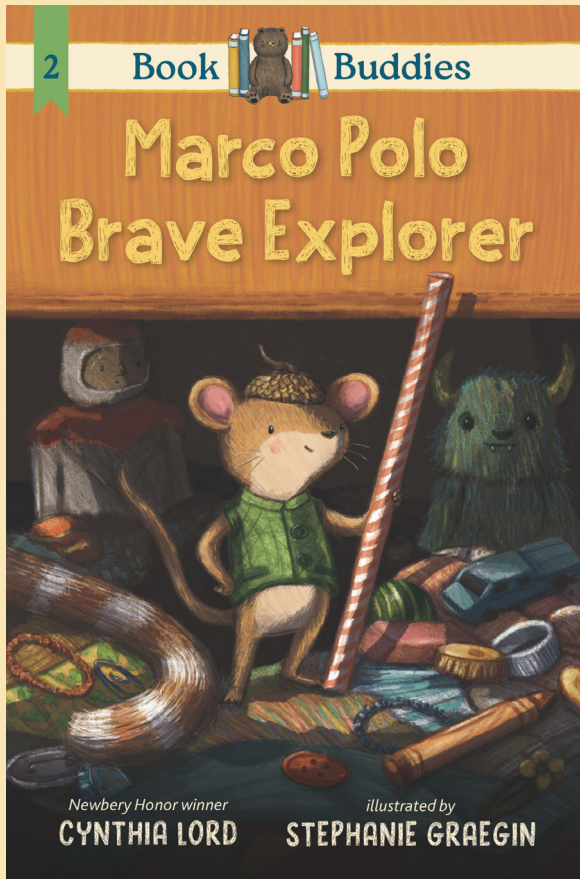
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## Book Buddies: Marco Polo, Brave Explorer



Can an intrepid toy mouse help a child venture out of his comfort zone?

Marco Polo is a retired Christmas ornament, but in his mind he is a great mouse explorer. Because he's tiny and likely to be lost, he is the least-borrowed of the Book Buddies—toys that children can check out of the library just like a book—and he almost never leaves the library. But the little mouse finally meets the right match in Seth, a boy who is about to attend his first sleepover. If Seth were to bring the stuffed bunny he usually sleeps with, he'd risk being teased, but Marco Polo is the perfect size to hide away in his sleeping bag. Are both boy and mouse in for an unexpected adventure? Charmingly illustrated and offering a window into the secret life of toys (including a suspenseful glimpse at where all the household's lost toys go), *Marco Polo, Brave Explorer* explores common fears and quiet bravery and will leave readers eager for the next episode in the Book Buddies series.

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"Sweet and sincere." —*The Wall Street Journal*

"Lord's engaging narrative is well-attuned to the concerns of readers who find comfort in stuffed animals. . . . An appealing addition to the Book Buddies series." —*Booklist*



Look out for book 4, coming in Spring 2024:  
**Roger Takes a Chance**



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