

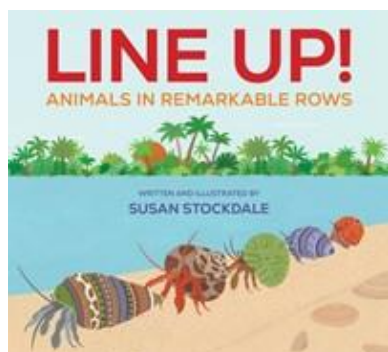


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Line Up!

Animals in Remarkable Rows

Susan Stockdale

Summary

Line up for this fascinating exploration of animal behavior from an award-winning author-illustrator!

Much like humans, many animals line up for a variety of reasons. Rather than forming lines for the school bus or recess, the animals featured in Susan Stockdale's book form lines for

- ▶ safety: baby Mallard ducklings follow their mother to the water for their first swim
- ▶ warmth: Turtles climb into a stacked line for a better share of the sun's rays
- ▶ navigation: Arctic wolves follow the prints in the snow left by the pack leader
- ▶ food: ants line up to follow the scent of their leader to food and safety
- ▶ travel: pink flamingos form a line to reduce wind resistance and fly more efficiently

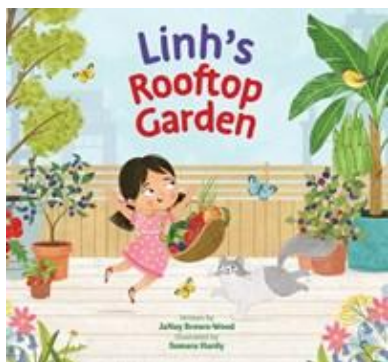
Featuring birds, crustaceans, fish, insects, mammals, and reptiles from around the world, *Line Up* is a cozy and comforting book that reminds us of our similarities while illuminating some specific, distinctive behaviors.

Contributor Bio

Susan Stockdale began her art career as a textile designer for the apparel industry, providing her an opportunity to express her love of pattern and color. Today, pattern and color remain central to her work as the author and illustrator of critically acclaimed picture books that celebrate nature. Her books have won a variety of awards including the ALSC Notable Children's Book, NCTE Notable Children's Books in the Language Arts, NSTA Outstanding Science Trade Books for Students K-12, and the Bank Street College of Education Best Children's Books of the Year.

Author Residence: Chevy Chase, Maryland

Author Hometown: Miami, Florida



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Linh's Rooftop Garden

JaNay Brown-Wood, Samara Hardy

Summary

Linh searches for blueberries in her rooftop garden in this vibrant exploration of gardening and healthy eating, from the *Where in the Garden?* series.

Linh is having a picnic in her rooftop garden for all of her friends, and she needs help searching for blueberries to finish preparing her dishes. What do we know about blueberries? They're small, blue, and grow on bushes—and, just a second, is that a blueberry? No, that's a *gooseberry*. Where, oh, *where* could those blueberries be? Can you help Linh find them in time for her picnic?

The fourth title in the *Where in the Garden?* picture book series stars a young Asian girl who tours her rooftop garden with her mom to explore the fruits and vegetables growing there. Playful text guides young readers to hunt for visual clues and compare and contrast the unique characteristics of blueberries against peaches, strawberries, tomatoes and other produce that grows in Linh's rooftop garden.

Artist Samara Hardy brings this multi-layered story to life with vivid, cheerful illustrations created from layers of hand painted ink and watercolor texture. Back matter includes a tasty blueberry and banana pancake recipe for little chefs and their adult helpers to try together.

Series Overview: Featuring a diverse cast of characters, the *Where in the Garden?* series of four picture books explores gardening and farming during every season of the year. Perfect for early childhood and elementary education units on agriculture, farming, gardening, and healthy eating.

Contributor Bio

JaNay Brown-Wood grew up with a passion for writing and drafted her first series of unpublished picture books in the second grade. After earning a BA in Psychology from UCLA, an MA in Child Development from CSU, and a PhD in Education from UC Davis, JaNay still loves storytelling! Her first book, *Imani's Moon*, was a NAESP Children's Book of the Year and a Reading Is Fundamental Multicultural Book Pick. She lives with her family in California. Visit her on the web at JaNayBrownWood.com and follow her on Twitter @JaNayBrownWood.

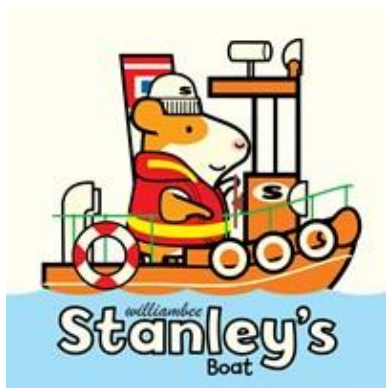
Author Residence: California

Author Hometown: California

Samara Hardy has always loved to draw. Unfortunately for her parents, this was often on their walls and furniture...with her mother's lipstick. Realizing she might make a career out of this, she graduated with a degree in Illustration from Falmouth University and has since illustrated all kinds of wonderful things from picture books to reusable bags. She spends her days scribbling away and drawing by the sea in England. Visit her on the web at SamaraHardy.com and follow her on Instagram @Samara_Hardy.

Illustrator Residence:England

Illustrator Hometown:England



Stanley's Boat

William Bee

Summary

It's another busy day for Stanley and friends at the boatyard!

Accessible text and brightly colored illustrations helpfully convey tugboats for toddlers who love equipment, tools, and vehicles. After a hard day at work, Stanley winds down his day with a familiar supper and bath routine that makes this series a great pick for bedtime reading!

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Series Overview: William Bee's beloved *Stanley* series is a trusted model for basic preschool concepts like colors and shapes, kindness and teamwork, jobs and daily routines. Toddlers will love hanging out with this adorable cast of friendly neighborhood critters in any of the available series titles. Help your little one collect them all!

Contributor Bio

William Bee is an artist and commercial designer who has worked for renowned fashion houses, including Issay Miyake and Paul Smith. As well as writing children's picture books and board books, he races a vintage sports car, is an international skier, and when at home tends his lawns and meadow. He lives in England.

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Illustrator Residence:England

Illustrator Hometown:England



Stanley's Park

William Bee

Summary

It's another busy day for Stanley and friends at the local park!

Accessible text and brightly colored illustrations helpfully convey community parks for toddlers who love equipment, tools, and vehicles. After a hard day at work, Stanley winds down his day with a familiar supper and bath routine that makes this series a great pick for bedtime reading!

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Stanley's School

William Bee

Summary

It's another busy day for Stanley and friends!

Ding, ding, ding! It's time for school with Stanley and Hattie. Stanley reads a story to Little Woo, Sophie, and Benjamin. Outside, everyone has fun in the garden, and Stanley's lemonade and Hattie's lovely fruit salad are delicious snacks for lunch right before a nice little nap. Things get a little messy during art time, though . . . uh, oh!

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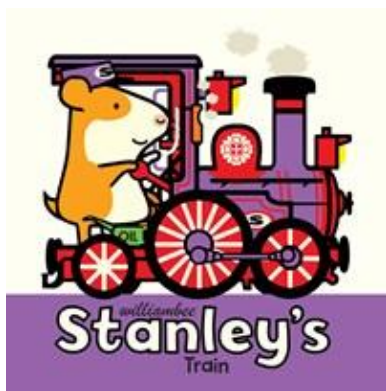


Stanley's Store

William Bee

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Stanley's Train

William Bee

Summary

It's another busy day for Stanley and friends!

All aboard on Stanley's train and tickets ready, please. Stanley's passengers have a beach ball, a toy boat, and an inner tube. Where could Stanley's train be headed? Off we go on another adventure! Choo, choo!

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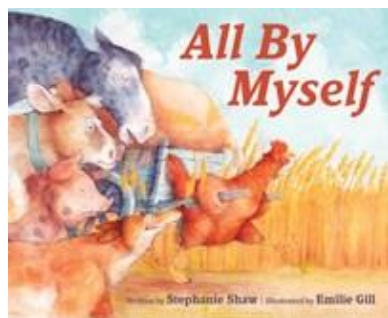
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All By Myself

Stephanie Shaw, Emilie Gill

Summary

Hen insists on doing everything alone. When Fox comes calling, Hen's friends start to worry . . . but should they?

Hen isn't a little chick anymore. She's spread her wings and can get a job done just the way she likes it! She can grow wheat herself, she can wheel-barrel it home by herself, and she can turn it into delicious bread all by herself. No need to bother offering Hen a helping hand of any sort, thank you. She's got it covered!

But then comes Fox...and Fox loves to eat *all kinds* of tasty things. So when Pig, Horse, and Cow discover that Fox has paid Hen a visit, should they step in and offer assistance that Hen hasn't asked for?

This delectable social-emotional learning tale celebrates the strong-willed and independent, putting a quirky spin on the classic stories *Henny Penny* and the *Little Red Hen*.

Contributor Bio

After a successful career teaching children with severe behavioral challenges, school counseling and school administration, Stephanie Shaw now loves creating stories that range from quiet to quirky, poetry to prose. When she isn't assisting door-to-door vacuum cleaner vampire salesmen, taking cows on shopping trips for muumuus, or helping garden slugs with their calligraphy, she can be found at home in the beautiful Pacific Northwest. Visit her on the web at StephanieShawAuthor.com.

Author Residence: Oregon

Author Hometown: Oregon

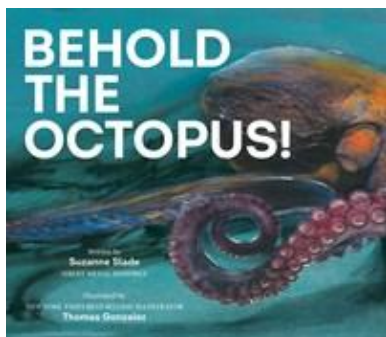
Emilie Gill completed her MA in children's book illustration from the Cambridge School of Art. She was a Highly Commended recipient of the Macmillan Prize for Illustration and has been longlisted for the World Illustration Awards. As a child, Emilie couldn't decide whether she wanted to be a musician, a zookeeper, or a secret agent. In her spare time, Emilie will most likely be found befriending the local wildlife of Kentucky, where she lives. Follow her on Instagram @emiliegilldraws and visit her on the web at EmilieGill.com.

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Illustrator Hometown:Kentucky

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Behold the Octopus!

Suzanne Slade, Thomas Gonzalez

Summary

Lyrical text and gorgeous illustrations plunge readers into an undersea exploration of the mysterious, accomplished octopus and its astonishing abilities.

Behold the octopus! This remarkable animal hides beneath the seas, so you may not realize that it is one of the most incredible, talented creatures on our planet. Fortunately, this nonfiction picture book from an award-winning team reveals the fascinating features of the glorious octopus, such as lights that attract prey, legs that walk on land, and the ability to change color and shape to match their surroundings and even masquerade as other animals.

Sparse, lyrical text is perfect for curious picture book readers, while sidebars and back matter share additional interesting details.

Contributor Bio

Suzanne Slade, a Sibert Honor-winning author, has written over one hundred and fifty children's books. An engineer by degree, she is acclaimed for her expertise in STEAM topics, as well as explorations of inspiring figures in history. A popular speaker, she visits dozens of schools every year and has been invited to speak at numerous conferences such as ALA, IRA, ISLMA, NSTA, as well as the National Book Festival. Suzanne's books are enjoyed by readers around the world and also in space! Her picture book *Astronaut Annie* was read aboard the International Space Station for Story Time from Space.

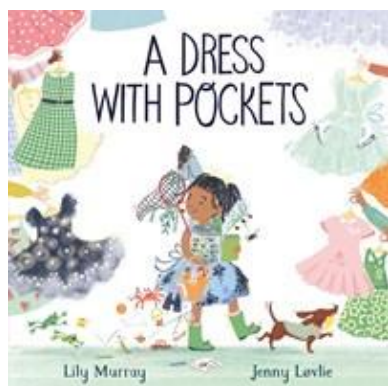
Author Residence: Libertyville, Illinois

Author Hometown: Goshen, Indiana

Thomas Gonzalez is an illustrator, designer, and portrait artist. A native of Cuba, he came to the United States when he was ten years old. He studied at the Atlanta School of Art (now called Savannah of Art and Design). After working at the Coca-Cola Company for more than twenty years, Tom held several creative positions with other global brands. He has illustrated many picture books, including the *New York Times* best-seller *14 Cows for America*.

Illustrator Residence: Dawsonville, Georgia

Illustrator Hometown: Cuba



A Dress with Pockets

Lily Murray, Jenny Løvlie

Summary

A funny and frock-filled story for modern children who might want sequins and sparkles on their dresses—but also want pockets!

Lucy and Aunt Augusta are dress shopping. And, at the Fabulous Fashion Store, there are dresses to suit just about everyone. There are fancy dresses, frilly dresses, stripy dresses, silly dresses, sundresses, fun dresses, blue dresses, green... But Lucy doesn't care about frills or lace. She wants a dress WITH POCKETS. And as she wades through the swishy dresses, witchy dresses, very, very itchy dresses, she starts to worry about where she's going to put her leaves, and nettles, and delicate petals, her magical spells and beautiful shells. The hunt is on: will Lucy find the dress of her dreams?

Contributor Bio

Lily Murray grew up in the wilds of snowy nowhere, spending much of her time making up stories. She has continued to do this in her adult life, and now writes both fiction and nonfiction books for children. Her titles include big books about dinosaurs, rhyming books about dinosaurs, and stories about escapee hot dogs.

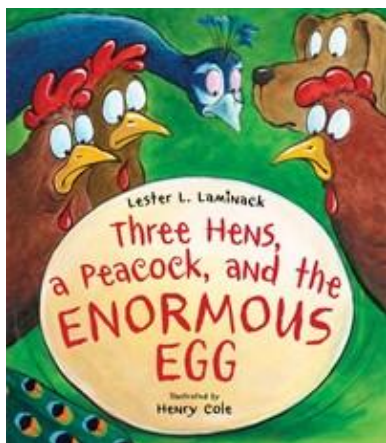
Jenny Løvlie grew up in Northern Norway on Ekkerøy, a tiny peninsula sticking out into the Barents Sea, where she was the first child to be born in twelve years. She moved to London to study illustration & animation at Kingston University and now lives in Cardiff. She won the Waterstones Children's book prize for Best Illustrated Book for The Girls, written by Lauren Ace

Illustrator Residence:Cardiff, Wales

Illustrator Hometown:Norway

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Three Hens, a Peacock, and the Enormous Egg

Lester L. Laminack, Henry Cole

Summary

Farm animals rescue an enormous egg from the road and then must figure out how to care for the mysterious creature. What could possibly be inside this egg and why is it taking so long to hatch?

Lester Laminack returns with a delightfully funny sequel to his barnyard story of three hens and a peacock. This time the animals decide to work together to rescue an enormous egg that falls from a truck in the road in front of their farm. Working together is, however, not without challenges when three bossy hens are involved.

The animals have no idea what is in the egg and have never seen one so big. But over the course of trying to protect it and hatch it, they find themselves quite smitten with it, each imagining that what's in the egg is a version of themselves.

An unexpectedly heartwarming ending leaves the animals speechless when they meet their new ward and learn who among them is the greatest nurturer of all.

This bestselling creative team delivers another amusing picture book about life on a sleepy farm. This one with a lot of heart, too.

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Contributor Bio

Lester Laminack is compared to a Mister Rogers for teachers. A tremendous speaker, he draws large audiences and uses this popularity to encourage the daily classroom use of picture books, poetry, and spoken words in the classroom. An expert in childhood literacy, Lester is the author of many professional books for teachers in addition to his popular picture books, including *Three Hens and a Peacock*, *Snow Day*, and *Saturdays and Teacakes*.

Author Residence: Whittier, North Carolina

Author Hometown: Heflin, Alabama

Henry Cole is the author and illustrator of over a hundred books for children. A former 4th grade science teacher who grew up on a farm, Henry weaves his experiences into his work to great effect. His popular presentations dazzle audiences of all ages. He has a clever wit, theatrical expressions, and a remarkable ability to keep students and teachers laughing and engaged.

Illustrator Residence: Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Illustrator Hometown: near Purcellville, Virginia



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Multicultural
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Nina Soni, Perfect Hostess

Kashmira Sheth, Jenn Kocsmiersky

Summary

When family visit from India, Nina Soni has the opportunity to be the perfect hostess—but her annoying cousin Montu and her own assumptions and intentions may complicate matters.

Nina's grandmother is coming to visit, all the way from India. It's hard, only getting to see her grandparents on carefully timed video calls, scheduled to manage that ten-and-a-half hour time difference. But now Dadi is going to stay for several weeks!

Nina can't wait to see Dadi—but then it turns out that Montu, her annoying cousin, will also be coming. It's challenging enough to manage her little sister, but Nina has gotten used to that, and even come to appreciate many of Kavita's eccentricities. Still, it will be fun to introduce her extended family to life and friends in Madison, Wisconsin, and Nina is determined to become the perfect hostess. Surely, she can manage to plan a lovely visit, with the help of the lists she makes in her journal.

Series Overview: Lovable, distractable Indian American Nina Soni tries to keep track of her action-packed life and creative schemes and projects by making lists in her journal.

Contributor Bio

Kashmira Sheth was born in India with Gujarati as her mother tongue and began learning English in fifth grade. She had lived in Bhavnagar and Mumbai before moving to United States when she was seventeen to attend Iowa State University, where she received a BS in microbiology. Before becoming an author Kashmira had many different jobs, including running a dance school and choreographing and performing Indian dances, working in a bakery, and working as a food microbiologist. She is the author of several picture books, chapter books, and middle grade and young adult novels. Taking inspiration from her own life and experiences, much of Kashmira's work centers on Indian culture and features Indian and Indian American characters.

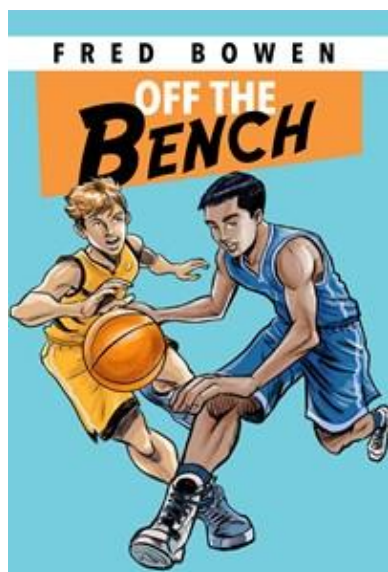
Author Residence: Charlottesville, Virginia

Author Hometown: Bhavnagar, India

Jenn Kocsmiersky is a watercolor artist and picture book illustrator. She was adopted from Seoul, South Korea, and grew up in rural New Hampshire. Now, as a mom and artist, Jenn hopes to promote relatable childhood experiences featuring diverse characters. She was the recipient of the 2018 We Need Diverse Books Mentorship for Illustration and the 2016–2017 Walter Dean Meyers Grant. She lives in New York with her two children and a ginormous goldfish named Joey.

Illustrator Residence:Malta, New York

Illustrator Hometown:Korea



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Off the Bench

Fred Bowen

Summary

Chris wants to be a star scorer like his brother—so why does his coach keep him waiting on the bench?

Chris comes from a sports-loving family. His brother is the star scorer on the high school team, and is being recruited by Division 3 colleges. Chris longs to earn the same adulation, and he's a good scorer for his junior high team. But why won't his coach start him? He's better on defense than his rival, Carlos, and nearly as good a shooter.

Soon Chris becomes obsessed with earning a place in his team's starting lineup. He does everything he can think of—including being an invaluable player every time he comes in. But nothing seems to get Coach's attention. Even after he learns the history of the valuable "6th man," Chris can't seem to let it go. How will he ever be a big scoring star?

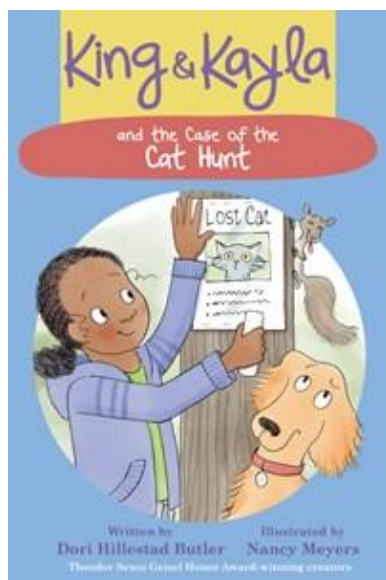
For every kid who hates to read but loves basketball, comes a suspenseful novel with plenty of play-by-play sports action.

Contributor Bio

Fred Bowen was a Little Leaguer who loved to read and is still a lifelong sports fanatic. He is the author of the action-packed Fred Bowen Sports Story series, currently totaling more than twenty titles. For thirteen years, Bowen coached kids' baseball and basketball teams. He has also written a weekly sports column for kids in the Washington Post since 2000. He was a lawyer for many years before retiring to become a full-time children's book author. Bowen lives in Silver Spring, Maryland, with his wife Peggy Jackson. They have two grown children.

Author Residence: Silver Spring, Maryland

Author Hometown: Marblehead, Massachusetts



King & Kayla and the Case of the Cat Hunt

Dori Hillestad Butler, Nancy Meyers

Summary

In this latest book in the Geisel Honor award-winning series, our intrepid human-and-dog detective duo have another mystery to solve: how did Raj's cat escape from a locked house?

King and Kayla have a new case and a new friend. King LOVES new friends. They're his favorite!

Raj needs our beloved detectives to help him find his cat. Blue was in the house when Raj left for school but now he's gone. Blue didn't come for dinner or breakfast. (King can't imagine missing a meal.) Blue never goes outside and he never had the chance to escape. Where did he go?

When Raj describes Blue, he sounds very familiar. Could Blue be Cat with No Name?

Series Overview: A loveable dog helps his human girl solve mysteries in this two-time Geisel Honor-winning series.

Contributor Bio

Dori Hillestad Butler has published magazine stories, educational materials, plays, book reviews, characters for a board game, and forty-two children's books. A two-time Geisel Honor Book winner, for *King & Kayla and the Case of the Missing Dog Treats* and *King & Kayla and the Case of the Lost Tooth*, she has also been nominated for children's choice awards in nineteen different states and won the 2011 Edgar Award for the best juvenile mystery for *Buddy Files: Case of the Lost Boy*.

Author Residence: Seattle, Washington

Author Hometown: Fairmont, Minnesota

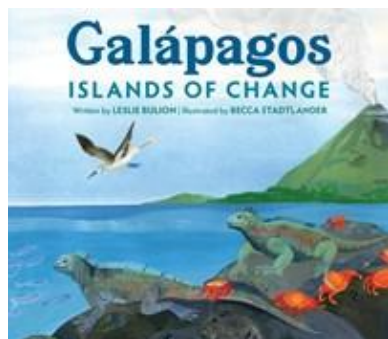
Nancy Meyers is the illustrator of the *King & Kayla* series (two of which were named Geisel Honor Books) and the *Language Together* series. When she's not busy drawing, she loves spending time with her daughters, visiting dog parks, or going for a nice long hike. She lives in Minnesota, where she is known to be a spoiled-dog enabler.

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Galápagos Islands of Change

Leslie Bulion, Becca Stadtlander

Summary

A poetic introduction to a distinctive island ecosystem that is home to many species found nowhere else on Earth

Using the same poetry/science note format as *Serengeti*, *Galápagos* tells the complex story of a young volcanic ecosystem influenced by seasonal ocean currents, where food energy moves through integrated land and sea communities, each in its own season of growth and renewal.

Millions of years ago, undersea volcanos in the eastern Pacific Ocean erupted, spewing up lava, rocks, and ash that eventually formed a cluster of islands: the archipelago known as the Galápagos Islands. Over time, castaway plants and animals from hundreds of miles away arrived on the rocky shores and adapted to each island's changing volcanic landscape and seasonal weather variations. In these isolated locations constantly affected by shifting winds and swift ocean currents, much of the wildlife evolved into species found nowhere else on Earth. Some of the many distinctive organisms featured include giant daisy trees, Galápagos penguins, marine iguanas, blue footed boobies, and Galápagos giant tortoises. The well-researched back matter includes poetry notes, a glossary, resources, and a list of the species from this remarkable ecosystem that are highlighted in the book.

Contributor Bio

Leslie Bulion creates award-winning science poetry steeped in hands-on learning experiences, field observations, research, humor, and imagery in a variety of poetic forms. Her illustrated poetry collections invite readers on multi-layered science adventures exploring spiders, birds, sea creatures, insects, amphibians, entire ecosystems, and even human anatomy. Leslie's graduate science background and her years as a school social worker inform both her poetry and her science-infused novels for young readers.

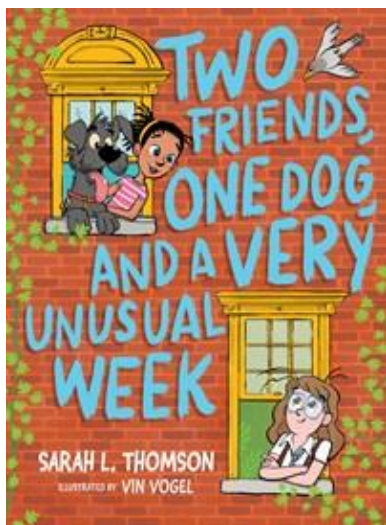
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Author Hometown: New York

Becca Stadtlander is an illustrator and fine artist. She attended the Maryland Institute College of Art. She has illustrated a number of children's picture books.

Illustrator Residence: Covington, Kentucky

Illustrator Hometown: Covington, Kentucky



Two Friends, One Dog, and a Very Unusual Week

Sarah L. Thomson

Summary

Take Pippi Longstocking's joie de vivre, blend it with a 21st century urban setting, toss in a dog named Otto for good measure and what do you get? This joyfully carefree story about two unlikely friends.

It's a pair of silver sequined sneakers that unexpectedly flips Emily's comfortable, predictable world upside down. Or, more precisely, it's the girl wearing them. The shoes belong to Rani, who moves into Emily's apartment building—and her life—with absolutely no one but her dog Otto. (Her research scientist mother is away in Patagonia.) And that's only the first rule that Emily watches Rani break without hesitation.

But it's not just that Rani breaks rules. Most of the time, she doesn't seem to know the rules exist. Why can't she bungee jump off their building? Or bring an ice cream truck to school? For steady and orderly Emily, Rani's approach to life feels impossible . . . and more than a little irresistible. But is there a place for her in Rani's world? And should she find a way to make space for Rani in her own?

Contributor Bio

Sarah L. Thomson is a former children's book editor and an experienced author. She has published original fiction and nonfiction work in a variety of categories, from high fantasy series to nonfiction picture books and also has experience writing for a variety of licensed properties. She lives in Maine with her family. Visit her at sarahlthomson.com.

Author Residence: Portland, Maine

Author Hometown: St. Louis, Missouri

Vin Vogel is an award-winning Brazilian author-illustrator and the creator of *A Home for Leo* and the Yeti picture book series. He has illustrated over fifty books for young readers. After living in New York City, he returned to his hometown of Rio, where he lives with two cats and a dog. They are surrounded by many plants, piles of picture books, and some single fin surfboards. Visit him at vinvogel.com.

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A Vanishing of Griffins

S.A. Patrick

Summary

The epic, middle grade fantasy continues in Book Two of the *Songs of Magic* trilogy!

Having upset the Hamelyn Piper's dastardly plan to build an army through songs of mind control, 13-year-old Piper, Patch Brightwater, must foil the escaped villain's next sinister plot: assembling a suit of immortal armor. Accompanied by Wren, a girl cursed to live as a rat, and Barver, a fire-breathing dracogriff, Patch seeks the aid of old friends, legendary heroes, and a near-dead sorcerer. Embark on another adventure with the motley trio as they clash with pirates of the Eastern Seas, uncover secrets of the griffins, and dabble with magic to undo past wrongs and forge their own offense before it's too late.

S. A. Patrick's *Songs of Magic* trilogy is a brilliant retelling of one of the darkest legends of all time, "The Piper of Hamelyn." Combining folklore with the very best of modern storytelling, the books will delight young fantasy fans who are hungry for perilous quests, friendships forged on the road, and an inventive magic system that thrills the imagination.

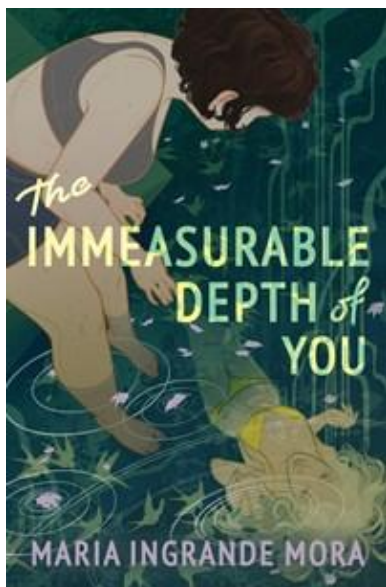
Series Overview: Join 13-year-old Piper, Patch Brightwater in a world of dragons and song-spells as he sets off on a quest to vanquish the sinister Hamelyn of Piper. With the help of Wren, a girl cursed to live as a rat, and Barver, a fire-breathing dracogriff, can Patch prevent a madman from conquering humans and dragons alike? Find out in the middle grade fantasy trilogy, *Songs of Magic*!

Contributor Bio

S. A. Patrick was born in Belfast. When he was a child, he wanted to write video games, become an author, and have magical powers. The first two came true. If he ever does get magical powers, he hopes people like dragons and griffins because there will suddenly be a lot of them around. He lives in England. Follow him on Twitter @SethPatrickUK.

Author Residence: England

Author Hometown: England



The Immeasurable Depth of You

Maria Ingrande Mora

Summary

In the devastating but uplifting tradition of Adam Silvera and Nova Ren Suma comes a queer supernatural coming-of-age story from acclaimed author Maria Ingrande Mora.

How do you face your fears when everything is terrifying?

Fifteen-year-old Brynn can't stop thinking about death. Her intrusive thoughts and severe anxiety leave her feeling helpless—and hopeless. So after her mom interprets one of Brynn's blog posts as a suicide note, she takes extreme measures, confiscating Brynn's phone, blocking her Internet access, and banishing her to stay with her father who lives "off the grid" on a houseboat in the Florida mangroves. Isolated from her online friends—her only friends—Brynn resigns herself to a summer of mind-numbing boredom and loneliness... until Skylar appears.

Skylar is everything Brynn isn't—sultry, athletic, and confident. Yet Brynn feels at home around this fearless girl who pushes her to try new things and makes her belly flutter with nerves that have nothing to do with anxiety. When Brynn discovers that Skylar is trapped in the bayou and can't tell her why, she resolves to free her new crush from the dark waters, even if it means confronting all of her worst fears.

Contributor Bio

Maria Ingrande Mora (they/she) is a content strategist and the author of the acclaimed young adult fantasy, *Fragile Remedy* (Flux, March 2021), a Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection. Their love languages are snacks, queer joy, and live music. A graduate of the University of Florida, Maria lives near a wetlands preserve with two cats, two teenagers, and two billion mosquitoes.

Author Residence: Tampa, Florida

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Junkyard Dogs

Katherine Higgs-Coulthard

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Summary

Some people dream of happily ever after, but all 17-year-old Josh Roberts wants is a roof over his head and for his little brother to be safe.

Josh's father has gone missing without a trace. Now Josh and his 9-year-old brother, Twig, are stuck living with Gran in her trailer. Problem is, Gran didn't ask to take care of any kids, and she's threatening to call social services unless Josh can find his dad. After paying off his Gran to take in his little brother, Josh risks truancy and getting kicked off his basketball team to take to the streets and hunt for his dad. But when Josh digs too deep, he suddenly finds himself tethered to a criminal scrapping ring that his father was accomplice to. If Josh wants to keep Twig out of the system and return to some sense of normal, he'll have to track his dad down and demand honest answers.

Story Locale: Indiana

Contributor Bio

Katherine Higgs-Coulthard became a writer on the limb of a Sycamore tree when she was in elementary school. Since then she's written in abandoned buildings, cemeteries, parks, and even on a tall ship, but her favorite place to write has always been the woods. Kat graduated from the University of Nebraska with a bachelor's in education and earned a master's degree from Indiana University, before completing her doctorate in Education through Northeastern University. She has taught kindergarten, third, and fifth grades. Now she trains teachers at Saint Mary's College and offers writing camps and classes for children and teens through Michiana Writers' Center. She lives in Michigan and loves spending time with her family. Follow Kat on Twitter @michianawriter1.

Author Residence: Michigan

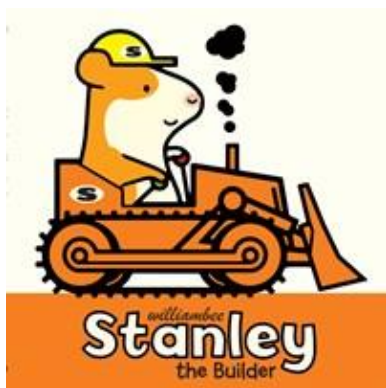
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Stanley the Builder

William Bee

Summary

It's another busy day for Stanley and friends!

When Myrtle buys a plot of land, she asks Stanley to build her a new house. He works step by step—from clearing the site with a bulldozer, to pouring the foundation, to painting the finished house in Myrtle's favorite colors. Luckily, Charlie helps out too. Building houses is hard work, but all three friends are happy with a job well done.

Series Overview: William Bee's beloved Stanley series is a trusted model for basic preschool concepts like colors and shapes, kindness and teamwork, jobs and daily routines. Toddlers will love hanging out with this adorable cast of friendly neighborhood critters in any of the available series titles. Help your little one collect them all!

Contributor Bio

William Bee is an artist and commercial designer who has worked for renowned fashion houses, including Issay Miyake and Paul Smith. As well as writing children's picture books and board books, he races a vintage sports car, is an international skier, and when at home tends his lawns and meadow. He lives in England.

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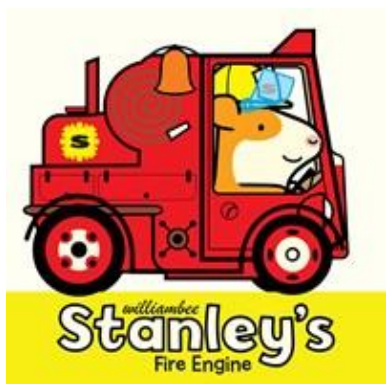
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Stanley's Fire Engine

William Bee

Summary

It's another busy day for Stanley and friends!

Stanley keeps his fire engine in tip-top condition. It needs to be ready for anything. It has a tall ladder, a big water tank, and a long hose. Uh, oh. The fire station has a phone call: Charlie's barbecue has gotten out of control. CLANG! CLANG! CLANG! Out of the way! Stanley's on the job!

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Stanley's School

William Bee

Summary

It's another busy day for Stanley and friends!

Ding, ding, ding! It's time for school with Stanley and Hattie. Stanley reads a story to Little Woo, Sophie, and Benjamin. Outside, everyone has fun in the garden, and Stanley's lemonade and Hattie's lovely fruit salad are delicious snacks for lunch right before a nice little nap. Things get a little messy during art time, though . . . uh, oh!

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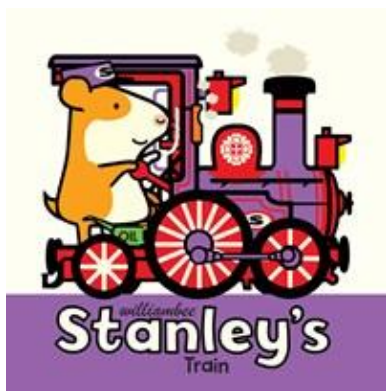
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Stanley's Train

William Bee

Summary

It's another busy day for Stanley and friends!

All aboard on Stanley's train and tickets ready, please. Stanley's passengers have a beach ball, a toy boat, and an inner tube. Where could Stanley's train be headed? Off we go on another adventure! Choo, choo!

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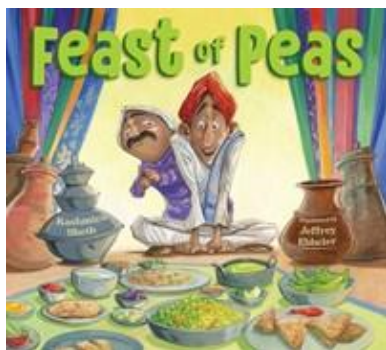
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Feast of Peas

Kashmira Sheth, Jeffrey Ebbeler

Summary

A vibrant and deliciously amusing suspenseful story set in India about food and gardening, anticipation, and generosity.

Every morning, Jiva works in his garden until the sun turns as red as a bride's sari. Observed by his friend Ruvji, Jiva plants peas and beans, potatoes and tomatoes, eggplants and okra in his vegetable patch, and anticipates a delicious meal of "plump peas, sweet peas, lined-up-in-the-shell peas."

But each time Jiva is ready to pick those delicious peas for his feast, he finds that they're already gone. And not a single precaution he takes—a fence, a scarecrow—prevents the next theft. Who or what is stealing Jiva's delicious peas?

Story Locale:India

Contributor Bio

Kashmira Sheth was born in India and came to the United States when she was seventeen to attend Iowa State University, where she received a BS in microbiology. She is the author of several picture books, chapter books, and middle grade and young adult novels. In her free time, Kashmira enjoys gardening, traveling, and spending time with her family. She loves peas as much as Jiva and Ravji do. Not mushy bland peas but perfectly spiced and simmered peas. Peas paired with potatoes and corn. And crisp and crunchy peas plucked right from the vines.

Author Residence: Charlottesville, Virginia

Author Hometown: Bhavnagar, India

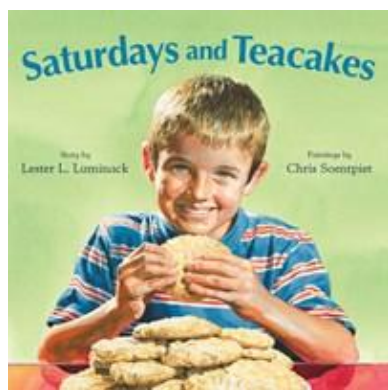
Jeffrey Ebbeler, a graduate of Art Academy of Cincinnati, has been creating art for children for almost twenty years and has illustrated over fifty books. After college he worked for a puppet theater sculpting marionettes and performing. He also created many large-scale animal puppets for the Central Park Zoo. His favorite peas are sugar snaps, which he grows and sometimes eats right off the vine.

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Illustrator Hometown:Cincinnati, Ohio

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Saturdays and Teacakes

Lester L. Laminack, Chris Soentpiet

Summary

A lyrical picture book memoir of one boy and his beloved Mammaw, his grandmother, from award-winning author Lester L. Laminack with brilliant watercolor illustrations by Chris Soentpiet.

Lester Laminack grew up in a small town in Alabama in the 1960s where he recalls his bike trip every Saturday to visit his beloved Mammaw, his grandmother.

As the story opens, we see the boy bicycling through his small town en route to Mammaw's house. Love is on display here in the exquisite illustrations of award-winning artist Chris Soentpiet and in the scenes of the boy and his grandmother as they visit, work together in the garden, lunch on tomato sandwiches, and finally make teacakes. Mammaw lets him eat all he wants of the beautiful, hot cookies.

Contributor Bio

Lester L. Laminack is a specialist in children's literacy and professor emeritus at Western Carolina University. Laminack has written numerous books and articles for educators in addition to his picture books, and he is a sought-after speaker at professional meetings and reading associations nationwide.

Author Residence: Whittier, North Carolina

Author Hometown: Hefflin, Alabama

A native of Korea, Chris Soentpiet graduated with honors from the Pratt Institute of Art in New York City, where he majored in fine arts and minored in education. He has illustrated numerous award-winning books for children.

Illustrator Residence: Flushing, New York

Illustrator Hometown: Born in Korea, grew up in Hawaii

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Bo the Brave

Bethan Woollvin

Summary

A feisty little girl learns who the real monsters are in this brilliantly funny original fairy tale from Bethan Woollvin, creator of the *New York Times* Best Illustrated Book Children's book *Little Red*.

Bo wants to be just like her brothers and capture a fearsome monster, but Bo is too small to catch a monster—or so her brothers say. Luckily, Bo isn't one to take no for an answer, and so she sets off on a quest to catch a monster of her own. Can she defeat the furious griffin, conquer the hideous kraken, and triumph over the monstrous dragon? Or has Bo got the wrong idea about who the real monsters are?

Author-illustrator Bethan Woollvin, creator of the *New York Times* Best Illustrated Children's Book *Little Red*, delivers a winsome medieval adventure that stars a spirited female protagonist and surprises readers with a clever, twist ending.

Contributor Bio

Bethan Woollvin graduated from the Cambridge School of Art with a first class degree in illustration. She has since made a name for herself with dark and witty twists on traditional stories. Her first book, *Little Red*, won the prestigious Macmillan Prize for Illustration and was named a *New York Times* Best Illustrated Children's Book.

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Nina Soni, Perfect Hostess

Kashmira Sheth, Jenn Kocsmiersky

Summary

When family visit from India, Nina Soni has the opportunity to be the perfect hostess—but her annoying cousin Montu and her own assumptions and intentions may complicate matters.

Nina's grandmother is coming to visit, all the way from India. It's hard, only getting to see her grandparents on carefully timed video calls, scheduled to manage that ten-and-a-half hour time difference. But now Dadi is going to stay for several weeks!

Nina can't wait to see Dadi—but then it turns out that Montu, her annoying cousin, will also be coming. It's challenging enough to manage her little sister, but Nina has gotten used to that, and even come to appreciate many of Kavita's eccentricities. Still, it will be fun to introduce her extended family to life and friends in Madison, Wisconsin, and Nina is determined to become the perfect hostess. Surely, she can manage to plan a lovely visit, with the help of the lists she makes in her journal.

Series Overview: Lovable, distractable Indian American Nina Soni tries to keep track of her action-packed life and creative schemes and projects by making lists in her journal.

Contributor Bio

Kashmira Sheth was born in India with Gujarati as her mother tongue and began learning English in fifth grade. She had lived in Bhavnagar and Mumbai before moving to United States when she was seventeen to attend Iowa State University, where she received a BS in microbiology. Before becoming an author Kashmira had many different jobs, including running a dance school and choreographing and performing Indian dances, working in a bakery, and working as a food microbiologist. She is the author of several picture books, chapter books, and middle grade and young adult novels. Taking inspiration from her own life and experiences, much of Kashmira's work centers on Indian culture and features Indian and Indian American characters.

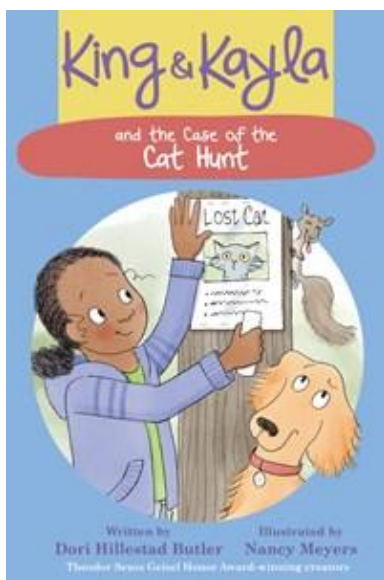
Author Residence: Charlottesville, Virginia

Author Hometown: Bhavnagar, India

Jenn Kocsmiersky is a watercolor artist and picture book illustrator. She was adopted from Seoul, South Korea, and grew up in rural New Hampshire. Now, as a mom and artist, Jenn hopes to promote relatable childhood experiences featuring diverse characters. She was the recipient of the 2018 We Need Diverse Books Mentorship for Illustration and the 2016–2017 Walter Dean Meyers Grant. She lives in New York with her two children and a ginormous goldfish named Joey.

Illustrator Residence:Malta, New York

Illustrator Hometown:Korea



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King & Kayla and the Case of the Cat Hunt

Dori Hillestad Butler, Nancy Meyers

Summary

In this latest book in the Geisel Honor award-winning series, our intrepid human-and-dog detective duo have another mystery to solve: how did Raj's cat escape from a locked house?

King and Kayla have a new case and a new friend. King LOVES new friends. They're his favorite!

Raj needs our beloved detectives to help him find his cat. Blue was in the house when Raj left for school but now he's gone. Blue didn't come for dinner or breakfast. (King can't imagine missing a meal.) Blue never goes outside and he never had the chance to escape. Where did he go?

When Raj describes Blue, he sounds very familiar. Could Blue be Cat with No Name?

Series Overview: A loveable dog helps his human girl solve mysteries in this two-time Geisel Honor-winning series.

Contributor Bio

Dori Hillestad Butler has published magazine stories, educational materials, plays, book reviews, characters for a board game, and forty-two children's books. A two-time Geisel Honor Book winner, for *King & Kayla and the Case of the Missing Dog Treats* and *King & Kayla and the Case of the Lost Tooth*, she has also been nominated for children's choice awards in nineteen different states and won the 2011 Edgar Award for the best juvenile mystery for *Buddy Files: Case of the Lost Boy*.

Author Residence: Seattle, Washington

Author Hometown: Fairmont, Minnesota

Nancy Meyers is a two-time Geisel Honor Book winning illustrator (for *King & Kayla and the Case of the Missing Dog Treats* and *King & Kayla and the Case of the Lost Tooth*), a graphic designer, and the proud owner of Sullivan, golden-doodle extraordinaire! She lives in Minneapolis.

Illustrator Residence: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Illustrator Hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio



The Boy Who Met a Whale

Nizrana Farook

Summary

A Sri Lankan fisherboy is swept up in a thrilling seafaring adventure, complete with a kidnapping, missing treasure, and a huge blue whale!

Razi, a local fisherboy, is watching turtle eggs hatch when he sees a boat bobbing into view. With a chill, he notices a small, still hand hanging over the side.

Inside is Zheng, who's escaped a shipwreck and is full of tales of mutiny, sea monsters, and hidden riches. But the villains who are after Zheng are soon after Razi and his sister, Shifa, too. And so begins an exhilarating escapade in the shadow of the biggest sea monster of them all.

Author Nizrana Farook has crafted another briskly paced, action-packed quest that swells with empathetic heroes, peril on the open sea, and a great beast lurking beneath. Set against a vibrant landscape inspired by Sri Lanka, this delightful caper will thrill young fans of adventure and fantasy.

Contributor Bio

Nizrana Farook was born and raised in Colombo, Sri Lanka, and the beautiful landscapes of her home country find their way into the stories she writes. She graduated from Bath Spa University with an MA in Writing for Young People and lives in England with her husband and two daughters.

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Author Hometown: Columbo, Sri Lanka

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A Darkening of Dragons

S.A. Patrick

Summary

Embark on an epic, dragon-filled adventure where music has the power of enchantment in Book One of the Songs of Magic trilogy.

Thirteen-year-old piper, Patch Brightwater, is a boy in disgrace. Thrown in jail for playing a forbidden spell, he is no one's idea of a hero. But then he discovers a deadly truth—the evil Piper responsible for the disappearance of human and dragon children is on the loose!

With the help of Wren, a girl cursed to live as a rat, and Barver, a fire-breathing dracogriff, Patch must stop the Piper of Hamelyn from plunging the human and dragon worlds into utter war and chaos.

S. A. Patrick's debut children's novel is a brilliant retelling of one of the darkest legends of all time, "The Piper of Hamelyn." Combining folklore with the very best of modern storytelling, *A Darkening of Dragons* will delight young fans of fantasy who are hungry for sprawling perilous quests, friendships forged on the road, and inventive magic systems to thrill the imagination.

Series Overview: *Songs of Magic* is a middle grade fantasy trilogy set in a world of dragons, song-spells, pipers, and epic battles. The books brim with the soaring joyfulness of adventure, the captivating danger of magic, and the delight of finding friends in unexpected places.

Contributor Bio

Seth Alan Patrick was born in Belfast. When he was a child, he wanted to write video games, become an author, and have magical powers. The first two came true. If he ever does get magical powers, he hopes people like dragons and griffins because there'll suddenly be a lot of them around. *A Darkening of Dragons* is his first book for children.

Author Residence: England

Author Hometown: Belfast, Northern Ireland



The Everlasting Now

Sara Harrell Banks

Summary

In Depression-era Alabama, a white boy meets a Black boy from Detroit, who opens his eyes to the complexity and opportunities in their world.

In 1937, the Depression is in full force, Joe Louis is the new heavyweight champion of the world, and Champion Always Luther arrives in Snow Hill, Alabama, changing Brother Sayre's life forever. Brother lives with his mother and sister in their well-run if run-down boardinghouse. Champion has been sent to live with his aunt, who works for Brother's family. With Champion, Brother learns all sorts of things-that he enjoys fishing, that he needs glasses, and that there are subtle and powerful rules of race and power that he's never noticed. A child of privilege, Brother has never questioned the ways of his small southern town-but now he has reason to.

Sara Harrell Banks sets her dramatic story of an adolescent friendship during a troubled, complex time in history, when resources were scarce and segregation was firmly in place.

Contributor Bio

Sara Harrell Banks was raised in Georgia and Alabama by loving and eccentric relatives. She came from a newspaper family and followed in the tradition of her great-grandfather, who was editor and publisher of the Choctaw Herald, and her grandmother, who was his printer's devil and longed to write stories for the paper. She was the author of several books for young readers, including *Remember My Name*, *Abraham's Battle: A Novel of Gettysburg*, and *Under the Shadow of Wings*, which was named an American Bookseller Pick of the Lists and compared to *To Kill a Mockingbird* by *School Library Journal*. She died in 2020.

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Miguel's Brave Knight

Young Cervantes and His Dream of Don Quixote

Margarita Engle, Raúl Colón

Summary

Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra finds refuge from his difficult childhood by imagining the adventures of a brave but clumsy knight.

This fictionalized first-person biography in verse of Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra follows the early years of the child who grows up to pen *Don Quixote*, the first modern novel. The son of a vagabond barber-surgeon, Miguel looks to his own imagination for an escape from his family's troubles and finds comfort in his colorful daydreams. At a time when access to books is limited and imaginative books are considered evil, Miguel is inspired by storytellers and wandering actors who perform during festivals. He longs to tell stories of his own. When Miguel is nineteen, four of his poems are published, launching the career of one of the greatest writers in the Spanish language.

Award-winning author Margarita Engle's distinctive picture book depiction of the childhood of the father of the modern novel, told in a series of free verse poems, is enhanced by Raúl Colón's stunning illustrations. Back matter includes notes from both the author and illustrator as well as additional information on Cervantes and his novel *Don Quixote*.

Contributor Bio

Margarita Engle is the Cuban American author of many verse books, including a Newbery Honor winner, *The Surrender Tree*; a PEN USA Award winner, *The Lightning Dreamer*; and a verse memoir, *Enchanted Air*, winner of many awards, including an inaugural Walter Dean Myers Award Honor. Margarita's books have also received three Pura Belpré Awards and four Américas Awards, as well as a Jane Addams Award, International Reading Association Award, and the Charlotte Zolotow Award. In 2017, the Poetry Foundation named her the Young People's Poet Laureate. Margarita grew up in Los Angeles but developed a deep attachment to her mother's homeland during summers with her extended family in Cuba. She was trained as a botanist and agronomist before becoming a full-time poet and novelist.

Author Residence: Clovis, California

Author Hometown: Los Angeles, California

Raúl Colón was born in New York City in December of 1952 and moved with his parents in the 1960s to Caguas, Puerto Rico, where he studied commercial art. Colón is a versatile and acclaimed illustrator whose work has appeared in important national publications. An award-winning illustrator of over thirty books for children, Colón has received a Golden Kite Award, a Pura Belpré Award, and both a gold and silver medal in The Original Art show. He lives in New City, New York.

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