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## Bob the Boo-Boo



MÉLINA SCHOENBORN SANDRA DUMAIS

## Bob the Boo-Boo

Mélina Schoenborn, Sandra Dumais

### Key Selling Points

Unique and memorable main character will stay with readers (and maybe become their next boo-boo!).

Delightful storytelling, with just enough levity.

Great choice for helping children navigate their emotions after getting hurt.

### Summary

**A charming and funny story with an unexpected main character – a boo-boo!**

An adorable boo-boo named Bob is looking for a cozy place to settle down when he spots a little boy who's fallen off his bike and hurt himself. "Can I be your boo-boo?" Bob asks the boy. When the boy agrees, Bob eagerly jumps up onto his scraped knee. It's a perfect spot, and Bob and the boy spend many glorious days doing everything together. That is, until the boy starts to realize what Bob has known all along. Boo-boos and little boys can't stay together forever. Or can they?

This fun and original story is the perfect remedy for any child who's got a boo-boo of their own, and a great choice for helping children navigate their emotions after getting hurt.

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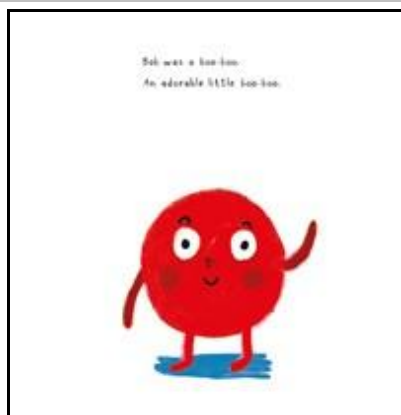
24 Pages  
Carton Qty: 48  
Ages 3 to 7, Grades P to 2  
Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes  
JUV039050  
8.5 in H | 8 in W

### Contributor Bio

Mélina Schoenborn is a children's book author and ceramic artist. She is the author of the picture books *Squirrels!* *This is Not a Book about Dinosaurs* and *Bob the Boo-Boo*. What she loves most, when she's not writing or creating ceramic bowls, is eating donuts before dinner. Mélina lives in Montreal, Quebec.

Sandra Dumais is a children's book illustrator and the owner of the company Moon and Sparrow. She is the author of the *Farm Crimes!* series and the illustrator of *Oliva Wrapped in Vines*, *The Fossil Whisperer* and *Bob the Boo-Boo*. In her free time, she can be seen exploring Montreal's laneways with her husband and their two little artists.

### Illustrations





## Bye Bye, Butterfly

Ashley Spires, Mike Shiell

### Key Selling Points

Bestselling creator Ashley Spires's award-winning Binky stories now in picture book format for a younger audience.

Based on the popular animated TV show *Agent Binky: Pets of the Universe*; **over 1.9 million views on YouTube!**

As in the original stories, full of page-turning drama, fun wordplay and physical comedy.

Now streaming in the US on Peacock! Available Live and On Demand in Canada on STACKTV

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### Summary

**Holy fuzzbutt! A new Ashley Spires picture book series, based on the animated TV show *Agent Binky: Pets of the Universe*.**

Binky the space cat is on duty, keeping watch for any aliens (bugs) attempting to breach his space station (house). Wait, there's one (caterpillar) on the windowsill! Hmm, false alarm. It's moving too slowly to be a threat. Except, over the next few days, it gets bigger. And bigger. Then, it builds itself a spaceship (cocoon) and emerges as a colorful flitting alien (butterfly) that – oh, no! – flies directly into the space station! It's time for Binky and his crew (other pets) to contact P.U.R.S.T. (Pets of the Universe Ready for Space Travel) headquarters.

Just like the original early graphic novel series, this TV tie-in series is full of high-camp drama, silly wordplay and delightful physical comedy. *Bye Bye, Butterfly* is perfect for fans who can't get enough of Binky and his pals!

### Contributor Bio

Ashley Spires is the author and illustrator of many books, including the bestselling *The Most Magnificent Thing*, *The Thing Lou Couldn't Do* and the Binky Adventure series. She is a drinker of tea, eater of candy and lover of animals. When she is not making books, she enjoys yoga, jogging and fostering orphan kittens for her local shelter. Ashley lives just outside Vancouver, British Columbia.

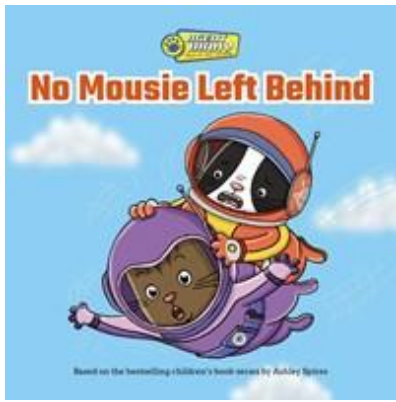
Mike Shiell is a cartoonist, animator and author-illustrator. He is the creator of the animated short films *Melon Shorts* and the *Wandering Melon* web comics series, as well as the illustrator of the *Gross Science* book series (written by Edward Kay). As a longtime animation director, Mike also directed a number of children's TV shows, such as the Emmy Award-winning *The Backyardigans* and *Mike the Knight*. He lives in Georgetown, Ontario.

### Illustrations



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Paperback

40 Pages  
Carton Qty: 120  
Ages 3 to 6, Grades P to 1  
Juvenile Fiction / Media Tie-In  
JUV027000  
Series: Agent Binky: Pets of the Universe  
8 in H | 8 in W



## No Mousie Left Behind

Ashley Spires, Mike Shiell

### Key Selling Points

A new picture book series based on Ashley Spires’s hugely popular graphic novels. Sure to create a whole new set of younger fans for the lovable space cat.

Story from the popular new TV series starring Binky, *Agent Binky: Pets of the Universe*; **over 1.9 million views on YouTube!**

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### Summary

**Holy fuzzbutt! A new Ashley Spires picture book series, based on the animated TV show *Agent Binky: Pets of the Universe*.**

When Agent Binky (the space cat) accidentally falls through a screen while he’s chasing an alien (fruit fly) that got inside his space station (house), he and his beloved stuffed mouse, Ted, are catapulted into outer space (outside), and Ted lands right near an alien spaceship (wasp nest)! Though Binky is brought back inside, Ted is left behind — in enemy territory! Knowing he must act quickly, Binky turns to P.U.R.S.T. (Pets of the Universe Ready for Space Travel) for assistance. But will they be able to rescue Ted in time?

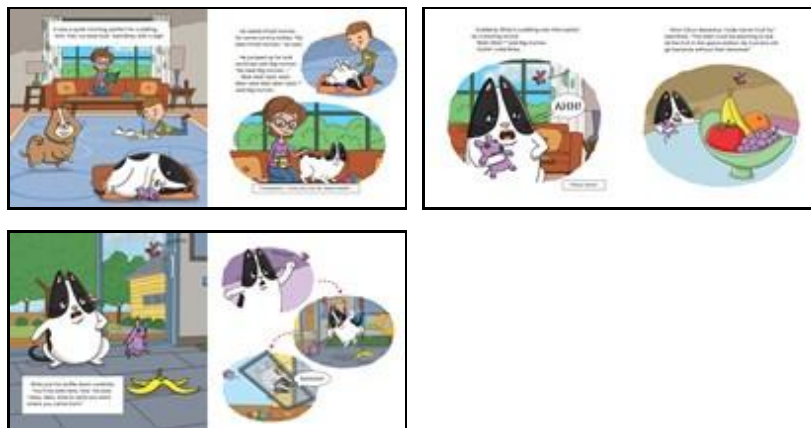
Binky and his friends are on top (or, rather, over-the-top!) in this hilarious adventure based on the animated TV series *Agent Binky: Pets of the Universe* and the original Binky Adventure graphic novel series by award-winning, bestselling creator Ashley Spires.

### Contributor Bio

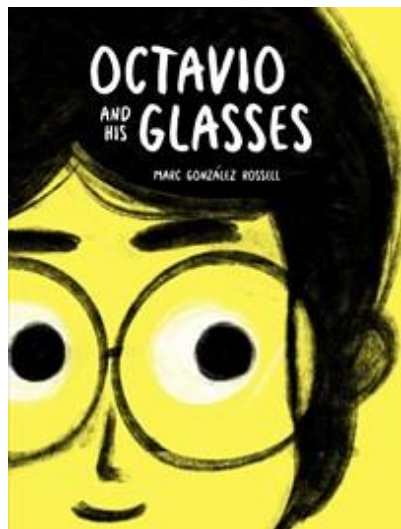
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Juvenile Fiction / Media Tie-In  
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Series: Agent Binky: Pets of the Universe  
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## Octavio and His Glasses

Marc González Rossell

### Key Selling Points

Offers an artful, positive approach to the experience of needing glasses. Compelling, simple storytelling paired with bold, two-color art sure to entice readers.

Perfect bedtime read, containing stories within a story.

### Summary

**An enchanting story about a child whose life is forever changed when he gets a pair of eyeglasses.**

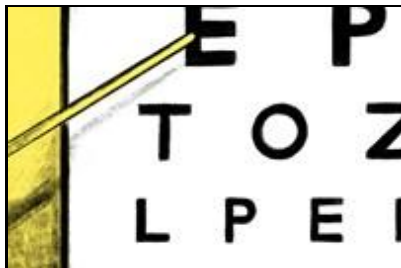
Octavio hasn't been able to see well for some time. Until today. Today he got glasses, and now he sees everything differently. Everywhere he goes, Octavio can see things clearly, whether they are far away or close by. He even can see things when it's dark! But best of all are the extraordinary things Octavio sees in the pages of his storybooks. Entire worlds open up for him there. And his imagination is set free to travel far and wide.

In his picture book debut, Marc González Rossell takes an artful, positive approach to a child's experience of needing glasses. A celebration of the joys of being able to see clearly, this book is ultimately about the wondrous and transformative power of stories. It's sure to be a bedtime favorite that children will want to read again and again.

### Contributor Bio

Marc González Rossell is an author, graphic designer and freelance illustrator. Octavio and His Glasses is his first children's book.

### Illustrations



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Juvenile Fiction / Health & Daily Living  
JUV015000

11 in H | 8.3 in W



## A Summer without Anna

Kate Jenks Landry, Risa Hugo

### Key Selling Points

Perfect for any child dealing with an ill family member or any type of uncertainty. Lyrical writing and soft-focus artwork evoke the emotional tone of the story.

Excellent example of social-emotional learning.

### Summary

**Junie misses her sister – and their summers together before Anna got sick.**

When Junie’s mum and dad leave her with Nan and Pop for the summer, they promise they’ll be back to get her “the minute Anna’s well enough.” Then they hand her Anna’s camera with a note that reads, “In case you find Edmund.” Over the course of the long summer, Junie spends her days floating in the lake, fishing with Pop and taking lots of pictures – though none of Edmund, the elusive giant turtle. Edmund will have to wait, just like Junie’s waiting, until Junie finally gets to see her sister again.

A heartfelt tribute to the love between siblings, this poignant exploration of a child’s inner world during uncertain times is perfect for any young person dealing with an ill family member or any type of uncertainty.

### Contributor Bio

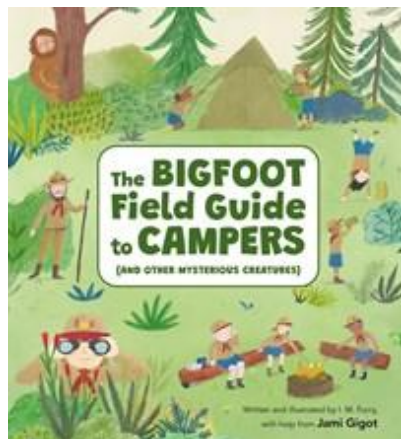
Kate Jenks Landry is an author of books for young people and an educator. Her debut picture book, *Beatrice and Barb*, published with Kids Can Press. She is a graduate of the creative writing program at the University of Toronto. Kate lives with her family in Kitchener, Ontario.

Risa Hugo is the illustrator of a number of children's books, including *Why Are You So Quiet?*, *Leopold's Leotard* and *Métis Like Me*. She is the author-illustrator of the picture book *Shadow*. Risa holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Emily Carr University of Art and Design. She spent most of her childhood living between Japan and Canada, and currently resides in British Columbia with her family.

### Illustrations



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Hardcover  
  
32 Pages  
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Juvenile Fiction / Family  
JUV013070  
8 in H | 8 in W



## The Bigfoot Field Guide to Campers And Other Mysterious Creatures

Jami Gigot

### Key Selling Points

Hilarious storytelling: text explaining rules juxtaposed with art that completely contradicts it.

A fresh, flipped take on a popular character.

Excellent lesson on extending kindness and being open to new experiences.

### Summary

**For fans of *Larf and Alma* and *the Beast*, an endearing, funny friendship story from an unexpected perspective.**

While there are many dangerous creatures in the forest, there's one species that Bigfoot fears most: campers! They're smelly and noisy, and they make a mess of everything. Thankfully, Bigfoot has ten simple guidelines sure to keep anyone safe from these interlopers. Only, when he slips up on Guideline #2 – "Never, EVER allow yourself to be seen by a camper" – Bigfoot's surprised to find himself ignoring his own advice to help one who's lost. Could it be he's had the wrong idea about campers all along?

In this fresh, flipped take on Bigfoot, readers discover how reconsidering what we think we know about others can be a great way to make a friend. Jami Gigot's hilarious storytelling features text describing what not to do playfully juxtaposed with art that completely contradicts it!

### Contributor Bio

Jami Gigot is the author and illustrator of several picture books. She also works in the VFX film industry and has contributed to many award-winning films. Originally from Madison, Wisconsin, she now lives in Vancouver, British Columbia, with her husband, two children and a big orange cat.

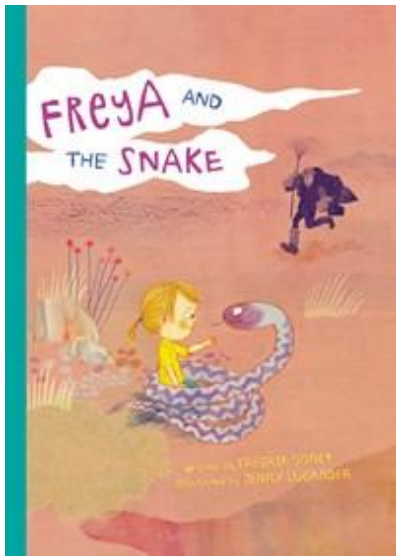
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Hardcover

36 Pages  
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Ages 4 to 7, Grades P to 2  
Juvenile Fiction / Animals  
JUV002270

10 in H | 9 in W



## Freya and the Snake

Fredrik Sonck, Jenny Lucander

### Key Selling Points

An unflinching look at making difficult decisions — and living with the consequences. Explores both family relationships and those between humans and wild animals.

Excellent choice for social-emotional learning.

### Summary

**When a dangerous snake enters the safe space of a family, a child and parent have different ideas about how to handle the situation.**

When Freya and her siblings spot a snake near where they're playing, Freya names it Snakey. But her parents are concerned, worried that Snakey will bite someone. Her dad tries to capture the snake, planning to take it far away. Only, that's much harder to do than he expects. So, to make sure Snakey doesn't harm his family, her dad decides he must take a different approach. One that offers a more permanent solution. One that Freya says she'll never forgive him for.

Told with empathy and honesty, this thought-provoking book explores death, forgiveness and what happens when a child disapproves of something their parent has done. Highlighting both family relationships and those between humans and wild animals, it takes an unflinching look at making difficult decisions – and living with the consequences.

### Contributor Bio

Fredrik Sonck is a journalist and the author of Freja och kr?kungen and Freya and the Snake. Formerly the head of culture at Hufvudstadsbladet newspaper, he now works as the CEO of Ålands Radio and TV.

Jenny Lucander is the acclaimed illustrator of many books, including Freja och kr?kungen, Freya and the Snake and We Are Lions!, which won the 2020 Nordic Council Children and Young People's Literature Prize. She was nominated for the 2024 Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award. Jenny lives and works in Helsinki, Finland.

### Illustrations



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Hardcover

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Ages 4 to 8, Grades P to 3  
Juvenile Fiction / Family  
JUV013060

12 in H | 8.5 in W



## The Kite Collector

Zoey Abbott

### Key Selling Points

Charmingly told story, full of satisfying repetition.

Showcases emotional growth through caring for someone else.

Excellent choice for a child adjusting to a younger sibling.

### Summary

**James loves collecting kites, which he keeps pristine and safe in his bedroom cupboard. His little sister, GG, loves opening cupboard doors and pulling things out ...**

Whenever James has earned enough money from doing small jobs for his neighbors, he buys himself a new kite. He hangs it in his closet with his other kites, where they remain just as James likes them: safe, tidy, just right. That is, until his little sister discovers them. GG has different ideas about kites, and about keeping things safe and tidy. James's sure he knows what's best, but he also loves GG. Is it time for him to reconsider what it means to be "just right"?

This delightful book featuring a special sibling bond offers a wonderful lesson about the joy that can be found in being open to new experiences. It's perfect for anyone needing a fresh perspective on what's "right," and for any child adjusting to life with a younger sibling.

### Contributor Bio

Zoey Abbott is the author-illustrator of *Banana*, *Clementine and the Lion*, *I Do Not Like Yolanda and Pig and Horse* and the *Something Scary*, and the illustrator of a number of other picture books as well. Zoey lives in Portland, Oregon, with her husband, kids and two dogs, Carrots and Maple.

### Illustrations



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32 Pages  
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Juvenile Fiction / Family  
JUV013070

10.5 in H | 8.5 in W



## The Most Magnificent Team

Ashley Spires

### Key Selling Points

Latest from award-winning, bestselling author-illustrator Ashley Spires, a celebration of collaboration in the creative process.

Most Magnificent Thing brand continues to expand: books, a TV series and an award-winning short film.

Series beloved by educators for its growth mindset focus, here highlights important theme of teamwork.

### Summary

**New for fans of the runaway bestseller *The Most Magnificent Thing*, a story about the ups and downs of working with others.**

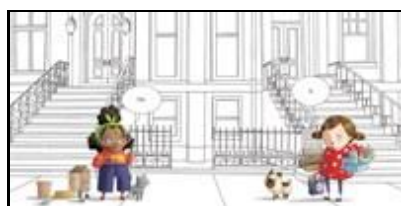
A girl and her dog are ready to make something. She gathers her supplies, and they head to her favorite workspace – only to discover that her neighbor, along with her cat, got there first! Hmm, well, maybe they could make something together? Magnificent idea! So the girl starts cutting, hammering and gluing, while her neighbor considers, measures and calculates. Her neighbor believes in always measuring twice and cutting once, but the girl thinks that takes way too long. Tensions start to rise as it becomes clear they have very different styles of working. And even different ideas about exactly what they’re making! Can they ever work things out as a team?

Blending humor with empathy to strike just the right note, Ashley Spires perfectly captures the emotional ups and downs of working with others in this celebration of collaboration in the creative process. As the girl perseveres through technical and emotional challenges, she learns that mistakes don’t mean failure and setbacks are just part of the route to success. This amusing and inspiring picture book is part of the Most Magnificent franchise that includes books, a TV series and an award-winning short film. The series is a favorite among educators because of its growth mindset focus, and this title highlights another important theme in the classroom: teamwork.

### Contributor Bio

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Juvenile Fiction / Imagination & Play  
JUV051000  
Series: Most Magnificent  
9 in H | 9 in W



# Sloth and Squirrel on Vacation

Cathy Ballou Mealey, Kelly Collier

## Key Selling Points

Second book in the endearing picture book series about two lovable, mismatched best friends.

Humorous illustrations combined with clever storytelling make for a fun read-aloud.

Themes of teamwork, caring and adaptability.

## Summary

**When a speedy squirrel and a slow-moving sloth discover they want different things from their vacation, things do not go smoothly, but solving problems together is what counts.**

Finding a destination that best friends Sloth and Squirrel can agree on for their vacation is tough, until they learn that Paradise Park has "Something for Everyone!" Perfect! While Sloth happily lazes on the sand, Squirrel enjoys rock climbing, kayaking, paragliding, ziplining ... until he starts to miss Sloth, and heads back to find him. Meanwhile, Sloth, finished with his nap, is missing Squirrel, and begins searching for him — in all the places Squirrel has just been! Will the friends ever have fun *together*?

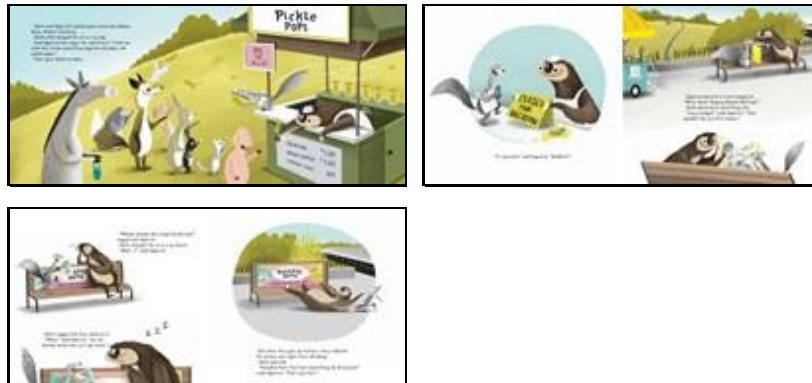
Young readers will appreciate how the two lovable, mismatched friends always find a way to work things out. This endearing story makes a funny and engaging read-aloud, offering lessons on caring for others and being adaptable.

## Contributor Bio

Cathy Ballou Mealey enjoys all kinds of fun vacation activities, including swimming, reading and sharing sweet treats. When she is not writing or reading, she volunteers for schools and programs that support individuals with autism and intellectual disabilities. Cathy likes dill pickle pops and chocolate ice cream, but not at the same time! She lives with her husband, son and daughter north of Boston, Massachusetts, where she delights in watching silly squirrel antics and is waiting patiently for a sloth to appear. Instagram @catballoumealey X/Twitter @catballoumealey Bluesky @catballoumealey

Kelly Collier has been drawing since she was little, and studied illustration in college. She is the author-illustrator of A Horse Named Steve, Team Steve and The Imposter, and the illustrator of Sloth and Squirrel in a Pickle and the Izzy series. She has an identical twin sister and an older brother. The idea for Steve the Horse came from a doodle she did to fill a small empty frame at home. Kelly lives in Toronto, Ontario, with her husband and daughter.

## Illustrations



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Juvenile Fiction / Humorous  
Stories  
JUV019000  
Series: Sloth and Squirrel  
9 in H | 10 in W



## Unnaturally Blue

Dorson Plourde, Byron Eggenschwiler

### Key Selling Points

Models creative ways of visualizing and understanding big feelings.  
Award-winning illustrator Byron Eggenschwiler at his imaginative best.

Magical realist art and text encourage young children to explore and celebrate their uniqueness.

### Summary

**A richly imagined picture book about finding your way back to yourself.**

A young swimmer panics in a crowded community pool, and it feels like there isn't even any room for her tears. Out of place where she was once at home, the girl swims down, down, into the deepest deep ... and embarks on a surrealist journey to the swampy world under the under. As she rests there with her feelings, the girl finds power in embracing who she is – even the swampiest parts. And her triumphant return to the pool inspires the other children to be their truest selves, too.

This dreamlike picture book models creative ways for children – and adults – to visualize and understand their big feelings and accept their inner selves. Award-winning illustrator Byron Eggenschwiler is at his imaginative best, delivering art that pairs beautifully with author Dorson Plourde's poetic magical realism.

### Contributor Bio

Dorson Plourde is an author and elementary art educator. At home, his studio is full of picture books, good tunes and paints ... but mostly spots for his cat, Theo, to snooze on. Originally from Portland, Maine, he is now based in Boston, Massachusetts. You can find him online at [www.dorsonplourdebooks.com](http://www.dorsonplourdebooks.com).

Byron Eggenschwiler is an award-winning illustrator whose books include *Polar*, *The Strangest Thing in the Sea* and *The Little Ghost Who Was a Quilt*. His work has appeared in the *New Yorker*, the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal* and *GQ*. Byron lives in Calgary, Alberta, with his wife and two cats.

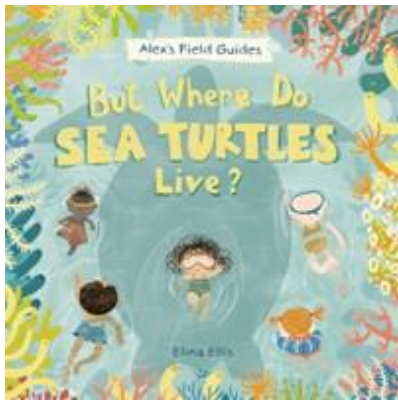
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## But Where Do Sea Turtles Live?

Elina Ellis

### Key Selling Points

Spreads feature pages from Alex’s journal, packed with fun sea turtle facts. Series features kid-friendly allegories on the importance of protecting the habitats of endangered species.

Appealing characters and a compelling mystery further learning.

### Summary

**Dive deep into the mystery of sea turtles in the latest addition to the Alex’s Field Guides series.**

The Curious Explorers Club has one question for Alex: Where do sea turtles live? As her friends share their theories, Alex checks her journal for clues. How big are they? What do they eat? Where do they lay eggs? The explorers follow the answers to find out: Where exactly *do* sea turtles live?

As in each of the titles in author and illustrator Elina Ellis’s Alex’s Field Guides series, this engaging book offers a child-friendly allegory on the importance of protecting the habitats of endangered species. Appealing characters asking kid-friendly questions will draw in children wanting to know the answers. Colorful spreads showcase Alex’s journal – jam-packed with sea turtle facts, including how they’re being threatened. The back matter shows readers how to start their own explorers club. With its clever blend of story and information, this is an excellent choice for life science lessons on marine animals, habitats and characteristics of living things. It also fosters critical thinking and inquiry-based learning.

### Contributor Bio

Elina Ellis was born in Ukraine and has a master's in children's book illustration from Anglia Ruskin University. She has illustrated several picture books, including Chickadee: Criminal Mastermind and This Is the Path the Wolf Took. Elina loves wildlife, cooking and a good joke. There is no greater reward for her than a smile on the face of her reader. She lives in Cambridge, United Kingdom.

### Illustrations



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 JNF003270  
 Series: Alex's Field Guides  
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# Kersplash! A Cloud Bursts

Jessica Kulekjian, Zoe Si

## Key Selling Points

Inventive blend of poetic storytelling and accessible explanatory text.

Appealing art by Pulitzer Prize-nominated cartoonist and illustrator Zoe Si.

Weather and the water cycle are important curriculum topics in the primary grades.

## Summary

**This fun, informational picture book expertly pairs poetry and science to explain how a cloud experiences the water cycle.**

Here’s an innovative story about the water cycle – told by a cloud! The cloud describes the process in lyrical prose, complemented by side commentary from a clever bird who fills in the science facts. First, the cloud soaks up moisture, gathering “steam from a cup of tea” and “vapors from salty seas.” Then, it becomes full and heavy: its “soggy edges bulge.” Finally, it BURSTS, creating a rainstorm, punctuated by thunder and lightning. Until, at last, it’s spent, “frizzled, drizzled, drained,” leaving only a rainbow.

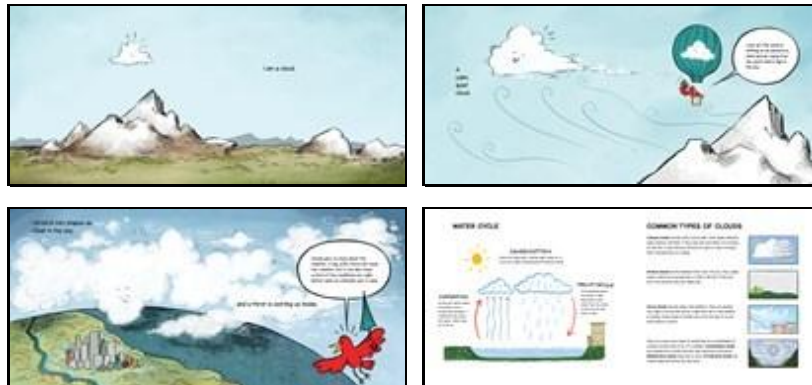
With its inventive combination of poetic and explanatory language, this compelling book is ideal for reading aloud and interaction. The accessible text by Jessica Kulekjian and appealing, simple art by Pulitzer Prize-nominated cartoonist and illustrator Zoe Si effortlessly teach young children about how clouds form, explaining what water vapor is and how it moves from the air to the ground and back again. Expert-vetted back matter includes diagrams and explanations of the three stages of the water cycle, information about types of clouds and an exploration of the life cycle of a thunderstorm. It’s a perfect pick for science lessons on weather and the water cycle, and a great companion book to *Kaboom! A Volcano Erupts*.

## Contributor Bio

After a childhood spent outdoors, Jessica Kulekjian studied education and creative writing in college. Now, she teaches second grade and writes stories inspired by her passion for nature, free play and learning. She is the author of several books for children, including *Before We Stood Tall*, an NCTE Notable Book in Poetry. Jessica lives in central California with her family.

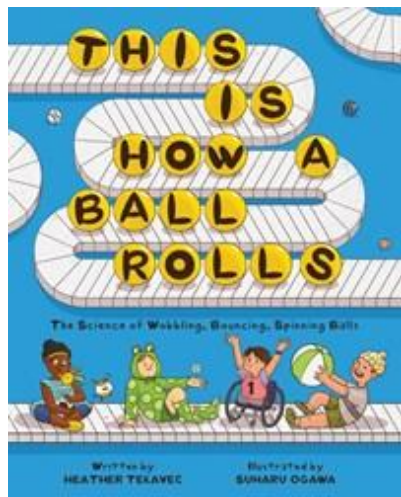
Zoe Si is a Pulitzer Prize-nominated cartoonist and illustrator with a lifelong passion for laughing at her own jokes. After practicing law for a number of years, she now spends her days making children's books, cartooning and writing funny articles for the *New Yorker*, and drawing comics. She lives in Vancouver, British Columbia, with her husband and a large, fluffy dog.

## Illustrations



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Juvenile Nonfiction / Science & Nature  
JNF037080  
Series: Forces of Nature  
9 in H | 10 in W



## This Is How a Ball Rolls

### The Science of Wobbling, Bouncing, Spinning Balls

Heather Tekavec, Suharu Ogawa

#### Key Selling Points

Bestselling author Heather Tekavec is a kid favorite.

Combines playful, fun information with solid science.

A perfect STEAM pick for classrooms, and any child who's mad about balls.

#### Summary

**An innovative and fun guessing game book about sports balls and the physics behind how they move!**

In this one-of-a-kind informational picture book, cleverly tongue-twisting descriptions introduce twelve different types of sports balls, and readers are encouraged to guess what they are. An accompanying block of text provides the answer and explains the science behind how the balls do what they do (hint: the fuzz on tennis balls is there for a reason!) and what makes them so much fun! The balls are listed in ascending order by size, from a tiny marble, a "clinking, plinking, bumping ball," to a person-sized Zorb ball, a "slip-and-slide-inside ball." Entertaining, playful and loads of fun to read aloud, this is a perfect STEAM pick for classrooms, and a great mashup of sports and science.

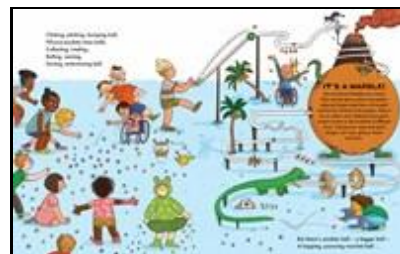
Bestselling author Heather Tekavec combines a high-interest topic, fascinating science and silly-sounding text to create the kind of book that young children will want to spend time with. Suharu Ogawa's irreverent, offbeat art is full of clever little details readers will delight in discovering. This book is a great accompaniment to primary grade science lessons on physics topics such as matter, motion, forces and inventions. The back matter contains explanations of the essential physics of balls and ball-related trivia questions.

#### Contributor Bio

Heather Tekavec discovered while working as a preschool teacher that children's books were a lot more fun than adult books. In addition to picture books, such as *Arnold the Super-ish Hero*, *Different? Same!* and *Stop, Thief!*, Heather enjoys writing short stories, articles and poems for children's magazines, such as *CRICKET*, *Chirp*, *Highlights* and *Totline*, and has delved a few times into writing scripts and directing live theater. She lives in Cloverdale, British Columbia.

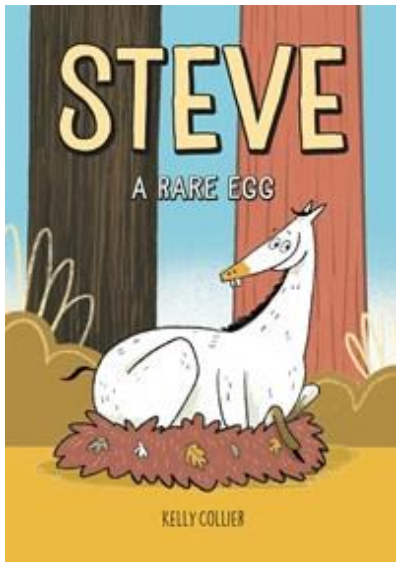
Suharu Ogawa is a Toronto-based illustrator originally from Japan. Formally trained in art history and cultural anthropology, she worked for several years as a university librarian until her passion for illustration called her out of that career and into the pursuit of a lifelong dream. Since then, Suharu has done various work for magazines, children's books, public art projects and more. She teaches illustration at OCAD University in Toronto, Ontario.

#### Illustrations



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Ages 5 to 8, Grades K to 3  
Juvenile Nonfiction / Technology  
JNF051120  
10 in H | 8 in W



## Steve, a Rare Egg

Kelly Collier

### Key Selling Points

Second book in the Steve the Horse early reader graphic novel series. Silly antics make for a fun read.

Hilariously illustrates the pitfalls of confirmation bias.

### Summary

**The second book in a graphic novel series about Steve, a pretty incredible horse (just ask him!).**

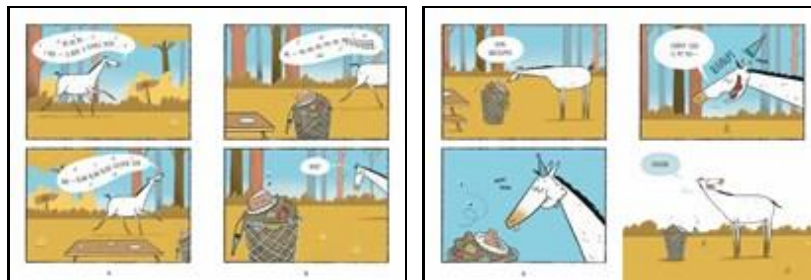
Steve makes an intriguing discovery as he is munching leftover party cake in the picnic area. The *thingamabob*, as he has named it, is oval shaped and smooth. Hmm. It must be an egg! True, no one has ever seen a red egg before ... but that must be because they've never seen a *super rarethingamabob* egg before! Now that Steve has identified it, he'd better take care of it until they find its parents. Steve knows a lot about caring for eggs. What could possibly go wrong?

Kids love how Steve is always so sure he knows best ... until he doesn't. He's an irresistible, if misguided, hero whose silly antics keep readers laughing out loud!

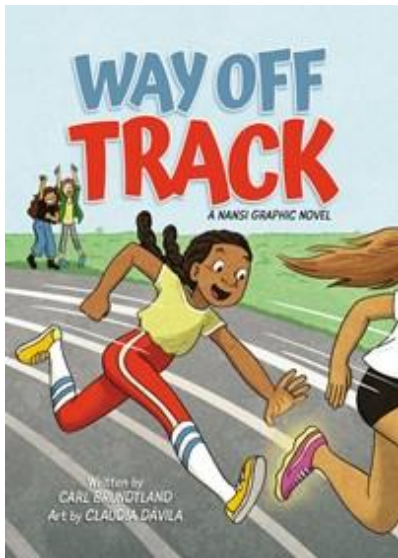
### Contributor Bio

Kelly Collier has been drawing since she was little, and studied illustration in college. She is the author-illustrator of *A Horse Named Steve*, *Team Steve* and *The Imposter*, and the illustrator of *Sloth and Squirrel in a Pickle* and the *Izzy* series. She has an identical twin sister and an older brother. The idea for *Steve the Horse* came from a doodle she did to fill a small empty frame at home. Kelly lives in Toronto, Ontario, with her husband and daughter.

### Illustrations



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64 Pages  
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Ages 6 to 9, Grades 1 to 4  
Juvenile Fiction / Comics &  
Graphic Novels  
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Series: Steve the Horse  
9 in H | 6.5 in W



## Way Off Track

Carl Brundtland, Claudia Dávila

### Key Selling Points

Introduces a charmingly self-absorbed character readers will fall in love with. This is right in the middle-grade lane with its themes of friendship, entrepreneurship and athletics.

Incorporates elements of Jamaican culture, along with a West African folktale character, Anansi.

### Summary

**Step aside for a fresh and funny new voice in middle-grade graphic novels.**

Nansi has never lost a race ... until snobby Tania beats her in an unofficial event. Surely it's Tania's flashy shoes that gave her the edge. Nansi has to get a pair before the track tryouts! But how will she kick up \$338?

Incorporating Jamaican culture and the West African trickster character, Anansi, debut author Carl Brundtland has created an endearingly self-absorbed heroine who always goes the distance – even if it's the wrong way. With award-winning illustrator Claudia Dávila's expressive art, *Way Off Track* hits the ground running with humor, hijinks and a whole lot of heart.

### Contributor Bio

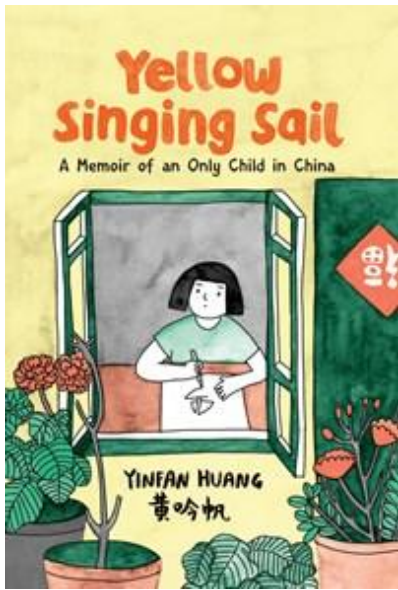
When Carl Brundtland was growing up, his grandma would share little life lessons in the form of Jamaican proverbs. His favorites were the stories about Anansi the spider, which inspired the antics found in his debut graphic novel. He lives in Toronto, Ontario, with his wife and two kids, who bring their own form of mischief to his life. Claudia Dávila is the author-illustrator of *Super Red Riding Hood* and the illustrator of *ThunderBoom*. She lives in Toronto, Ontario, with her husband and two kids.

### Illustrations



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 Ages 8 to 12, Grades 3 to 7  
 Juvenile Fiction / Comics &  
 Graphic Novels  
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 Series: A Nansi Graphic Novel  
 8.5 in H | 6 in W



## Yellow Singing Sail

A Memoir of an Only Child in China

Yinfan Huang

### Key Selling Points

Fascinating details about life as a child in 1990s China.  
Offers excellent lessons on resilience and perseverance.

Timely message about how the challenges of growing up are universal.

### Summary

**For fans of *New Kid* and *Stealing Home*, an unforgettable portrait of childhood during the one-child era in China.**

In her early years, Yinfan lives in the small Chinese county of Xintian, surrounded by family members. But when they move for her father's new job to the city of Guangzhou, her life changes dramatically. Not only does Yinfan need to adjust to a new dialect, but she also has to comply with many new rules at home and in school, and deal with her loneliness. Yinfan yearns to make a good friend, and she does her best to try and fit in. That is, until a girl in her class helps her realize she likes herself just the way she is.

This graphic memoir from author and illustrator Yinfan Huang offers a heartwarming look at a girl's struggle to forge her own identity in her quest for friendship. Full of fascinating details about life as a child and adolescent in 1990s China, it offers a timely message about how the challenges of growing up are universal.

### Contributor Bio

Born and raised in China, Yinfan Huang is a New York-based author and illustrator who creates joyful, whimsical work for children's books, magazines, brands and institutions worldwide. Some of her clients include the New Yorker, Flow magazine, Warby Parker and 3M Post-it Notes. Her love for children's books started at the age of seven when she created her first picture book dummy, about a lazy kitty who tries to grow fish from a tree. She came to the United States in 2011 by herself to pursue her passion for illustration and earn a quality education in her chosen field. After three memorable years in Minnesota, she moved to New York City to become a professional illustrator, where she is inspired deeply by the city and its people. She has since published several children's books and illustrated for children's and adult magazines in China, North America, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands. Her cartoons and comics have been published in the New Yorker in print and online since 2020. She has won prestigious awards from American Illustration, the Society of Illustrators and the World Illustration Awards. Yinfan lives in NYC with her two cats and two chinchillas.

### Illustrations



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Graphic Novels  
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9 in H | 6 in W



## Zeke the Weather Geek: There's Mud in My Flood!

Joan Axelrod-Contrada, Ann Malaspina, Paula Becker

### Key Selling Points

Perfect combination of a page-turning narrative and loads of science material. Features a lovable lead character and a diverse cast of his friends and schoolmates.

Packed with information on weather and floods, from types of floods to climate change's influence.

### Summary

**More wild and wacky weather is in the forecast in the latest installment of this STEAM-centered series.**

Zeke and his friends have "spring fever" and are excited about the temperature rising, but Zeke's Mood Meter starts to wobble when he notices cracks in the river ice. If the ice melts too quickly, it could turn into a flood! When Zeke's favorite meteorologist, Freeze Jones, invites him to join his crew of Weather Watchers, Zeke hopes that will give him the inside scoop on the flood watch. Meanwhile, everyone at school is too focused on the spring play to worry about the potential spring flood. Can Zeke keep his teacher happy while still being an ace Weather Watcher?

This is the second book in an early chapter book series starring the lovable Zeke and a diverse cast of his friends and schoolmates. Page-turning adventure is paired with loads of information on the science of weather, both within the story and in informational spreads tucked between chapters. Topics covered include the spring weather cycle, wind jet streams, types of floods, ice jams, flood safety and climate change's influence on flooding. There's also a glossary of weather words and instructions for building a rain gauge at the back of the book. Playful illustrations add humor to the story and help explain the scientific concepts. This is a terrific resource for Earth science classes.

### Contributor Bio

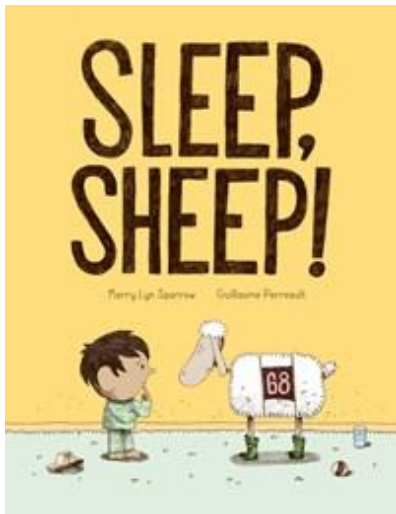
Joan Axelrod-Contrada writes both fiction and nonfiction for children and young adults. The author of over twenty books for young people, she is also a journalist, writing teacher and graduate of the MFA program in Writing for Children and Young Adults at Vermont College of Fine Arts. Growing up in the Boston area, Joan watched TV meteorologists every night, and she credits them with cultivating her love of the weather and inspiring the characters of Freeze Jones and Zeke the Weather Geek. Joan lives in Northampton, Massachusetts.

Ann Malaspina has written over thirty books for young people about the environment, social issues and human rights. Her books have been recognized by the Sydney Taylor Book Awards, American Library Association's Amelia Bloomer Book List, Asian Pacific American Library Association, International Reading Association and state reading associations. Her poetry has been published in literary magazines. A former journalist, Ann has an MFA in Writing for Children and Young Adults from Vermont College of Fine Arts. She lives in New Jersey with her family.

Paula J. Becker loves to create fun, whimsical illustrations for a variety of projects, including books, magazines, posters, greeting cards and educational curriculum. She has illustrated more than thirty books for children, and her work has been published in many children's magazines, including Highlights, High Five, Owl, Chickadee, Chirp, Clubhouse Jr., Click, Ladybug, Ask and Children's Ministry Magazine. When she's not drawing, Paula enjoys watching baseball, bicycling and birdwatching.

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Series: Zeke the Weather Geek  
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## Sleep, Sheep!

Kerry Lyn Sparrow, Guillaume Perreault

### Key Selling Points

Fresh take on the classic counting sheep idea, this story injects fun and laughter into bedtime

Comforting companion for children and a humorous acknowledgment of their bedtime routines

Guillaume Perreault's charming illustrations enhance the narrative

### Summary

There are lots of things Duncan likes about bedtime — the stories, the pajamas, the bubblegum-flavored toothpaste ... The only thing he doesn't like is going to sleep. And he'll do anything he can to avoid it. Until one day, Duncan's mom has had enough of his stalling. "Try counting sheep," she tells him. So, he does. At first, it's kind of fun. As he counts, each sheep appears, wearing its number like a race car, and leaps over the bed. But then comes Sheep #68, who hesitates. He needs a drink of water before he can jump. Then he has to go to the bathroom. Then he wants to put on running shoes. Will Sheep #68 ever do what he's supposed to?

Kerry Lyn Sparrow's hilarious picture book story offers a new take on a universal experience. Using delaying tactics to avoid going to sleep at bedtime is a common routine for young children, and they'll love the sly humor when Duncan's own tricks get turned on him by the ("sheepish") sheep. In subtle colors with lots of telling details, Guillaume Perreault's illustrations bring Duncan's bedtime rituals and his unexpected sheep guests humorously to life. This book makes a fantastic, funny read-aloud, appealing to both children and adults.

### Contributor Bio

Kerry Lyn Sparrow is an elementary school teacher and the author of the picture book *Sleep, Sheep!* Kerry lives on a farm in Antrim, Ontario, with her husband, their two sons and their dog, Lily.

Guillaume Perreault is a graphic designer and illustrator of numerous books for children. He lives and works in Gatineau, Quebec.

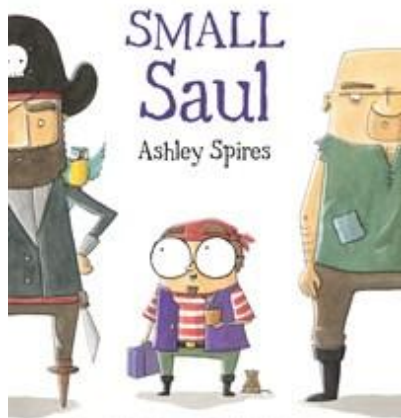
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Juvenile Fiction / Bedtime &  
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## Small Saul

Ashley Spires

### Key Selling Points

The importance of being true to oneself, teaching kids that it's okay to be different and that unique talents can shine in unexpected ways  
 Valuable lessons about acceptance and perseverance

Silly humorous antics make for a fun read aloud

### Summary

From the creator of the Most Magnificent Thing and the Binky Adventures Series, a hilarious story about an unconventional little pirate.

Ahoy there! Will this sweet little pirate find his place aboard *The Rusty Squid* or will he be forced to walk the plank?

When Small Saul joins the crew of *The Rusty Squid*, it doesn't take long for the other pirates to notice something is very different about this tiny fellow. He was born to sing sea shanties, bake pineapple upside down cakes and redecorate, not to hold a sword and plunder. Being rough and tough just isn't in his nature.

Small Saul learned at Pirate College that pirates only care about three things: their ship, being tough and lots and lots of treasure. Can Small Saul show these ruffians that despite his gentle spirit, he's worth his weight in gold? With treasure chests of laughs, Small Saul's high-seas adventure is a light-hearted celebration of individuality, perseverance and being true to one's self.

### Contributor Bio

Ashley Spires is the author and illustrator of many books, including the bestselling *The Most Magnificent Thing*, *The Thing Lou Couldn't Do* and the *Binky Adventure* series. She is a drinker of tea, eater of candy and lover of animals. When she is not making books, she enjoys yoga, jogging and fostering orphan kittens for her local shelter. Ashley lives just outside Vancouver, British Columbia.

### Illustrations



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## You're Finally Here!

Melanie Watt

### Summary

**This back-to-school favourite is the perfect book for welcoming someone new—or for laughing yourself silly!**

From the creator of the best-selling Scaredy Squirrel series stars a hilariously needy and impatient bunny. This is no ordinary picture-book character, and it will quickly become clear that this is no ordinary picture book - namely because you, the reader, are on the spot. You're late!

At first, this little bunny is deliriously excited by your arrival, but now that you're finally here, he wants to know: *where were you?* He's been waiting long enough to learn an accordion solo, among other time-consuming pursuits.

After he's shown you how it feels to be kept waiting and just when he's *finally* satisfied that you're a good steady page-turner who's here to stay, something happens to turn the tables. The result is an off-beat ending worth waiting for!

### Contributor Bio

Melanie Watt is an acclaimed children's book author and illustrator. Her books include the Scaredy Squirrel, Chester and Learning With Animals series, Augustine, Leon the Chameleon and Have I Got a Book for You! She lives near Montreal.

### Illustrations



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