

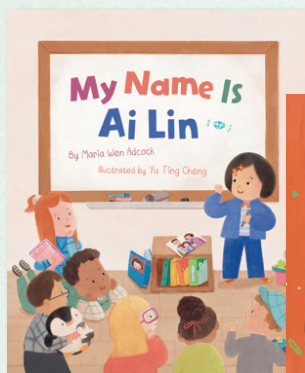


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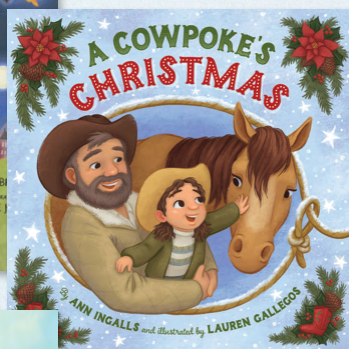


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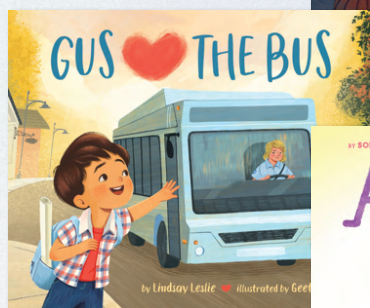


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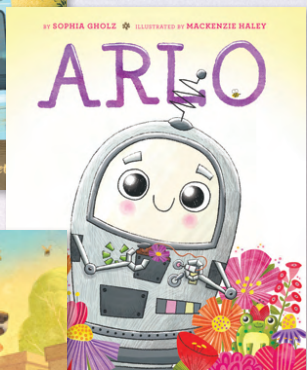


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"A gently joyful tale for vehicle-loving tots."

— *Kirkus Reviews*



## **ARLO**

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"Quirky, thoughtful, and fun."

— *Kirkus Reviews*



## **The Dog Who Saved the Bees**

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"Would-be animal trainers will find this engaging addition to the working-dog shelf of particular interest."

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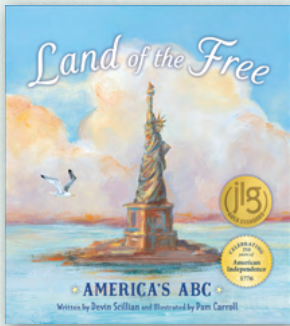
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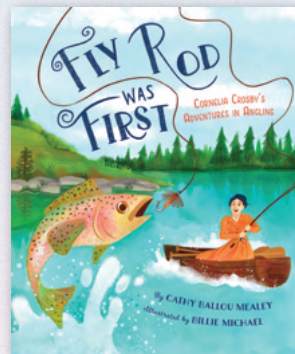
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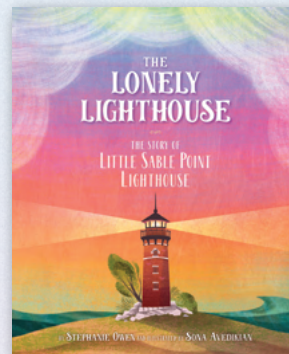
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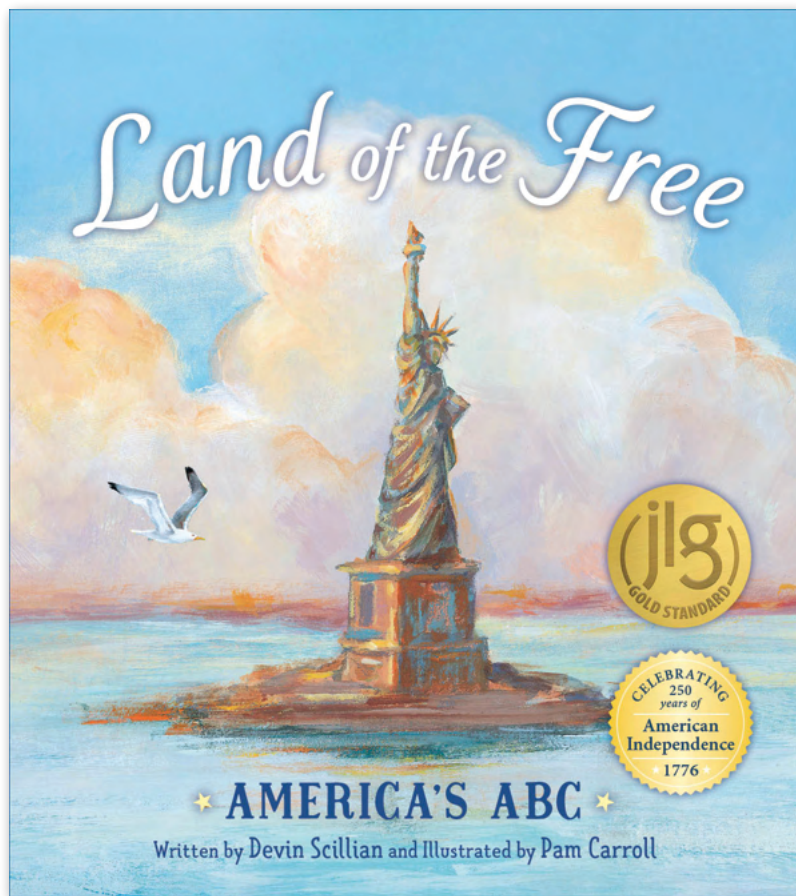


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## Land of the Free: America's ABC

Devin Scillian, Pam Carroll

A sweeping tribute to all we know and love about our country—now with updated content and a fresh format just in time for America's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

From the Liberty Bell and Abraham Lincoln to NASA and Rosa Parks, *Land of the Free: America's ABC* celebrates the people, places, and symbols of this great nation.

With snappy poems that beg to be read aloud, and select “fast facts” to broaden a student’s horizons, this American alphabet will make you fall in love with the United States over and over again.

Bright, beautifully detailed illustrations from California artist Pam Carroll and vibrant full-color photographs bring each letter to life.

**Devin Scillian** is an award-winning broadcast journalist whose children’s books include the Texas Bluebonnet winner *Memoirs of a Tortoise*. He anchored the news for WDIV-TV in Detroit for nearly twenty years.

**Pam Carroll**, born and raised in Southern California, embraces the traditional focus of realism and pictorial illusionism. She has illustrated *A is for America: An American Alphabet*, *One Nation: America by the Numbers*, *S is for Star: A Christmas Alphabet*, and *G is for Golden: A California Alphabet*. She lives with her husband in Carmel, California.

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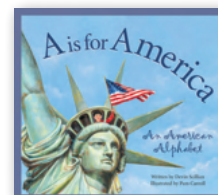
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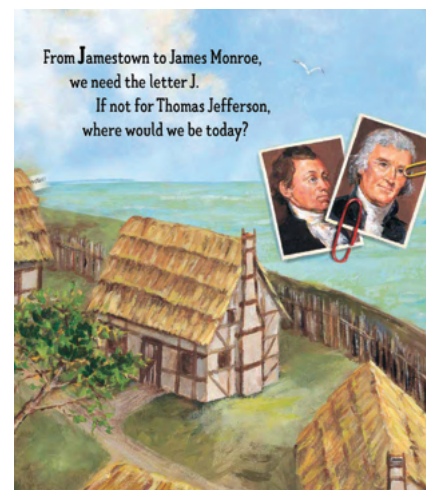
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More From Julia Buchholtz



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## Mama's Song

Julie Buchholtz, Faryn Hughes

Mama gently sings to her child of the Seven Grandfather Teachings. These teachings provide guidance to the Anishinaabe on how to live a life of harmony and balance—living mino-bimaadiziwin, or the good life.

As she gently rocks her child, Big Brown Mama remembers her own mother holding her close and sharing her knowledge and the ancestral wisdom of the many grandmothers who came before.

From amik the beaver comes the reminder to be wise. Makwa the bear embodies the attribute of courage and protecting those weaker than oneself. And a love of all creation is what migizi the eagle shares.

In following the example of these and other animals, one can live a good life, in harmony and balance with the natural world and with one another.

- Back matter includes information on the teachings of the Seven Grandfathers and the Anishinaabemowin language.

**Julie Buchholtz's** first book was *Who Am I?* She is a member of the Bay Mills Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Julie lives in Brimley, Michigan.

**Faryn Hughes** is a freelance illustrator who specializes in ethereal watercolor and digital works inspired by nature and animal wildlife. She lives in St. Paul, Minnesota.

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## You Did It!

Bea Birdsong, Madi Wong

*You did it!*

*You started something new.*

*First one step,*

*then two,*

*and soon, you were on your way.*

From the moment you took your first step, you started an important journey. A journey of wonder, a journey of discovery.

It wasn't always easy. Sometimes there were questions that needed to be asked so you could better understand. There were challenges to face and overcome. And you learned that sometimes you have to fail in order to succeed.

But step by step and day by day, you didn't turn away from things that needed fixing or problems that needed solving. You came out stronger in the end.

And now it's time to celebrate YOU and all you have achieved! A lovely reminder for students of all ages to celebrate their accomplishments.

**Bea Birdsong** is the author of *I Will Be Fierce!*, *Sam's First Word*, *Goat Is the G.O.A.T.*, and other books for children. She lives in Greensboro, North Carolina.

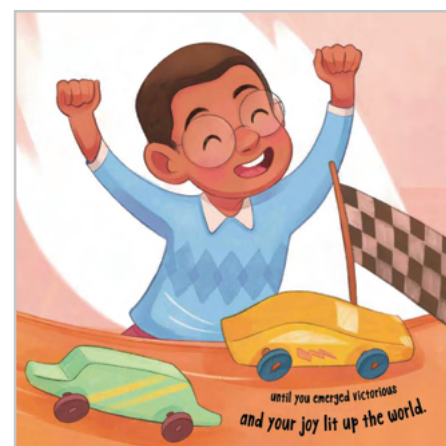
**Madi Wong** is driven by her love of learning, her admiration for the arts, and her wish to always nurture childlike wonder. She lives in Atlanta, Georgia.

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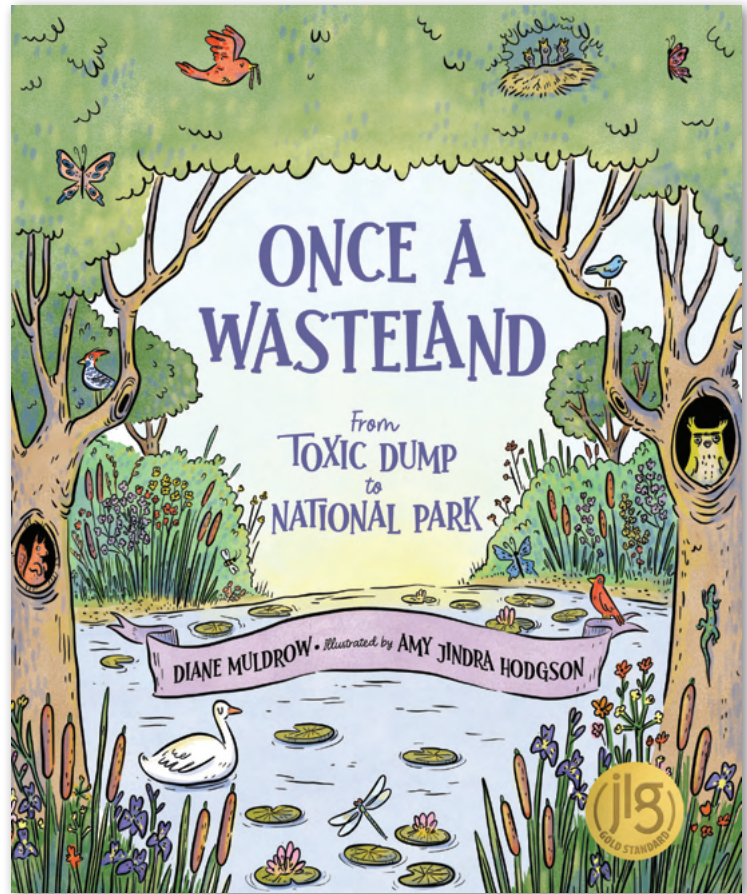
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Another Environmental Story



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## Once a Wasteland: From Toxic Dump to National Park

Diane Muldrow, Amy Jindra Hodgson

This is a story of a happy ending. But it didn't start that way.

*The place?* The Krejci salvage yard, in the Cuyahoga River valley between the Ohio cities of Cleveland and Akron. *The problem?* Pollution—and lots of it!

After decades of companies dumping industrial waste products in the salvage yard, the area had become so contaminated that nothing could live there. Wildlife died and people got sick. What could be done?

The U.S. government enforced a full-scale cleanup of the dump, removing nearly 400,000 tons of tainted soil. Then new soil was brought in, and seeds were planted.

After 25 years, the land was healed. Now the area is part of Cuyahoga Valley National Park. The park provides a home to diverse wildlife; it also serves as an example of how once-devastated environments can heal and become places of beauty for all. A Junior Library Guild Gold Standard selection.

- **Back matter includes additional information about the park's cleanup.**

**Diane Muldrow** is the author of the *New York Times*-bestselling *Everything I Need to Know I Learned From a Little Golden Book* series. She lives in Las Vegas, New Mexico.

**Amy Jindra Hodgson** is an illustrator originally from Cleveland, Ohio. She now lives in Indiana, outside Chicago.



## Hattie, The Happy Little Camper

**Danielle Davison, Alyssa Russell**

Hattie is a happy little camper. She has extra-cozy beds, sturdy little tires, and colorful tin siding that gently *pings* when it rains.

Each summer Hattie’s human family hitches her up and drives out from their city home to a campsite in the woods. Hattie enjoys these vacations with her family, and she especially loves watching the children laugh and play.

But as the years pass, the children grow up and move on to busy lives. No one has time for Hattie anymore, and she is left all alone in the backyard.

As seasons come and go, vines grow around Hattie; she’s dusty, dirty, and a little run-down. Now woodland animals make their homes inside her walls. Hattie doesn’t mind. She likes the company, but it’s not the same as having her human family near. She misses them. She misses the children and their laughter.

Will Hattie ever know that love and happiness again?

- **Back matter includes a special note from the author.**

**Danielle Davison**’s first picture book, *The Traveler’s Gift*, received a starred review from *Kirkus Reviews*. She lives in Maple Plain, Minnesota.

**Alyssa Russell** loves to express her emotions in the characters she draws, making them feel alive. She lives in Austin, Texas.

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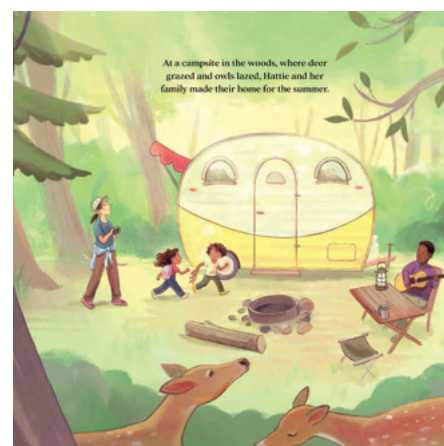


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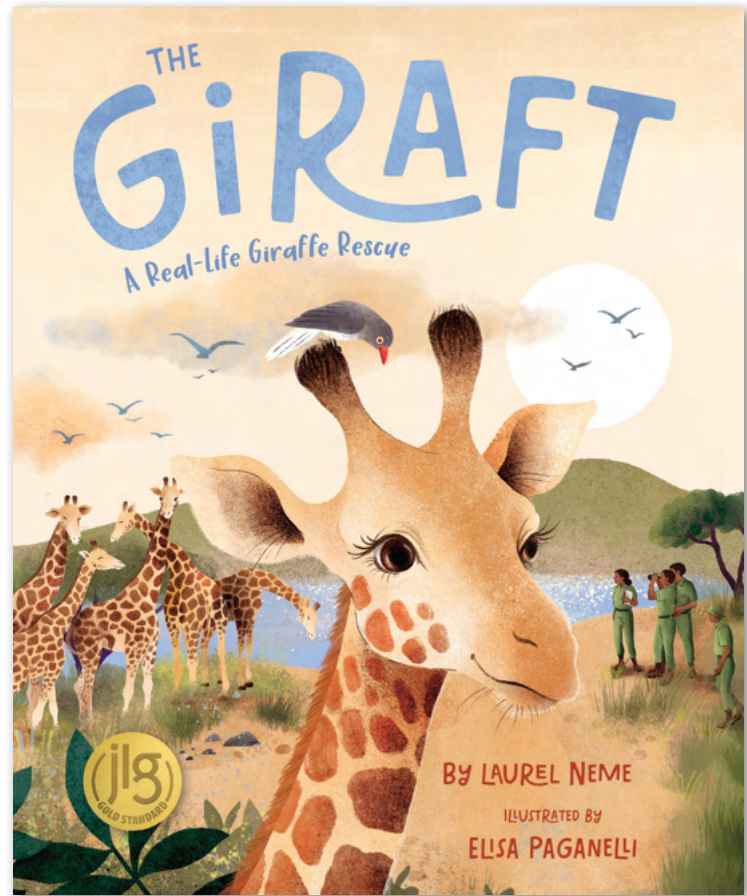
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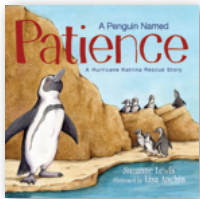
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Another Great Animal Rescue Story



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## The GiRaft: A Real-Life Giraffe Rescue

Laurel Neme, Elisa Paganelli

Poor Asiwa—time is running out!

She and seven other rare Baringo giraffes have peacefully lived on a peninsula that juts out into Lake Baringo in Kenya. But now relentless rain and rising floodwaters have turned their home into an island. Food is running out. It's especially desperate for Asiwa, as the water has stranded her away from the other giraffes. She is alone and frightened.

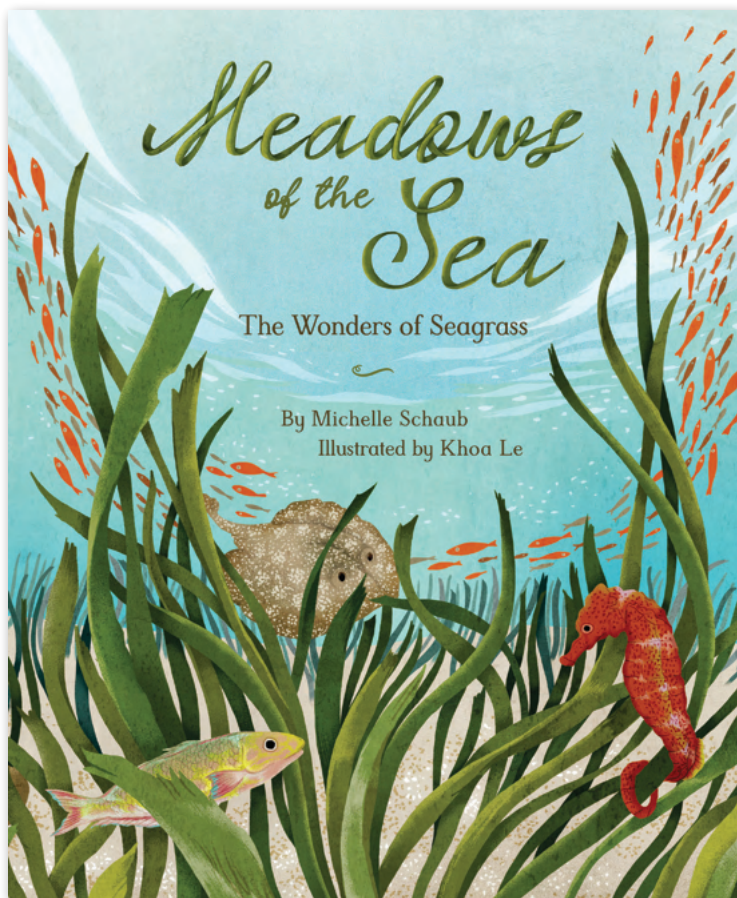
If the giraffes aren't rescued, this rare, endangered breed will be one step closer to extinction. But how does one transport an almost 20-foot-tall wild animal? With a giRaft, of course!

An alliance of wildlife rangers, conservancies, and local community members works to create a flotational device specifically to ferry the giraffes to a new home. Will Asiwa and her herd get on board? The extraordinary rescue of Asiwa and her herd of Baringo giraffes comes to life.

- **Back matter** shares more about Asiwa, as well as fun giraffe facts.

**Laurel Neme** loves helping animals by telling their stories through books and articles for *National Geographic* and others. She lives in Shelburne, Vermont.

**Elisa Paganelli's** books include *June Almeida*, *Virus Detective!* and *Every Little Seed*. She lives in the United Kingdom.



## Meadows of the Sea: The Wonders of Seagrass

Michelle Schaub, Khoa Le

Beneath ocean waves there exists a fascinating ecosystem. Underwater meadows sway in the currents. Welcome to the wonders of seagrass.

These underwater flowering plants evolved from land plants millions of years ago. Often called “the lungs of the sea,” seagrass meadows are found on every continent except Antarctica.

Within this ecosystem is an abundance of marine life, including many species of fish, mammals, reptiles, and invertebrates. And beyond providing shelter and food for these inhabitants and visitors, seagrass plays a valuable role in the health of our planet.

But this important ecosystem is under threat from many human activities. It’s time to pay attention to this critical space on Earth. Through lyrical text and ethereal artwork, the wonders of the awe-inspiring world of seagrass come to life for young readers.

- Back matter includes information about the seagrass ecosystem.

**Michelle Schaub** is the award-winning author of several picture books, including *Leafy Landmarks: Travels with Trees*. She lives in Fort Collins, Colorado.

**Khoa Le’s** children’s books include *Wishes of the World*. She lives in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

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For More Summer Fun



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## Savor the Day

**Shari Green, Gabby Grant**

When a young girl takes a day trip to the beach with her grandfather, together they savor the pleasures found in nature.

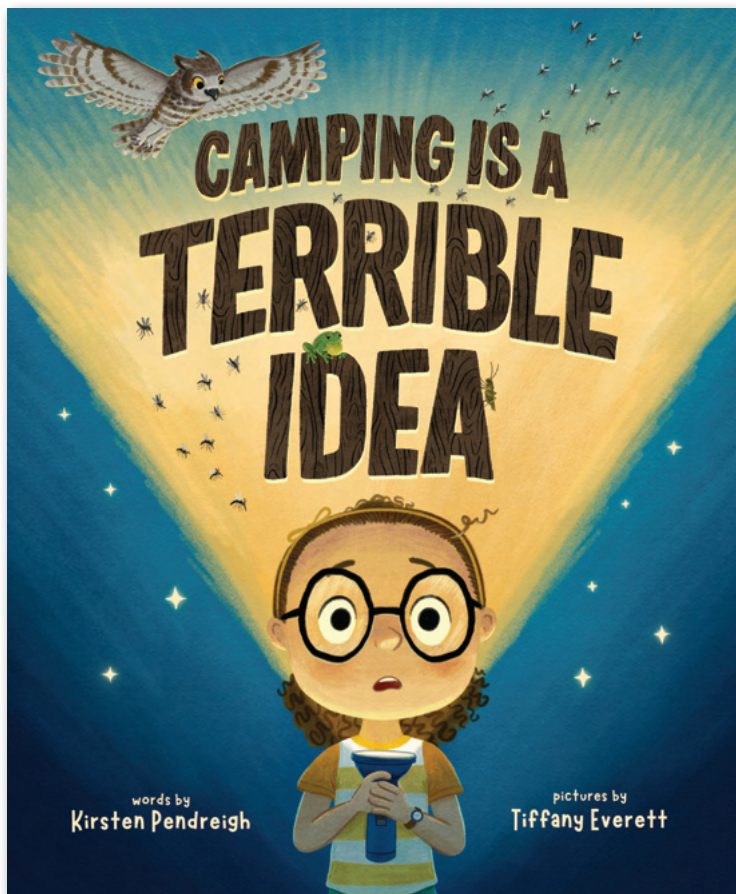
Beginning with the moment she wakes, the possibilities for shared simple delights are endless as the day unfolds before them. From the breathtaking chill of the water to the mouthwatering treats of summer-ripe fruit to the tickle of sand between the toes, this beach adventure comes to life in joyful, rhyming text.

*Savor the sunshine warm on your skin—  
silky sand tickling your toes.  
Coconut sunscreen and sea-salty air—  
the beach grass in wild winding rows.*

And after admiring the sunset at day's end, it's time to head back home, thankful for the time spent together. In this ode to the delights found in a summer's day, readers of all ages are encouraged to notice and savor the little things in life.

**Shari Green** is an award-winning author of MG novels in verse, including *Game Face*, a Junior Library Guild selection. She lives on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada.

**Gabby Grant** looks for the magic in the everyday. She lives in the United Kingdom.



## Camping Is a Terrible Idea

Kirsten Pendreigh, Tiffany Everett

Cammie likes routines and schedules. She likes things to happen on time and when she expects them. When life is predictable, it is perfect.

One day her father says that he has planned a weekend camping trip for their family. Camping? Oh no! Camping means messes and mishaps. Camping means chaos and calamity. *Camping is a terrible idea!* warns Cammie. But her father doesn't change his mind.

Sure enough, camping is chaos. There are trees with roots that trip, biting mosquitoes, and campfire smoke that blows in one's face. Cammie wants to go home.

But Mother Nature has her own set of rhythms and routines, from sunrises and sunsets to ocean tides rolling in and out. There are calming nighttime sounds and reassuring orderly patterns in the night sky. Will Cammie find out that camping *isn't* as terrible as she expected?

**Kirsten Pendreigh's** books include *Luna's Green Pet* and *Maybe a Whale*. She lives in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

**Tiffany Everett's** latest picture book is Pat Benatar's *My Grandma and Grandpa ROCK!* She lives in Auburn, Alabama.

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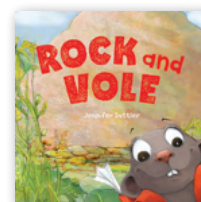
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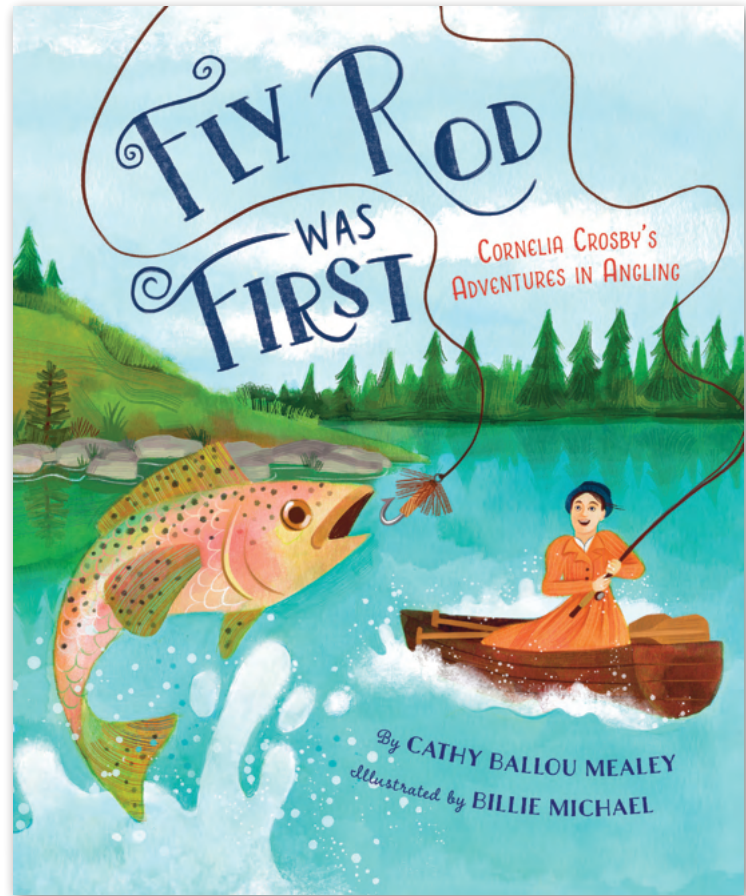
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## **Fly Rod Was First: Cornelia Crosby's Adventures in Angling**

**Cathy Ballou Mealey, Billie Michael**

Cornelia Crosby loved exploring the woods and waters around her hometown. In fact, her doctors prescribed plenty of fresh air and exercise to help her grow strong. In the late 1850s, the great state of Maine was abundant in wildlife and outdoor pleasures.

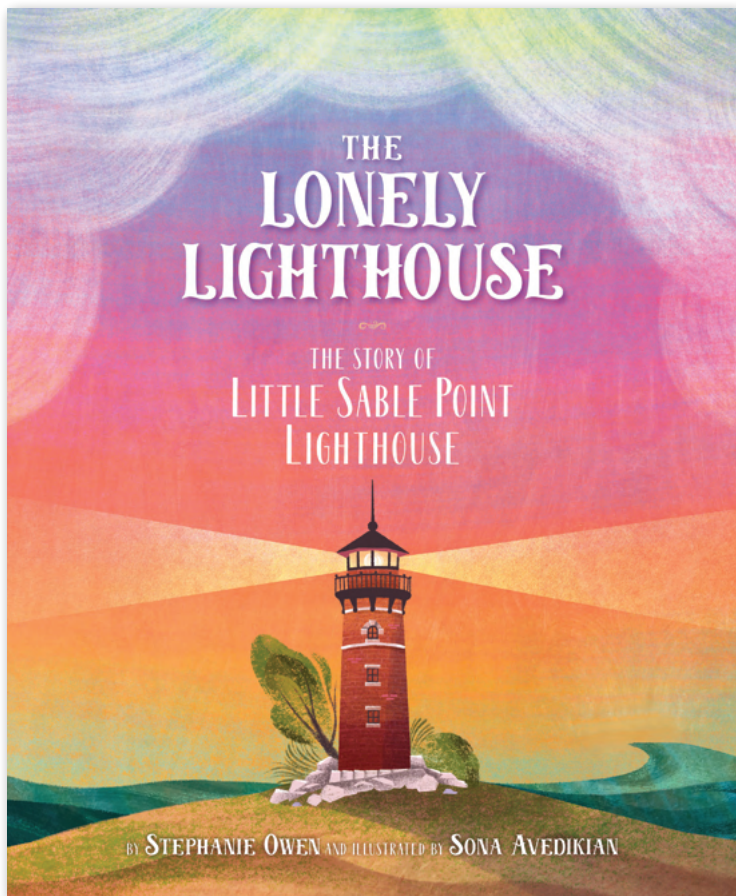
When she grew up, Cornelia thrived in the wilderness she loved. And once Cornelia took up fishing, she was hooked! Soon she was traveling across Maine with her bamboo rod by her side. And when she wasn't fishing? She was writing about fishing! After her first fish story ran in a newspaper, a writing career was born. Cornelia would spend the rest of her life extolling Maine's natural splendors from fishing to camping to hiking.

Brought to life through vibrant artwork, Cornelia "Fly Rod" Crosby's story as outdoorswoman and outdoors advocate unfolds for young readers.

- **Back matter includes tips on how young readers can write their own fish stories.**

**Cathy Ballou Mealey** is the author of *Make More S'mores* and the Sloth and Squirrel books. She lives just north of Boston in Massachusetts.

**Billie Michael** is an illustrator with a passion for creating artwork that is full of detail, texture, and rich colors. She lives in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



## The Lonely Lighthouse: The Story of Little Sable Point Lighthouse

Stephanie Owen, Sona Avedikian

Nestled among the sand dunes near Mears, Michigan, a lighthouse rises high into the sky beside a shimmering lake. The lighthouse is eager to share its light with the ships sailing on Lake Michigan. But first it needs a keeper to light its oil lamp, to ignite its spark. Soon a keeper comes along.

The lighthouse and its keeper settle into a daily routine. And every night, the keeper climbs to the top to light the oil lamp, sharing its light with the ships sailing on the lake.

When the keeper can't continue his duties, a new keeper arrives. And then another and another as the years go by.

But one day, workers come to take away the oil lamp and install an electric light. There is no need for a keeper anymore. The lighthouse is left alone and lonely. Will anyone ever share its spark again?

- **Back matter includes the history of Little Sable Point Lighthouse, the oldest remaining brick lighthouse on the Great Lakes.**

**Stephanie Owen** grew up in Illinois and spent her summers in Michigan, including many visits to Little Sable Point Lighthouse. She lives in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

**Sona Avedikian** earned her BFA in illustration from the College for Creative Studies in Detroit, with a focus on children's illustration. She lives in Farmington Hills, Michigan.

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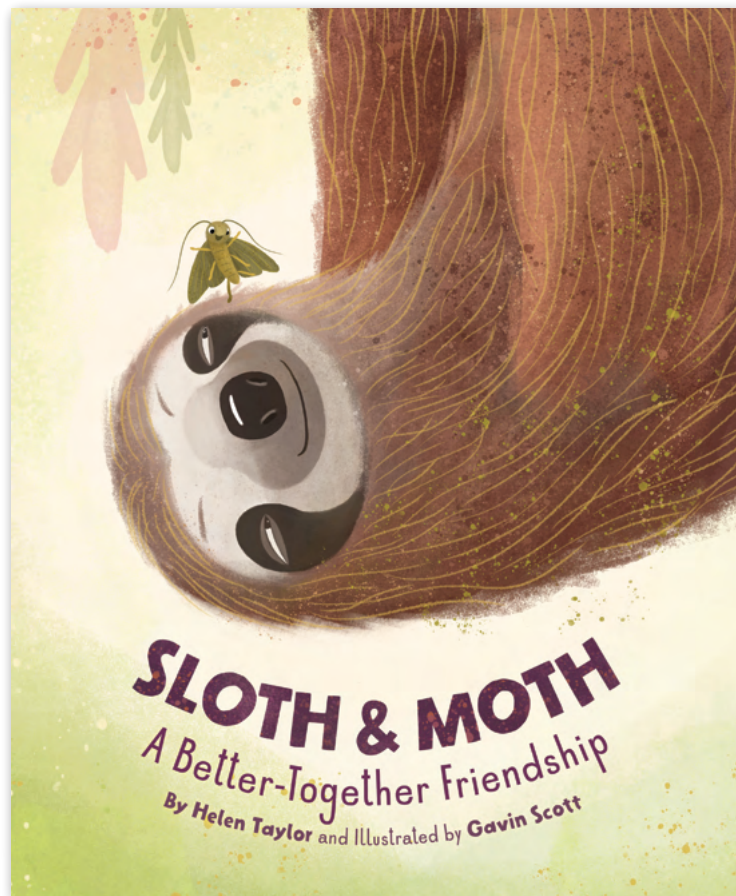
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Another Great Animal Story



Baby Bat Bedtime

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## Sloth & Moth: A Better-Together Friendship

Helen Taylor, Gavin Scott

Sloth and Moth live together in a tree. They are very close. Moth lives on Sloth's back. They do everything together. They take naps, eat treats, and play games. They even take Sloth's weekly "business trips" together. They are together all the time.

But as Sloth grows older, he feels he'd like a little alone time. Time to groom his fur, alone. Time to stare out into the distance, alone. Time to just enjoy some quiet without Moth's lively chatter.

So when the opportunity presents itself, Sloth heads out for a solitary life. Now there are extra-long naps, alone. And more staring out into the distance, alone.

But then Sloth starts to worry about what Moth might be up to. *Is she okay? Is she lonely?* Could they be better together? This lovely tale shows that friendships can sometimes be complicated.

• **Back matter includes information on the symbiotic relationship between sloths and moths.**

**Helen Taylor's** books include *Chasing Guano: The Discovery of a Penguin Supercolony*. She lives in Santa Cruz, California.

**Gavin Scott's** books include *Baby Bat Bedtime*. He lives in Somerset, England.

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## A Puppy Like Yours

Frank and Carla Murphy, Kayla Harren

Black, brown, golden, or white; with or without spots; tall or short—dogs come in all colors, shapes, and sizes. And we love them all. For many of us, dogs are our constant companions, and we can't imagine our lives without them.

But dogs are much more than furry family members; dogs have a lot to teach us about life and about ourselves.

By greeting us at the door at the end of a long day, our dogs teach us about patience and devotion. From chasing a blowing leaf to sticking their head out of a car window, dogs inspire us to look for joy in our everyday routines. And no matter our faults, dogs love their humans unconditionally, teaching us to open our hearts wider to the world.

No matter the stage or age, our dogs are there to share our secrets, our dreams, and our adventures, providing comfort, joy, and inspiration.

- Back matter includes a note and activity from illustrator (and dog lover) Kayla Harren.

**Frank Murphy's** children's books include *The Legend of the Teddy Bear*. **Carla Murphy** is a pediatric nurse who also coauthored *A Girl Like You*. They are dog lovers and live in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

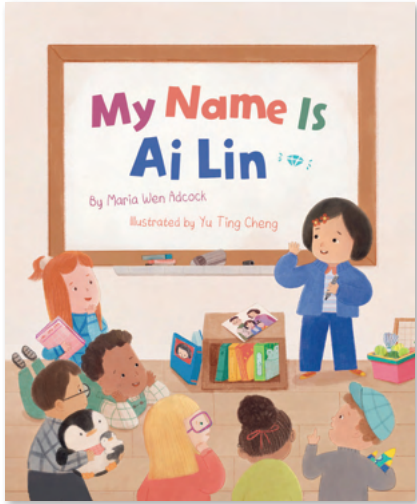
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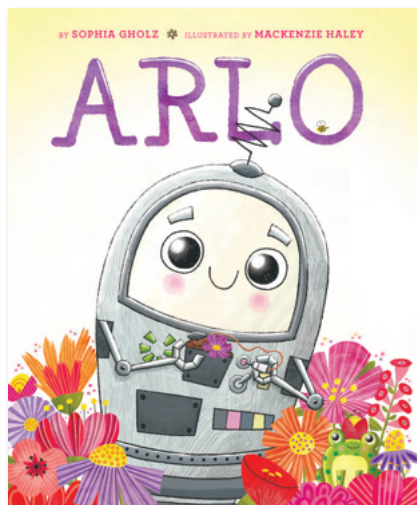
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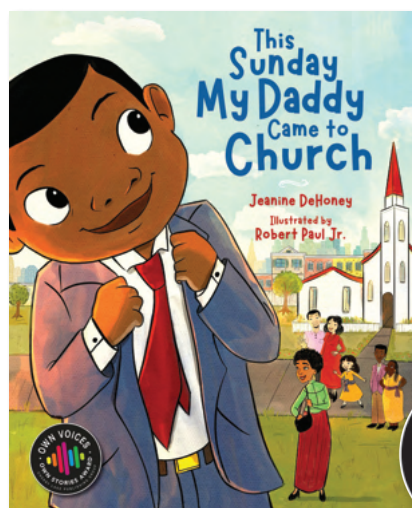
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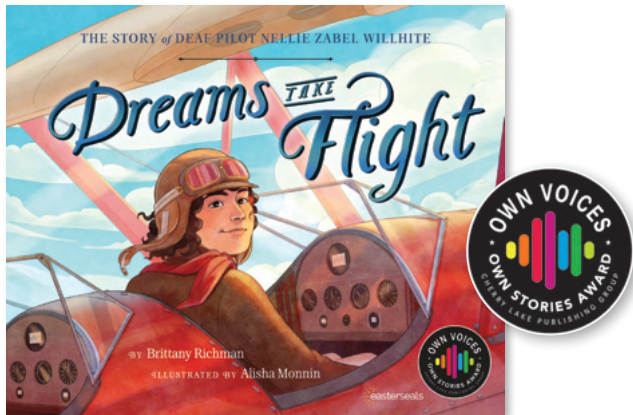
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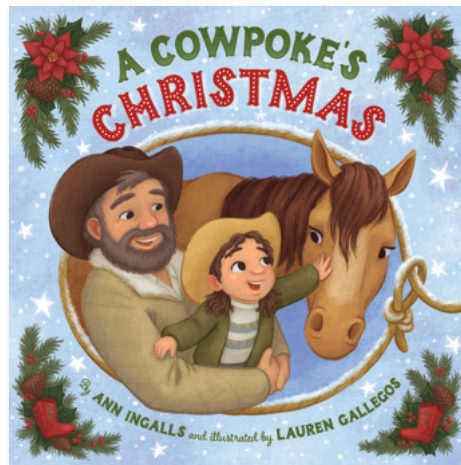
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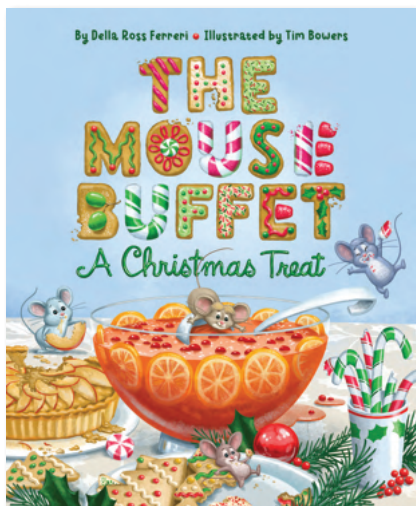
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