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## The New Girl: A Graphic Novel (The New Girl #1)

By (author) Cassandra Calin , Illustrated by Cassandra Calin

Jun 04, 2024 | Paperback, Trade | \$16.99

**Instagram sensation and Tapas webcomic superstar Cassandra Calin makes her long-form debut with this funny, feel-good middle-grade graphic novel about change.**

Goodbye, old life . . .

Lia and her family are waiting to board a flight across the Atlantic, leaving behind family, friends, and Romania — the only home Lia has ever known. But Lia's headache is overshadowed by the discomfort of her first period. As if things weren't difficult enough! Now Lia is thrust into a world where everything is different: her home, her language, and even her body. With so many changes happening at once, Lia struggles with schoolwork, has trouble communicating with classmates, and has no idea how to manage her unpleasant periods. Will she ever feel like herself again?

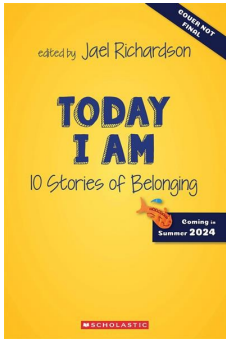
Inspired by the author's own immigration experience, *The New Girl* is a comically charming story about change and acceptance.

### Contributor Bio

Cassandra Calin is a cartoonist and humorist best known for her semi-autobiographical webcomic series, *Cassandra Comics*, in which she talks about her life with curly hair, high expectations, and other daily problems. Originally from Romania, Cassandra immigrated to Canada when she was a child and later earned her BA in graphic design from L'Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM). *The New Girl* is her long-form graphic novel debut. Learn more about Cassandra and her comics at [cassandracalin.com](http://cassandracalin.com). Cassandra Calin is a cartoonist and humorist best known for her semi-autobiographical webcomic series, *Cassandra Comics*, in which she talks about her life with curly hair, high expectations, and other daily problems. Originally from Romania, Cassandra immigrated to Canada when she was a child and later earned her BA in graphic design from L'Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM). *The New Girl* is her long-form graphic novel debut. Learn more about Cassandra and her comics at [cassandracalin.com](http://cassandracalin.com).

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**Today I Am**

*10 Stories of Belonging*

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**A fresh and fearless collection of short fiction, poetry and graphic fiction for today's middle-grade readers.**

In this timely, thought-provoking, funny and heartbreaking collection, ten acclaimed BIPOC authors from across Canada explore the theme and concept of home.

From awkward family dinners, to life on the rez, to moving to a new town, each of these stories provides a unique perspective on the theme of belonging through characters tasked with navigating and finding their place in this world.

Brought together by curator (and story contributor), Jael Richardson, *Today I Am* will make readers laugh and cry while opening their hearts and minds to the world around them, validating how it feels to be young and alive today.

*Today I Am* includes stories by Jael Richardson, Marty Chan, Rosena Fung, Michael Hutchinson, Chad Lucas, Angela Misri, Mahtab Narsimhan, Danny Ramadan, Liselle Sambury and Brandon Wint.

**Contributor Bio**

**JAEL RICHARDSON** is the author of the memoir *The Stone Thrower*, a picture book by the same title and the picture books *Because You Are* and *The Hockey Jersey*. Her debut novel, *Gutter Child*, was shortlisted for the Amazon First Novel Award. She is the founder and Executive Director of the Festival of Literary Diversity (FOLD) in Brampton, Ontario. She holds an MFA in Creative Writing from the University of Guelph and lives in Brampton, Ontario. Visit her online at [www.jaelrichardson.com](http://www.jaelrichardson.com).

**MARTY CHAN** writes books for kids and plays for adults. He's best known for his Marty Chan Mystery series, which includes award winners *The Mystery of the Frozen Brains* and *The Mystery of the Graffiti Ghoul*. The Junior Library Guild awarded the gold medal standard to his novels *Willpower* and *Haunted Hospital*. Marty works and lives in Edmonton, Alberta, with his wife Michelle. **ROSENA FUNG** grew up and is based in Toronto, Ontario. Her graphic novel, *Living With Viola*, was nominated for the Silver Birch award. When she is not drawing, Rosena can be found teaching illustration, vending at zine fairs and going to the library. Her favourite activities are reading, cats, snacking and learning to play the guitar. Her name is pronounced "Rosanna." **MICHAEL HUTCHINSON** is a citizen of the Métis Nation in the Treaty 6 territory, a member of the Métis Nation of Alberta, and a member of the Métis Nation of Ontario. He is a member of the Métis Nation of Ontario and a member of the Métis Nation of Ontario.

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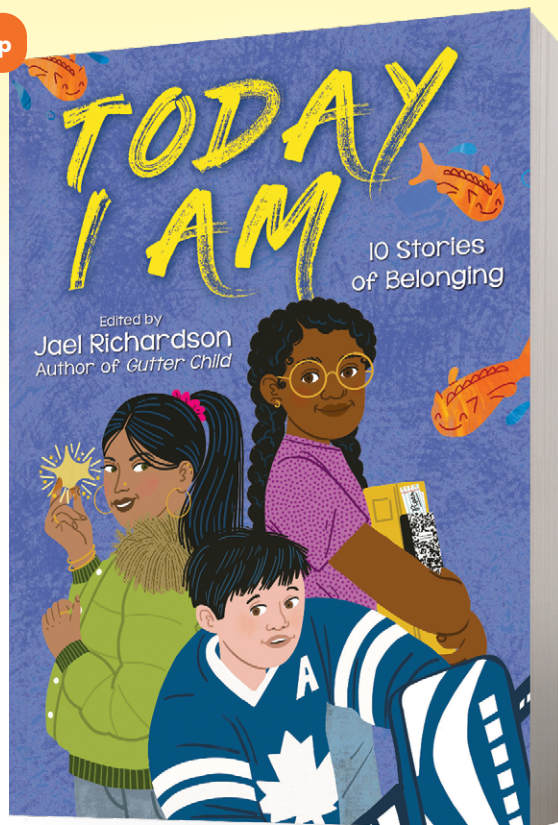
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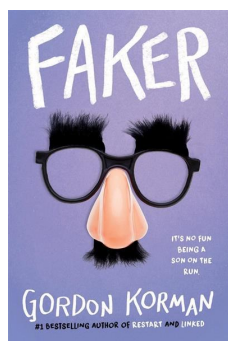
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## A note from Jael Richardson, editor of *Today I Am: 10 Stories of Belonging*:

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**Faker**

By (author) Gordon Korman 🇨🇦

Jul 02, 2024 | Hardcover \$23.99

**From the #1 bestselling author of RESTART, the story of a family of liars... and the son who wants to break the family tradition.**

Trey knows the drill: His dad gets him into a school full of kids with rich parents. Trey makes friends, and his dad makes connections. Soon, there's the con, where Trey's dad suckers the other parents into investing in one of his schemes. Once the money's in the bank, Trey, his sister, and their dad are on the run... until they set up somewhere else and start again.

Trey believes his father when he says no one's getting hurt. After all, these parents have money to spare.

But Trey's starting to get tired of running... and lying... and never having a friend for longer than a few months. But how do you get your family to stop lying when your lives depend on it?

**Contributor Bio**

Gordon Korman is the beloved author of over one hundred novels for young readers, including hilarious middle-grade classics such as the Macdonald Hall series, *I Want to Go Home*, and *Slacker*. Born in Montreal, Quebec, Gordon grew up in Thornhill, Ontario, and now lives in New York with his family. Visit him online at [www.gordonkorman.com](http://www.gordonkorman.com).



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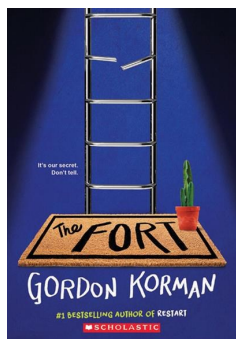
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**The Fort**

By (author) Gordon Korman   
 May 07, 2024 | Paperback, Trade | \$11.99

From the bestselling author of RESTART, the story of a middle-school "band of brothers" -- five friends who need to stick together after they set up a hideout in an abandoned bomb shelter and discover that the only way to be true friends is to reveal their secrets and help each other out.

The morning after Hurricane Leo rips through the town of Canaan, residents awaken to widespread destruction -- power outages, downed branches, uprooted trees, broken windows and damaged roofs. Four eighth-grade friends -- Evan, Jason, Mitchell, and CJ -- meet to explore the devastation. The tight-knit group is dismayed to find that Evan has brought along a stray -- Ricky, who is new to their town and school, and doesn't have any friends yet.

Ricky is the one to find the strange trap door that's appeared in the middle of the woods -- the door to an old bomb shelter, unearthed by the hurricane. Inside, the boys find a completely intact underground lair, complete with electricity, food, and entertainment (in the form of videocassettes). The boys vow to keep the place's existence to themselves.

Things soon get tense. Some bad locals keep snooping around. And what started out as a fun place to escape soon becomes a serious refuge for one of the kids who is trying to avoid an abusive home situation. In order to save the shelter, the friends must keep its secret... and in order to save themselves, they're going to have to share their individual secrets, and build the safest place they can.

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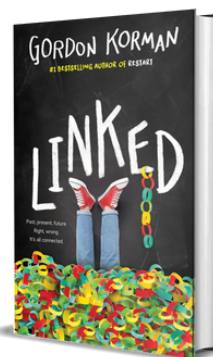
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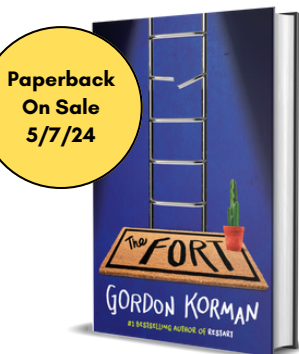
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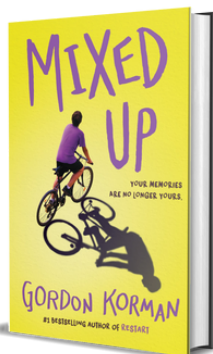
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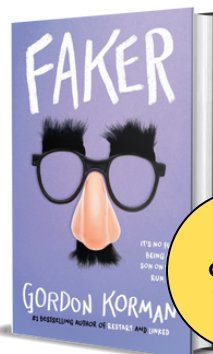
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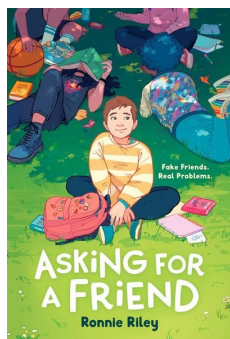
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## Asking for a Friend

By (author) Ronnie Riley   
 Jun 04, 2024 | Hardcover \$24.99

**Eden Jones has exactly three friends. And they're all fake.**

**From a web of lies and social anxiety to true friendship and queer joy; this is the wonderful second book from the author of the Indies Introduce and Indie Next List pick, *Jude Saves the World*.**

Why go through the stress of making friends when you can just pretend? It works for Eden and their social anxiety . . . until their mom announces she's throwing them a birthday party and all their friends are invited.

Eden's "friends," Duke, Ramona, and Tabitha, are all real kids from school . . . but Eden's never actually spoken to them before. Now Eden will do whatever it takes to convince them to be their friends — at least until the party is over.

When things start to go better than Eden expects, and the group starts to bond, Eden finds themselves trapped in a lie that gets worse the longer they keep it up. What happens if their now sort-of-real friends discover that Eden hasn't been honest with them from the very beginning?

Author Ronnie Riley creates a world full of queer joy and all the ups and downs of true friendship.

### Contributor Bio

Ronnie Riley (they/them) is many things: fat, queer, trans, nonbinary, demisexual, lesbian, neurodivergent, disabled, Canadian. They're an event coordinator who lives with their partner in Toronto, Ontario. They collect books, friends, and cats. They love ice cream any day of the year, birds with long legs, and messy reality TV.

Their queer contemporary middle grade debut, *Jude Saves the World* (Scholastic, 2023), was an Indies Introduce and an Indies Kids' Next List pick. *Asking for a Friend* (Scholastic, 2024) is their sophomore book. They write books they wish they had as a kid.

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**Praise for** *Jude Saves the World*:

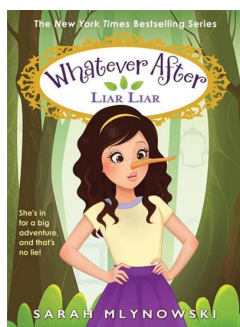
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"Full of fierce warmth and humor, ***Jude Saves the World* is a life-changer**. A tender, radiant debut." -- Ashley Herring Blake, author of the Stonewall Honor book *Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World*

"A heartwarming exploration of identity, unconditional friendship, found family, and harnessing the force of love to right the world's wrongs." — Jules Machias, author of *Both Can Be True*

"Jude's story is full of heart, queer celebration, and an intelligent tenderness so needed in today's homes and classrooms." — Ash Van Otterloo.



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Whatever After 16

**Liar, Liar (Whatever After #16)**

By (author) Sarah Mlynowski 🍁

Jul 02, 2024 | Hardcover \$22.99

**Here is the sixteenth magical installment of the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling series of fractured fairy tales for fearless kids!**

My little brother Jonah and I have a magic mirror in our basement. This time, the mirror sucks us up and drops us into the story of *Pinocchio*. Our task? To help Gepetto get his wooden puppet son, Pinocchio, to go to school. But even though his nose grows when he lies, Pinocchio is tricky — and he ends up sneaking back into OUR world with us!

So now we need to:

-Find the Blue Fairy.

-Convince our friends and teachers that Pinocchio is our cousin . . . but lying isn't easy when your nose grows!

-And avoid ending up in the belly of a shark.

We need to find a way to get Pinocchio home . . . and that's no lie!

**Contributor Bio**

Sarah Mlynowski is the *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Whatever After* series, the *Magic in Manhattan* series, *Best Wishes*, *Gimme a Call*, and a bunch of other books for teens and tweens, including the *Upside-Down Magic* series, which she cowrites with Lauren Myracle and Emily Jenkins and which was adapted into a movie for the Disney Channel. Originally from Montreal, Sarah now lives in Los Angeles with her family. Visit Sarah online at sarahm.com and find her on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter at @sarahmlynowski.



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**Reviews****Praise for the *Whatever After* series:**

"Kids will race through these laugh-out-loud, action-packed, magical adventures." — Max Brallier, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Last Kids on Earth* series

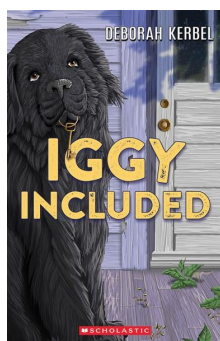
"A dazzling gem of a series!" — Karina Yan Glaser, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Vanderbeekers* series

"The feminist in me adored it, and the mother in me loved how my daughter would long to cuddle in close as we read together." — Danielle Herzog, blogging for *The Washington Post*

"Hilarious . . . with unexpected plot twists and plenty of girl power." — *Booklist*

"An uproariously funny read. The swift pace of the tale and non-stop action . . . will enchant readers from the first page." — *Kirkus Reviews*





9781443197069

- English
- 5 x 7.75 in
- 240 pages
- Scholastic Canada

**Subject**

JUVENILE FICTION / Social Themes / Self-Esteem &amp; Self-Reliance

**Audience range**

Age (years) from 8 - 12, Grade (US) from 3 - 7

**Distributor**

Scholastic Canada Limited

Carton Quantity: 50

**Iggy Included**

By (author) Deborah Kerbel 🇨🇦

May 07, 2024 | Paperback, Trade | \$10.99

**A girl, a dog and a summer they won't forget.**

Twelve-year-old Paige Coopersmith and her family have won a house in an essay-writing contest. Excited to leave their cramped apartment and move to a sprawling property in rural Ontario, they're more than a little surprised to find the house is old and in need of major repairs. They're even more shocked to discover that Iggy — the old dog who lives there — comes with the house. Apparently it was all in the fine print!

Due to financial stress, and with nowhere else to go, the family stays. Paige, who is scared of the large, unkempt Newfoundland dog, does her best to stay out of her way, while her parents deal with an unusual list of instructions from the previous owner.

But girl and beast soon form a special bond, when Paige, a hesitant reader, practises her reading out loud and discovers that Iggy loves to be read to.

Little does Paige know Iggy is even more special than she realizes. In fact, someone else has their eye on her, and when Iggy goes missing, it's Paige who must solve the mysteries of this unusual house and find her now beloved dog.

**Contributor Bio**

**DEBORAH KERBEL** was born in London, England, and now lives in Thornhill, Ontario with her husband, son, daughter and a rescue dog named Freddie. Deborah has written a number of picture books, and is the author of four young adult and two middle-grade novels, including *My Deal with the Universe* and *Like a Duck*. Her books have been shortlisted for the Governor General's Literary Award, the Canadian Library Association's Young Adult Book Award, and many readers' choice awards. Visit her online at [www.deborahkerbel.com](http://www.deborahkerbel.com).

**Reviews****Praise for Deborah Kerbel:**

"Remarkable . . . I actually found myself missing the characters once I was done. Highly recommended." (*Like a Duck*) 4/4 stars — *CM: Canadian Review of Materials*

"Lightness and sparkle . . . Deborah Kerbel makes it clear that normal is different for everyone . . ." (*Like a Duck*) — *CanLit for LittleCanadians*

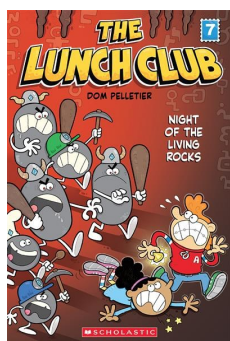
"*My Deal with the Universe* is a tender story about learning to love what makes you different, featuring the coolest house I've ever read about." (*My Deal with the Universe*)— Vikki VanSickle, author of *The Winning*

**Also Available**

*Like a Duck (Paperback)*  
Deborah Kerbel  
9781443175760  
\$9.99  
Mar 02, 2021



*My Deal with the Universe (Paperback)*  
Deborah Kerbel  
9781443157568  
\$8.99  
May 29, 2018



9781039705999

- English
- 6 x 9 in
- 136 pages
- Scholastic Canada

### Subject

JUVENILE FICTION / Comics & Graphic Novels / Humorous

### Audience range

Age (years) from 7 - 10, Grade (US) from 2 - 4

### Distributor

Scholastic Canada Limited

Carton Quantity: 40

## The Lunch Club 7 Lunch Club: Book 7

By (author) Dom Pelletier 🍁, Illustrated by Dom Pelletier 🍁

Jun 04, 2024 | Paperback, Trade | \$16.99

**The Lunch Club is back!**

Tia, Leo and Mr. Peabody face off against Madame Celeste and her minions in her secret underground lair, where she's been plotting — naturally — to take over the world.

The Lunch Club heroes have a perfect plan: wait until midnight, then sneak in and rescue Mr. Fish, the guardian of the Pisces constellation. What they don't account for? Madame Celeste has a legion of living rock minions, who capture Mr. Peabody. The list of who Tia and Leo need to save keeps getting longer . . . until it includes them too!

Things take an even more desperate turn when Madame Celeste, in a misguided plan to win friends and influence people, attempts to control the guardian of the thirteenth sign of the zodiac. This thirteenth sign is so powerful (and evil) that it has been kept secret throughout history.

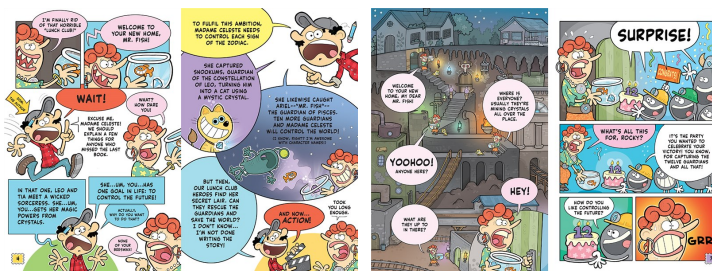
Can the Lunch Club stop these evil doings and restore order? Find out in the seventh installment of this funny graphic novel series!

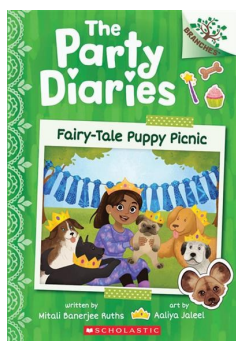
### Contributor Bio

**DOM** — a.k.a Dominique — **PELLETIER** started drawing cartoons at a young age and has never put his crayons down, studying graphic communications at Laval University in Quebec City. A lover of the great outdoors, he has planted trees and travelled the world before beginning work as a video game designer. After a fateful meeting at the Quebec Book Fair, Dom teamed up with Editions Scholastic on their bestselling joke book series. Fifty very funny books later, he has translated his joke book success into the hilarious graphic novel series, *The Lunch Club (Les timbres)*. He lives with his wife in Saint-Liboire, Quebec.

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### Interiors





9781338896909

- English
- 80 pages

**Subject**

JUVENILE FICTION / Readers / Chapter Books

**Audience range**

Age (years) from 5 - 7, Grade (US) from K - 2

**Distributor**

Scholastic Canada Limited

Carton Quantity: 120



The Party Diaries 4

**Fairy-Tale Puppy Picnic: A Branches Book (The Party Diaries #4)**

By (author) Mitali Banerjee Ruths , Illustrated by Aaliya Jaleel  
 May 07, 2024 | Paperback, Trade | \$8.99

**Priya puts together the perfect puppy picnic and raises money to help African wild dogs, in the fourth installment of this full-color early chapter book series!**

Pick a book. Grow a Reader!

This series is part of Scholastic's early chapter book line, Branches, aimed at newly independent readers. With easy-to-read text, high-interest content, fast-paced plots, and illustrations on every page, these books will boost reading confidence and stamina. Branches books help readers grow!

Priya is planning a puppy picnic for her friend Dola! It has a fairy-tale theme because Dola's adorable puppy is named Prince! Priya starts her party-prep to-do list. She makes castle invitations, creates DIY crowns, and bakes cupcakes (and pupcakes!). But as the puppy picnic gets closer, it looks like it might rain. Priya tries not to worry, but the weather is not something she can check off her to-do list. Will she have to cancel the picnic?

With color-coded speech bubbles, an engaging diary format, plenty of humor, and vibrant artwork on every page, this series is perfect for newly independent readers! There's even a fun DIY activity at the back of the book, encouraging kids to make their own fabric ribbon garland at home!

**Contributor Bio**

**MITALI BANERJEE RUTHS** grew up in Houston, Texas, and dreamed of becoming an astronaut someday. She has worked as a babysitter, an ice cream seller, and a medical doctor. She is the author of the picture book *Archie Celebrates Diwali*, the Scholastic Branches early chapter book series *The Party Diaries*, and the Scholastic Acorn early reader series *The Inside Scouts*. Mitali lives in Canada with her husband, three kids, and their dog, Tux.

**AALIYA JALEEL** is a freelance illustrator, designer, and visual development artist. She is a graduate of the University of Texas at Dallas with a BA in Arts & Technology. She is the illustrator of *Maryam's Magic: The Story of Mathematician Maryam Mirzakhani*, *Under My Hijab*, *Muslim Girls Rise*, and the Scholastic Branches series, *The Party Diaries*.



**Reviews**

**Praise for *Awesome Orange Birthday* (The Party Diaries #1):**

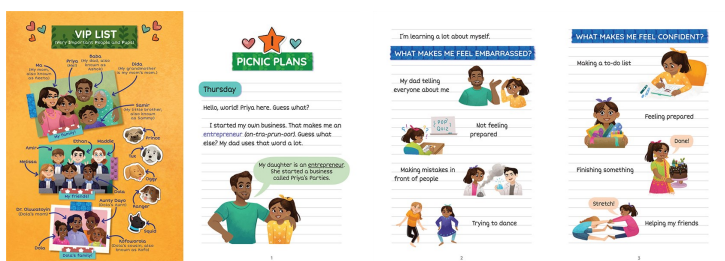
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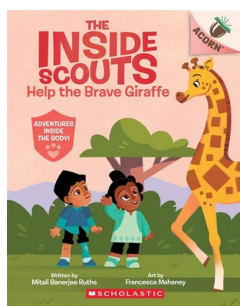
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"Priya's infectious enthusiasm shines through the diary format... This series opener gets an enjoyable party started for beginning readers." — *Booklist*

**Praise for *Archie Celebrates Diwali* by Mitali Banerjee Ruths:**

**Interiors**





9781338895018

- English
- 64 pages

### Subject

JUVENILE FICTION / Readers / Chapter Books

### Audience range

Age (years) from 5 - 7, Grade (US) from K - 2

### Distributor

Scholastic Canada Limited

Carton Quantity: 120



The Inside Scouts 2

## Help the Brave Giraffe: An Acorn Book (The Inside Scouts #2)

By (author) Mitali Banerjee Ruths 🍁, Illustrated by Francesca Mahaney  
Jun 04, 2024 | Paperback, Trade | \$7.99

**The Inside Scouts help a giraffe with an upset tummy feel better in this full-color early reader series!**

Pick a book. Grow a Reader!

This series is part of Scholastic's early reader line, Acorn, aimed at children who are learning to read. With easy-to-read text, a short-story format, plenty of humor, and full-color artwork on every page, these books will boost reading confidence and fluency. Acorn books plant a love of reading and help readers grow!

Viv and Sanjay are the Inside Scouts! Together, they help animals. They have a cool superpower -- they can shrink super small. A giraffe can't eat because her tummy feels sick. The Inside Scouts put on their suits, grab their tools, and get really small!! They go inside the giraffe to find out what is stuck in her gut. And they work together to help the giraffe feel better!

This series introduces beginning readers to the human body through mammals with similar anatomy -- and it does so in really fun ways! In this book, readers learn about the digestive system as Viv and Sanjay fix a giraffe's upset stomach! With color-coded speech bubbles, easy-to-read text, and light nonfiction content, these engaging STEM-themed stories are the perfect fit for new readers!

### Contributor Bio

**MITALI BANERJEE RUTHS** grew up in Houston, Texas, and dreamed of becoming an astronaut someday. She has worked as a babysitter, an ice cream seller, and a medical doctor. She is the author of the picture book *Archie Celebrates Diwali*, the Scholastic Branches early chapter book series *The Party Diaries*, and the Scholastic Acorn early reader series *The Inside Scouts*. Mitali lives in Canada with her husband, three kids, and their dog, Tux.

**FRANCESCA MAHANEY** is a biracial (Filipino-American) illustrator based in Massachusetts. Francesca enjoys illustrating for magazines, books, educational materials, and beyond. She has an A.S. in Visual Arts and a B.F.A. in Communications Design from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York. *The Inside Scouts* by Mitali Banerjee Ruths is her debut early reader series.

### Interiors



### Reviews

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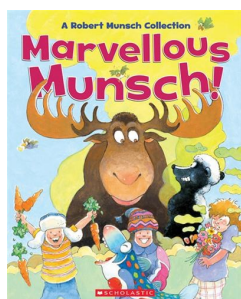
"This sweet picture book about sharing Diwali will ring true in many households." -- *Kirkus Reviews*

### Also Available



*Help the Kind Lion: An Acorn Book (The Inside Scouts #1)*  
(Paperback)

Mitali Banerjee Ruths  
9781338894981  
\$7.99  
Feb 06, 2024



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- English
- 8.75 x 10.94 in
- 184 pages
- Scholastic Canada

**Subject**

JUVENILE FICTION / Humorous Stories

**Audience range**

Age (years) from 3 - 8, Grade (US) from P - 3

**Distributor**

Scholastic Canada Limited

Carton Quantity: 10

**Marvellous Munsch***A Robert Munsch Collection*

By (author) Robert Munsch 🍁, Illustrated by Michael Martchenko 🍁

Aug 06, 2024 | Hardcover, Paper over boards | \$26.99

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A hilarious collection filled with six bestselling Munsch tales and exciting bonus material!

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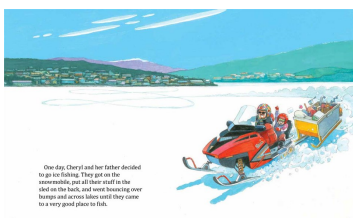
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- Too Much Stuff!
- Moose!
- Give Me Back My Dad!
- Hugs

Bonus material includes information on how a Robert Munsch and Michael Martchenko book is created and the stories of the real kids behind the stories.

**Contributor Bio**

**ROBERT MUNSCH** started telling stories when he was teaching in a daycare, to get the kids to settle down. Now he is Canada's number one author for young readers with more than 80 books in print, including such bestsellers as *The Paper Bag Princess*, *We Share Everything!*, *So Much Snow!* and *Love You Forever*. Every one of his stories was first told aloud to children — and each one is dedicated to the kid who inspired the story. He is a member of the Order of Canada, has a star on Canada's Walk of Fame, and is a hero to generations of young readers. In 2021 he was nominated for the prestigious international Astrid Lindgren Award. Robert Munsch lives in Guelph, Ontario. Visit him online at <http://scholastic.ca/munsch/>.

**MICHAEL MARTCHENKO** has illustrated dozens of books, and is most famous for his work with Robert Munsch, including *Smelly Socks*, *Makeup Mess* and *We Share Everything!*. He lives in Burlington, Ontario.

**Interiors**

One day Cheryl and her father decided to go ice fishing. They got on the snowmobile, put on their coats and skis on the back, and went bounding over the snow. They were so excited they came to a very good place to fish.

"This place," said Cheryl's father, "is the best place to fish in the whole world. But the fish are smart. You've got to be really smart to catch these fish!"

"How?" said Cheryl. "The smarter they are, the better."

So her father got out an ice drill and drilled an enormous hole. They chopped the ice and drilled some more, and drilled them some more.

"Wow!" said Cheryl's father. "Really fish are here we can fish!"

**Reviews****Praise for Robert Munsch and Michael Martchenko:**

"Laurel and Hardy, Holmes and Watson, peanut butter and jam some things just go better together. Robert Munsch and Michael Martchenko figured that out a number of years ago, and have been teaming up to produce silly, insanely popular books ever since." *Quill & Quire*

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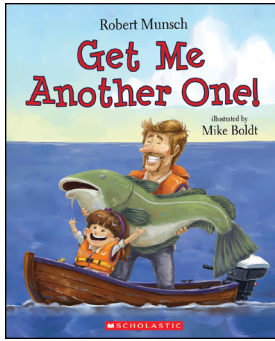
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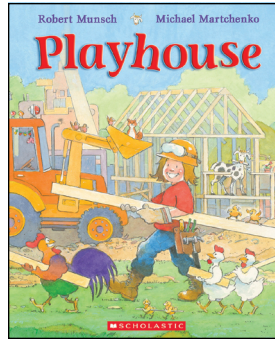


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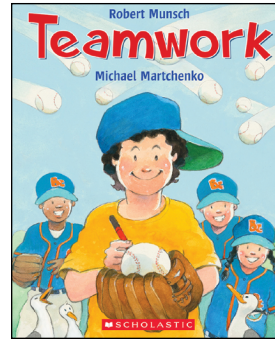
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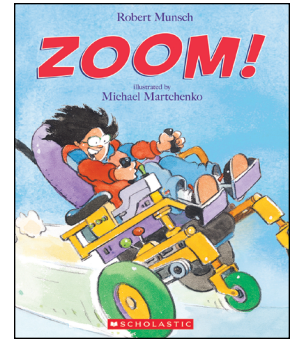
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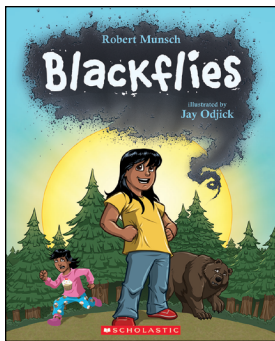


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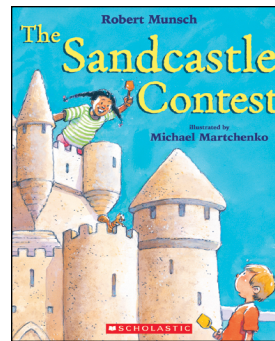
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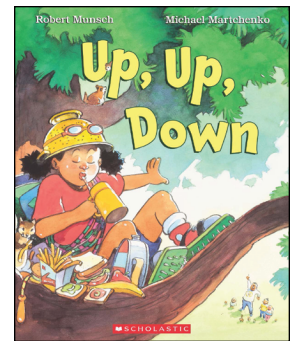
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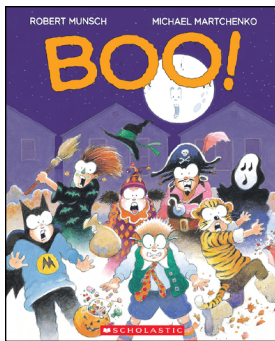


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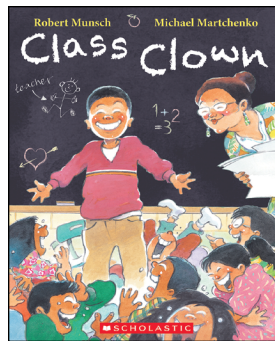


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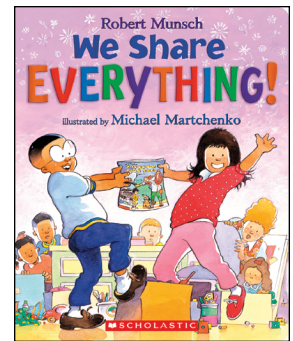
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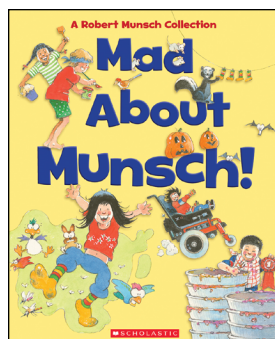


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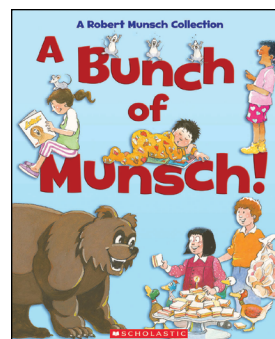
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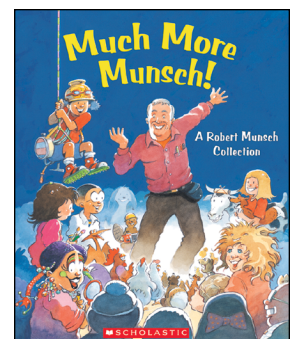
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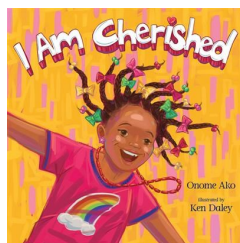
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## I Am Cherished

By (author) Onome Ako 🇳🇮, Illustrated by Ken Daley 🇳🇮  
 Aug 06, 2024 | Hardcover, Picture book, Paper over boards | \$19.99

My name is Kikelomo and I am cherished!



9781443194495

- English
- 9.5 x 9.5 in
- 32 pages
- North Winds Press

### Subject

JUVENILE FICTION / Diversity & Multicultural

### Audience range

Age (years) from 3 - 8, Grade (US) from P - 3

### Distributor

Scholastic Canada Limited

Carton Quantity: 20



It's Kikelomo's first day of school and she is excited! But when it's time to share in her classroom circle, Kikelomo is surprised and saddened when other children make fun of her name. When Kikelomo comes home that night, her mother and father remind her how carefully they chose her name and that it means "a child who is cherished" in Yoruba, the language of her mother's family. It prompts her to think about all the times she feels cherished and who she is, held inside her loving family.

When Kikelomo returns to school the next day, she can't wait to share why calling her by her name is important, and how everyone can pronounce it if they try. With this simple act, her classmates — and teacher! — are all inspired to learn and share the stories of their names too.

Joyful, powerful and infused with love, this proudly affirming story will resonate with every child who needs to stand up for their big, beautiful name, and encourage kids and grownups from all backgrounds to think about their own unique connection to their name.

### Contributor Bio

**ONOME AKO** is the CEO of Action Against Hunger Canada, a global humanitarian and development organization that combats hunger and its underlying causes. She has been named to the 2020 Canadian Women in Global Health list and received the 2021 Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Award. In 2022, she was honored as a Hero for Children by World Vision Canada and received their prestigious Voice for Children Award. In 2023 she received the prestigious RBC Canadian Women Entrepreneur Award for her impact in Social Change. Onome is a board member of early childhood initiative Nigeria. Onome was born in Nigeria and lives in Toronto with her family.

**KEN DALEY** was born in Cambridge, Ontario to parents who emigrated from Dominica, West Indies. Ken is an honorary graduate from the Art Centre of Central Technical School as well as an architectural technology graduate from Humber College in Toronto. He has exhibited his artwork within Canada, the United States and the Caribbean, and his work can be found in numerous private collections. Ken's previous books include *Joseph's Big Ride*, *Auntie Luce's Talking Paintings* and *Jayden's Impossible Garden*. To learn more about Ken, visit: <https://www.kendaleart.com>.

### Interiors

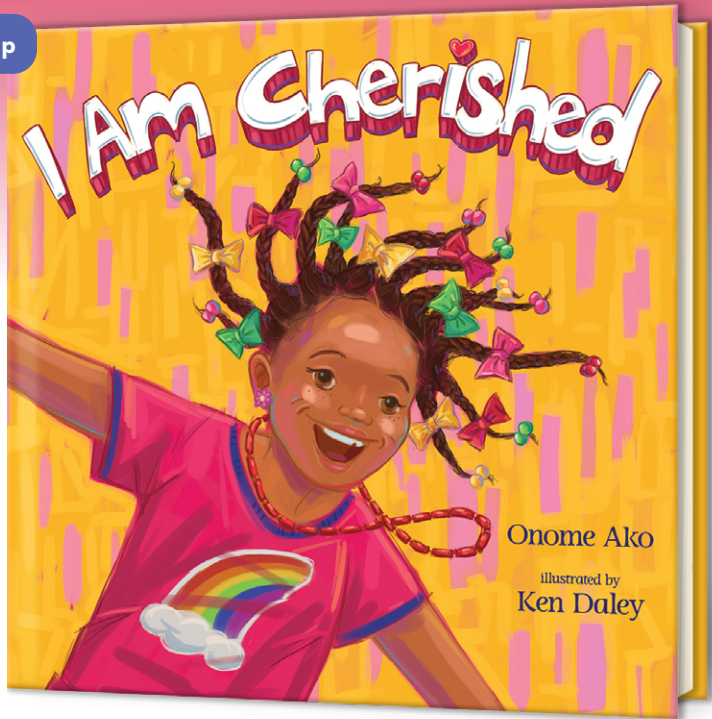


# EVERY NAME TELLS A STORY!

Ages 3 & up



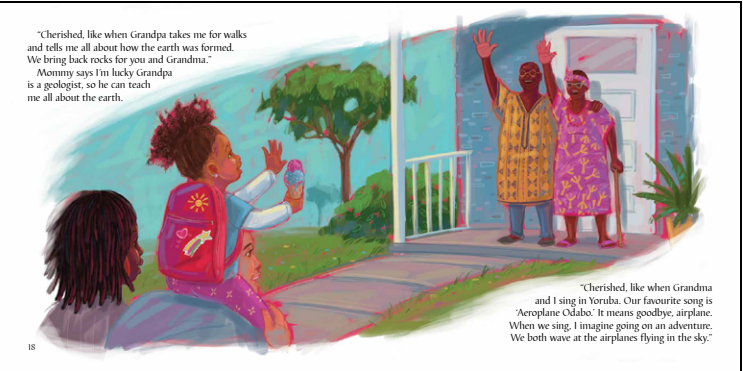
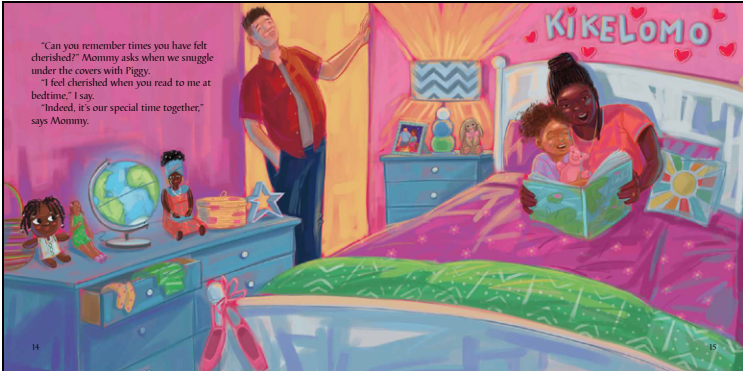
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- National review mailing
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 For ages 3 and up  
 Pub/In-store: August 6, 2024



"Can you remember times you have felt cherished?" Mommy asks when we snuggle under the covers with Piggy. "I feel cherished when you read to me at bedtime," I say. "Indeed, it's our special time together," says Mommy.

"Cherished, like when Grandpa takes me for walks and tells me all about how the earth was formed. We bring back rocks for you and Grandma." Mommy says I'm lucky Grandpa is a geologist, so he can teach me all about the earth.

"Cherished, like when Grandma and I sing in Yoruba. Our favourite song is 'Aeroplane Oduabo'. It means goodbye, airplane. When we sing, I imagine going on an adventure. We both wave at the airplanes flying in the sky."

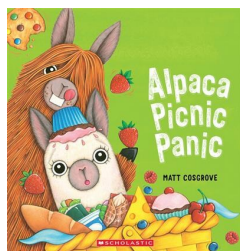
### About the Author

Onome Ako is the CEO of Action Against Hunger Canada, a global humanitarian and development organization that combats hunger and its underlying causes. In 2022, she was honored as a Hero for Children by World Vision Canada. Born in Nigeria, Onome now lives in Toronto, Ontario with her family.

### About the Illustrator

Ken Daley has exhibited his artwork within Canada, the United States and the Caribbean. His previous children's books include *Joseph's Big Ride*, *Auntie Luce's Talking Paintings* and *Jayden's Impossible Garden*. Ken lives in Cambridge, Ontario. Learn more at [www.kendaleyart.com](http://www.kendaleyart.com).





9781443199797

- English
- 9.45 x 9.84 x 0.25 in
- 24 pages
- Scholastic Canada

**Subject**

JUVENILE FICTION / Social Themes / Emotions &amp; Feelings

**Audience range**

Age (years) from 3, Grade (US) from P

**Distributor**

Scholastic Canada Limited

Carton Quantity: 34

**Alpaca Picnic Panic**

By (author) Matt Cosgrove , Illustrated by Matt Cosgrove  
 May 07, 2024 | Hardcover , Picture book , Paper over boards | \$19.99  
**It's a perfect day for a picnic . . . or is it?**

Macca the Alpaca and his best pal, Al, have been waiting for the perfect day to go on a picnic. When the sun finally comes out, they quickly pack loads of yummy foods for their picnic feast and set off on their way. But as they travel, they come up against a number of challenges, and by the time they get to the destination, they are tired, hungry and the sun is setting. But the two pals don't let that get them down. Along the way they learn that hurdles are so much easier to face with friends and that "whatever the weather, they had fun together." A perfect storytime read aloud, featuring fan favourite Macca the alpaca!

**Contributor Bio**

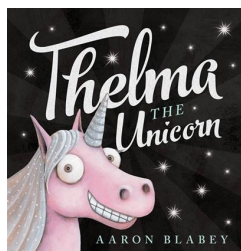
Matt Cosgrove, lover of words, pictures and books in general, is the author and illustrator of the Macca the Alpaca series and many other books in Australia, including *My Dad Is a Robot*, *Thanks, Mum!*, and the Epic Fail Tales series. In a varied career spanning over 25 years, Matt has been the creative director of a magazine and a lecturer in comic art at Western Sydney University, and worked in television. He has also campaigned tirelessly for the inclusion of Pictionary as an Olympic sport (not really – but he definitely should). Visit him online at [mattcosgrovebooks.com](http://mattcosgrovebooks.com).

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**Interiors****Reviews**

"An anti-bullying tale with a satisfying comeuppance." (*Macca the Alpaca*) – *Kirkus Reviews*

"Featuring clean lines, vibrant colors, and the protagonists' dramatically distinct facial expressions, Cosgrove's art drives home the unmistakable message of this snappy readaloud: hugs, not shoves." (*Macca the Alpaca*) – *Publisher's Weekly*



## Thelma the Unicorn

By (author) Aaron Blabey , Illustrated by Aaron Blabey

May 07, 2024 | Paperback , Trade , Picture book | \$8.99

**Be careful what you wish for ...**



9781039708419

- English
- 9.5 x 9.84 in
- Scholastic Canada

### Subject

JUVENILE FICTION / Social Themes / Self-Esteem & Self-Reliance

### Audience range

Age (years) from 3, Grade (US) from P

### Distributor

Scholastic Canada Limited

Carton Quantity: 62

Thelma is an ordinary pony who dreams of being a unicorn. And through a little bit of chance, and a strange dash of pink glitter-coloured fate, her dream comes true! Suddenly Thelma is transformed into a unicorn and becomes an international sensation.

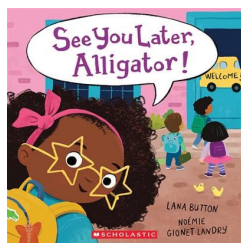
But fame comes with its price. Fans are screaming and crying, and sometimes they chase her home! Is it possible that fame is not all it's cracked up to be?

In this adorable picture book from **Aaron Blabey** (creator of *Pig the Pug*), kids will laugh at Thelma's transformation from ordinary pony to glitzy unicorn and back to pony, while parents will appreciate the underlying lesson of staying true to oneself.

### Contributor Bio

Aaron Blabey has written many well-loved, bestselling books for children. He is the creator of three hugely successful series for children — the *New York Times* bestselling *The Bad Guys*, *Pig the Pug*, and *Thelma the Unicorn*. *The Bad Guys* movie released in 2022. It was produced by DreamWorks Animation with Aaron serving as an executive producer on the project.

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## See You Later, Alligator!

By (author) Lana Button 🍁, Illustrated by Noémie Gionet Landry 🍁

Jul 02, 2024 | Paperback, Picture book | \$8.99

**It's time to go to school, but Flora isn't ready to say goodbye!**



Flora wants to go to school, but saying goodbye in the morning is harder than it sounds. Luckily she has a goodbye ritual with rhyming nicknames that gives her the strength to separate and head into school.

*See You Later, Alligator!* is an upbeat and lighthearted take on a very real anxiety faced by kids everywhere, every day. Infused with positivity and a growth mindset, this book is a perfect tale for that back-to-school moment, helping little ones build resilience and overcome their worry.

9781443198851

- English
- 9 x 9 in
- 32 pages
- Scholastic Canada

### Subject

JUVENILE FICTION / Social Themes / Emotions & Feelings

### Audience range

Age (years) from 3 - 8, Grade (US) from P - 3

### Distributor

Scholastic Canada Limited

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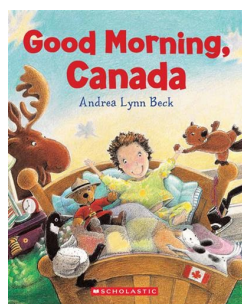
### Contributor Bio

**LANA BUTTON** grew up in the tiny border town of St. Stephen, New Brunswick. She has a background in acting and early childhood education. She writes for young children, and her picture books have been shortlisted for numerous awards. She enjoys reading books out loud whenever she gets the chance.

**NOÉMIE GIONET LANDRY** grew up in a small coastal town in New Brunswick, surrounded by the ocean. Growing up, she said she wanted to become either a doctor or a children's book illustrator. Midway through medical school, she decided she would do both. She now shares her time between the hospital (where she works as a rheumatologist) and her home studio, where she sketches, draws and paints surrounded by her wife, son, two tiny Chihuahuas and two cats.

### Interiors





9781039706002

- English
- 8 x 10 in
- 32 pages
- Scholastic Canada

### Subject

JUVENILE NONFICTION / People &amp; Places / Canada

### Audience range

Age (years) from 3 - 8, Grade (US) from P - 3

### Distributor

Scholastic Canada Limited

Carton Quantity: 80

## Good Morning, Canada (Revised edition)

Revised edition

By (author) Andrea Beck , Illustrated by Andrea Beck

May 07, 2024 | Paperback, Trade, Picture book | \$8.99

Send out a good morning from coast to coast to coast!

As the pages turn on bright scenes and changing seasons across the country, rhyming text cheerily greets the sights and sounds of a Canadian morning.

From a pair of moose spied through an open tent flap at sunrise to a gaggle of Canada geese at a school bus stop, a morning game of shinny on an outdoor rink, and checking the sap buckets at a maple syrup farm, these inviting pages capture a familiar Canada that will delight young readers.

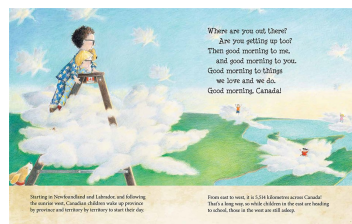
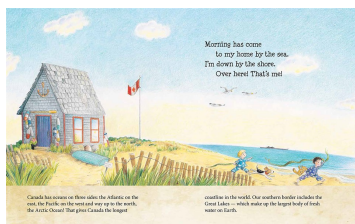
BONUS MATERIAL: this new paperback edition includes additional non-fiction content on each spread to provide information about the symbols illustrated.

### Contributor Bio

**ANDREA LYNN BECK** has published eighteen picture books, including the bestselling *Goodnight, Canada* and *Good Morning, Canada*. She is the creator of the Elliot Moose series and the Pierre le Poof series. Andrea was shortlisted for an Amelia Frances Howard-Gibbon Award for Illustration in 2012 for *Pierre le Poof*, and in 2013 for *Goodnight, Canada*. She has also illustrated *Buttercup's Lovely Day*, which was nominated for a Blue Spruce Award in 2009. Visit her online at [www.andreabeck.com](http://www.andreabeck.com).

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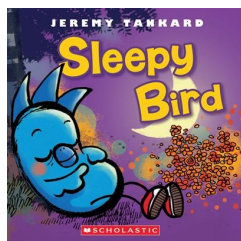
### Reviews

#### Praise for Goodnight, Canada:

"A bedtime story, geography lesson, and puzzle book all in one... gentle and imaginative, [*Goodnight, Canada*] should be a hit among parents and young children, who will eagerly immerse themselves in this rich portrait of their native land." — *Quill & Quire*

"A loving homage to all the provinces and territories of Canada. Her marvelous illustrations give the simple tale both warmth and heart... [they] make the book come alive with the whimsical details that reflect each place he says goodnight to... The narrative charms the reader enhanced by the vibrant and wonderful illustrations." — *Resource Links*

"Young readers will enjoy the rhyming text and become absorbed in examining every detail of the rich illustrations that depict representative features of each province and territory." — *CBC Parents*



## Sleepy Bird

By (author) Jeremy Tankard , Illustrated by Jeremy Tankard 

Aug 06, 2024 | Board book, Picture book | \$9.99

**It's bedtime . . . and someone is not getting sleepy!**

Bird's friends are settling in for the night. But Bird is not tired. His wings want to flap. His legs want to run. All of him wants to play! When will he ever go to sleep?!

Spirited kids and exhausted parents will laugh their way to happy dreams in this hilarious and relatable take on bedtime featuring the lovable hero of *Grumpy Bird*, *Boo Hoo Bird*, and *Hungry Bird*.

Now available in a sturdy board book edition.

### Contributor Bio

Jeremy Tankard is the creator of the *Los Angeles Times* Favorite Book *Grumpy Bird* and its companions *Boo Hoo Bird*, *Hungry Bird*, and *Sleepy Bird*, and the illustrator of several acclaimed picture books, including Rachel Vail's *Piggy Bunny* and David LaRochelle's *It's a Tiger!*. The beloved *Bird* books are bestsellers in Tankard's native Canada. He lives in Vancouver with his wife and two children.

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### Reviews

#### Praise for Sleepy Bird:

"Caregivers faced with little ones who just won't settle down for the night may find that this title offers some pointers—and some hope." (*Sleepy Bird*) — *Kirkus Reviews*

"A great bedtime story and fun read-aloud." (*Sleepy Bird*) — *School Library Journal*

"Tankard's raucous digital artwork provides visual depth through thick, black outlines and backgrounds filled with bright, smoky textures." (*Sleepy Bird*) — *Publishers Weekly*

"Bird is over-the-top, self-absorbed, melodramatic, and hilarious . . . A delightful romp." (*Hungry Bird*) — *Kirkus Reviews*

"Parents and children will readily identify with the situation Tankard has created in *Sleepy Bird* . . . In *Bird*, Tankard has created an absolutely

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- English
- 6.75 x 6.75 in
- 28 pages
- Scholastic Canada

### Subject

JUVENILE FICTION / Bedtime & Dreams

### Audience range

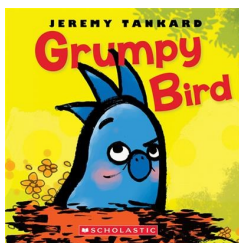
Age (years) to 3, Grade (US) to P

### Distributor

Scholastic Canada Limited

Carton Quantity: 24





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- English
- 6.75 x 6.75 in
- 30 pages
- Scholastic Canada

#### Subject

JUVENILE FICTION / Social Themes / Emotions & Feelings

#### Audience range

Age (years) to 3, Grade (US) from P - K

#### Distributor

Scholastic Canada Limited

Carton Quantity: 24

## Grumpy Bird

By (author) Jeremy Tankard 🇨🇦, Illustrated by Jeremy Tankard 🇨🇦

Jun 04, 2024 | Board book, Picture book | \$9.99

**Looks like someone woke up on the wrong side of the . . . nest.**

Bird wakes up grumpy. Too grumpy to eat, play — or even fly. “Looks like I’m walking today,” says Bird grumpily.

All of this grumpy walking piques the interest of his friends and soon Sheep, Rabbit, Raccoon, Beaver, and Fox are walking alongside him. Somewhere along the way Bird realizes that his friends are still there, but his bad mood is gone, proving that sometimes grumpy needs company!

This award-winning story is perfect for helping toddlers and their grown-ups giggle away their darkest moods.

#### Contributor Bio

Jeremy Tankard is the creator of the *Los Angeles Times* Favorite Book *Grumpy Bird* and its companions *Boo Hoo Bird*, *Hungry Bird*, and *Sleepy Bird*, and the illustrator of several acclaimed picture books, including Rachel Vail’s *Piggy Bunny* and David LaRochelle’s *It’s a Tiger!*. The beloved *Bird* books are bestsellers in Tankard’s native Canada. He lives in Vancouver with his wife and two children.

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#### Reviews

#### Distinctions and Praise for Grumpy Bird:

An *LA Times* Favorite Book of 2007

“Jeremy Tankard’s deceptively simple tale is a useful tonic for moody kids — and their parents — but the best thing about it is the comic perfection of Bird’s face as he marches along in a fury.” — *The Wall Street Journal*

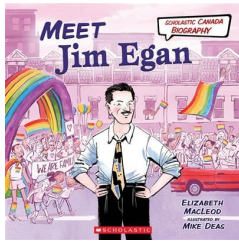
“Hilarious.” — *The Los Angeles Times*

“Tankard’s illustrations alone will cheer up any bad mood.” — *Parent & Child Magazine*, Teachers’ Picks, April 2007

“A way out of a bad mood for surly birds, whatever their species.” — *Publishers Weekly*

“Whimsical and funny.” — *Kirkus Reviews*

“A good addition to storytimes.” —



Scholastic Canada Biography  
**Scholastic Canada Biography: Meet Jim Egan**

By (author) Elizabeth MacLeod 🇨🇦, Illustrated by Mike Deas 🇨🇦  
 May 07, 2024 | Hardcover, Picture book, Paper over boards | \$18.99  
**Meet Jim Egan – journalist and LGBTQ2S+ activist!**



9781443197250

- English
- 9 x 9 in
- 32 pages
- Scholastic Canada

**Subject**

JUVENILE NONFICTION /  
 Biography & Autobiography /  
 LGBTQ+

**Audience range**

Age (years) from 6 - 9, Grade (US)  
 from 1 - 4

**Distributor**

Scholastic Canada Limited

Carton Quantity: 20



At that time, being identified as a member of the LGBTQ2S+ community wasn't safe. People lost their jobs, their families, got put in jail – or worse. Hiding who they were felt safer to most. But not Jim. He picked up his pen and started to fight for his rights. This battle would lead to protection for the LGBTQ2S+ community under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and open the door to further equal rights, including same-sex marriage.

The Scholastic Canada Biography series is an award-winning collection of titles focused on fascinating people who have shaped Canada's past and present. Written by acclaimed non-fiction author Elizabeth MacLeod, each book also features comics-inspired illustrations by Mike Deas which bring each story to life for today's young reader.

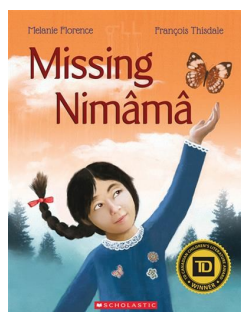
**Contributor Bio**

**ELIZABETH MACLEOD** is the author of many Canadian nonfiction titles, including the Canada Close Up series titles *Canadian Government*, *Canada's Trees* and *Canadian Money* in addition to the award-winning Scholastic Canada Biography series and *Canada Year-By-Year*. She lives in Toronto, Ontario and enjoys reading, swimming, theatre, botany and tap dancing.

**MIKE DEAS** is the illustrator of the Sueño Bay Adventures series, the Graphic Guide Adventure series and the Tank and Fizz books, as well as the titles in the Scholastic Canada Biography series. His love for illustrative storytelling comes from an early love of reading and drawing while growing up on Salt Spring Island, British Columbia. Visit him online at [www.deasillustration.com](http://www.deasillustration.com).

**Interiors**





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- English
- 8.5 x 11 in
- 32 pages
- Scholastic Canada

**Subject**

JUVENILE FICTION / People & Places / Indigenous Peoples of Turtle Island / General

**Audience range**

Age (years) from 8 - 12, Grade (US) from 3 - 7

**Distributor**

Scholastic Canada Limited

Carton Quantity: 80

**Missing Nimâmâ**

By (author) Melanie Florence 🇨🇦, Illustrated by François Thisdale 🇨🇦

May 07, 2024 | Paperback, Trade | \$8.99

**A beautiful, transcendent story of a mother-daughter connection that persists through tragedy and across time.**

Kateri is a young Cree girl, growing up in the care of her grandmother. We see her reaching important milestones: her first day of school, first dance, first date, wedding, first child. Her mother is absent, but not gone, watching her child growing up without her.

Told in alternating voices of child and mother, *Missing Nimâmâ* is a story of love, loss, and acceptance, showing the human side of a national tragedy. Dreamlike illustrations by François Thisdale enrich Kateri's emotional journey. An afterword by the author provides a simple, age-appropriate context for young readers. Includes Cree words and glossary.

**Contributor Bio**

**MELANIE FLORENCE** is an award-winning writer of Cree and Scottish heritage based in Toronto, Ontario. She is the author of *Missing Nimâmâ*, which won the 2016 TD Canadian Children's Literature Award, the 2017 Forest of Reading Golden Oak Award and was a finalist for the 2017 First Nation Communities READ award. Her most recent picture book, *Stolen Words*, won the Ruth and Sylvia Schwartz Children's Book Award and was a finalist for the Marilyn Baillie Picture Book Award. Her other books include *Righting Canada's Wrongs: Residential Schools* and the teen novels *Just Lucky*, *He Who Dreams*, *The Missing*, *One Night*, and *Rez Runaway*. Visit her at <https://www.melanieflorence.com/>.

**FRANÇOIS THISDALE**'s work blends traditional drawing and painting with digital imagery. He is the illustrator of *The Stamp Collector*, which is on IBBY Honor List, *That Squeak*, an honour book for the IBBY Canada Elizabeth Mrazik-Cleaver Picture Book Award, and *Missing Nimâmâ*, winner of the TD Canadian Children's Book Award. François lives in Montreal, Quebec.

**Reviews****Praise for Missing Nimâmâ:**

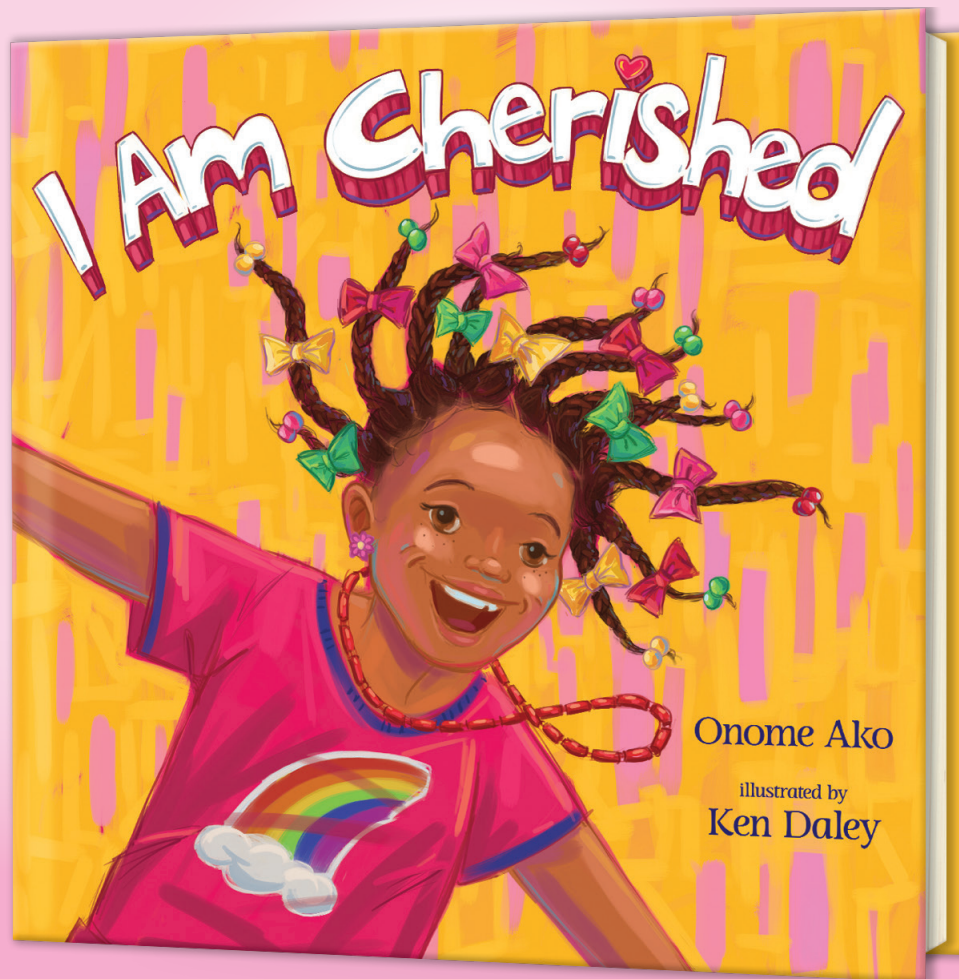
Winner of the TD Canadian Children's Literature Award, the OLA Golden Oak Award and finalist for the 2017 First Nation Communities READ Award.

"A free-verse intergenerational story of separation, loss, and daughter-mother connection amid the ongoing crisis of missing First Nations girls and women..." — *Kirkus Reviews*

"A touching story related from the point of view of a missing indigenous woman as she watches her daughter grow up without her." — *Quill & Quire*

"*Missing Nimâmâ* is a haunting story of lives lost and lived and shared, beautifully rendered in words and art. Expect to see this one on award lists in the near future." — *CanLit for Little Canadians*

**A joyful and affirming story that will resonate  
with every child who needs to stand up  
for their big, beautiful name.**





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