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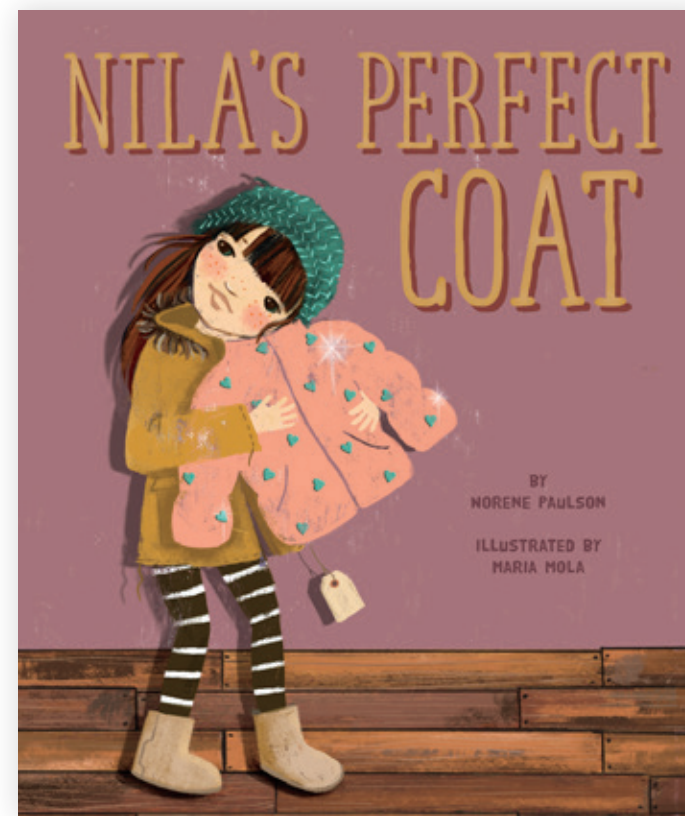
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The empowering story of Nila, who learns to recognize the difference between wants and needs—and discovers she can help someone in need.

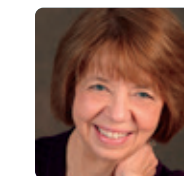


Nila's Perfect Coat

Written by Norene Paulson · Illustrated by Maria Mola

Nila and her mom love shopping at the thrift store. But when Nila finds the most perfect, shiny, puffy coat, Mom says no: Nila's winter coat still fits her just fine. With a lot of determination and some birthday money from Dad, Nila sets out to prove the coat really is perfect—but along the way, learns maybe it's perfect for someone else. Someone who needs both a coat and a friend.

An engaging and accessible story about having enough and helping others in need.



Norene Paulson writes picture books that celebrate friendship, acceptance, and inclusion. She is the author of *Benny's True Colors* and *What's Silly Hair Day with No Hair?* A former language arts teacher, Norene is passionate about sharing her love of words with young readers. She's a member of SCBWI and lives in Iowa.



Maria Mola is an illustrator from Barcelona currently living in Boston with her husband and their three children. She has illustrated *Sparkle Boy*, *Maya Papaya*, *Koala Challah*, and more.

Nila's Perfect Coat






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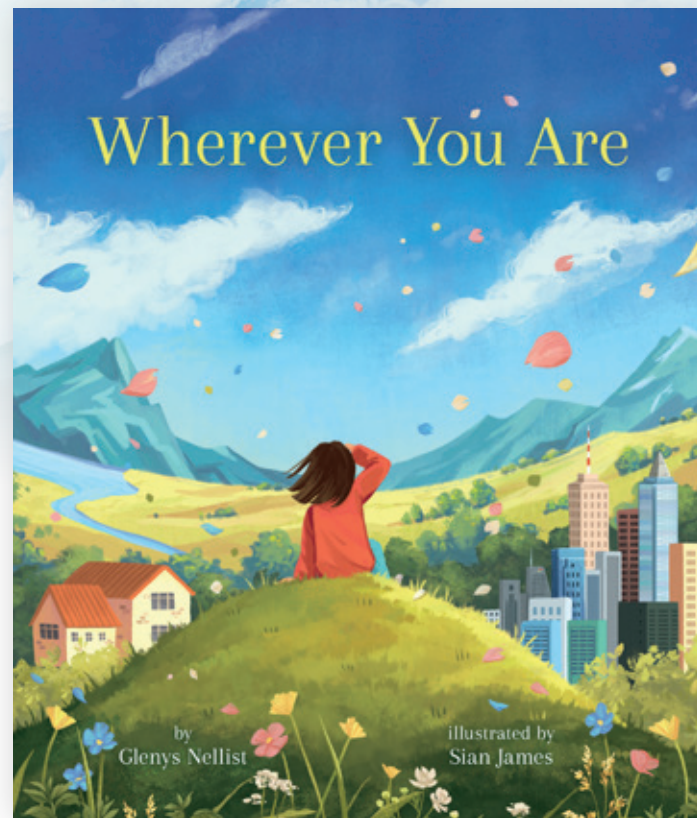
Marketing and Selling Points

- Events and appearances by known author
- National review coverage
- School and library advertising campaign
- Special outreach to organizations that run winter coat drives
- Downloadable teacher resource guide
- National media campaign
- Regional bookseller advertising campaign targeting the Midwest
- Submission to ALA awards

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Written by bestselling author Glenys Nellist, this comforting picture book encourages kids to notice the loving presence of God all around them, no matter where they go or how they feel.



Wherever You Are

Written by Glenys Nellist · Illustrated by Sian James

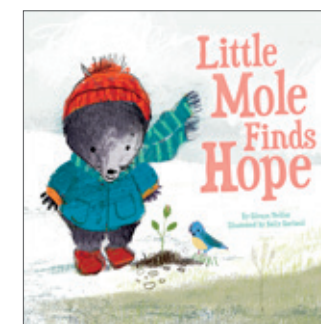
Wherever you are, God is there.

God is in the gently falling snow, the river, and the honeybee. God is in the people you meet. God is in city streets and country lanes. God is in laughter and tears. No matter where you go, how you are feeling, or what you do, God is with you.

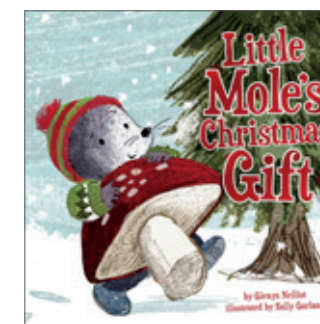
This gentle, reassuring picture book by bestselling author Glenys Nellist and illustrator Sian James encourages children to notice God all around them, in the ordinary people and places of everyday life.



Also available from Glenys Nellist



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Wherever You Are

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JUV033280 JUVENILE FICTION / Religious / Christian / Inspirational
JUV033190 JUVENILE FICTION / Religious / Christian / People & Places

Marketing and Selling Points

Author events and storytimes in the Midwest

Promotions at select Christian conferences and events

Email marketing campaign to extensive church lists

Social-media influencer campaign targeting key progressive voices

National trade advertising campaign

Inclusion in Easter campaign

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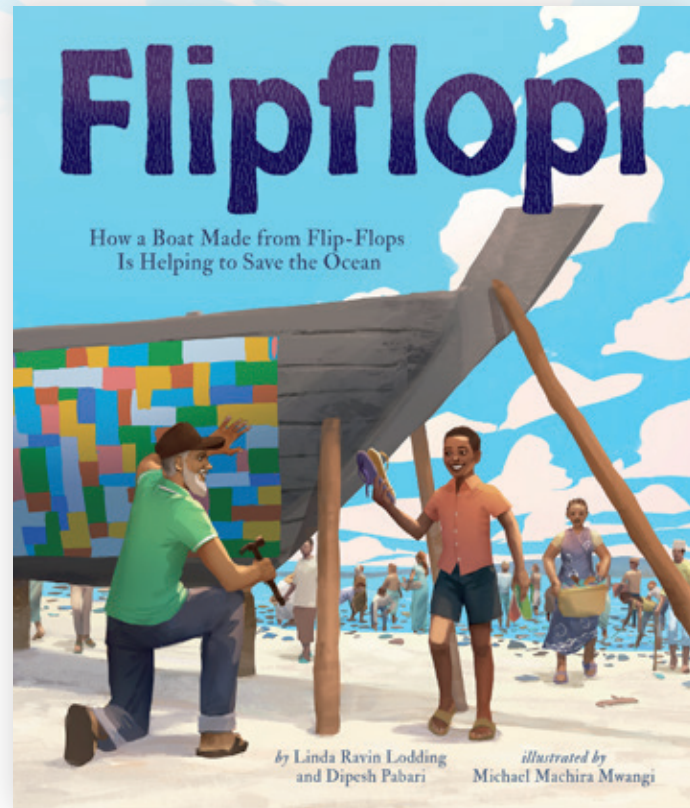


Glenys Nellist is the author of multiple children's books, including the Little Mole series. She is also the author of the bestselling *'Twas the Evening of Christmas* and the popular series *Love Letters from God* and *Snuggle Time*. Her writing reflects a deep passion for helping children discover joy in the world. Glenys lives in Michigan with her husband, David.



Sian James is a self-taught illustrator from Hong Kong, currently living in Cambridge, England, with her husband and two cats. A former archaeologist and a huge animal-lover, she loves to draw inspiration from history, folklore, and nature to tell stories with pictures.

Based on the true story of the Kenyan dhow boat, this inspiring tale explores how creativity can be harnessed to take meaningful steps to save the planet.

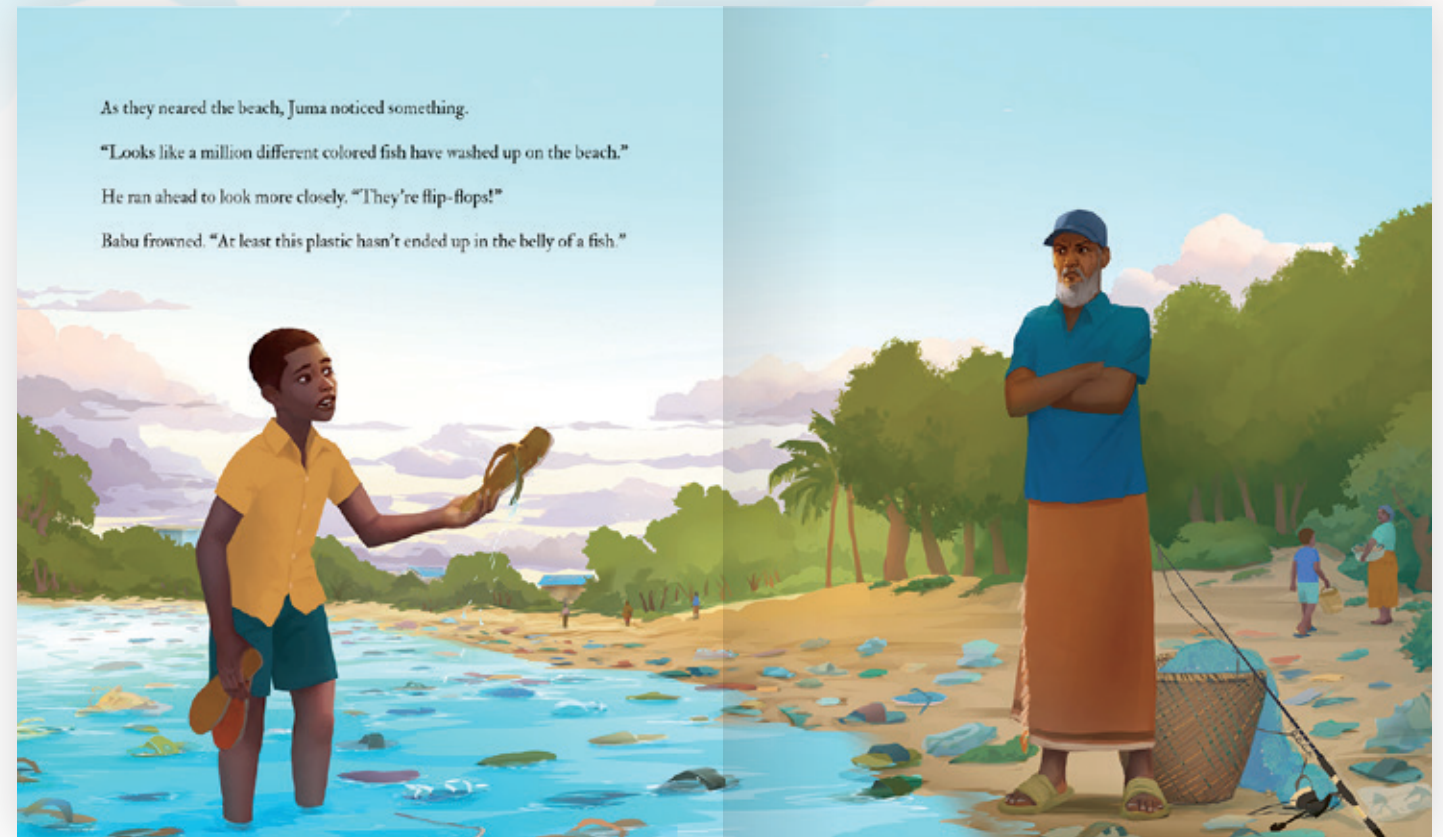


Flipflopi: How a Boat Made from Flip-Flops Is Helping to Save the Ocean

Written by Linda Ravin Lodding and Dipesh Pabari ·
Illustrated by Michael Machira Mwangi

Juma is excited to go fishing with his grandfather, Babu Ali. But when they get to the beach, they find the sand covered in plastic pollution—flip-flops, plastic straws, toothbrushes, bottles, and shopping bags. One of the flip-flops floating in on a wave looks like a boat. That gives Juma and Babu Ali an idea.

Based on the true story of the Kenyan dhow boat Flipflopi, this inspirational tale demonstrates how innovation, art, and determination can transform plastic pollution into something useful. In 2017, 30,000 flip-flops and other plastic waste items, all collected from the Kenyan coast, were melted, shaped, and carved into the dhow named Flipflopi. Weighing in at 7 tons, this boat is a testament to what can happen when awareness is turned into action.



As they neared the beach, Juma noticed something.

“Looks like a million different colored fish have washed up on the beach.”

He ran ahead to look more closely. “They’re flip-flops!”

Babu frowned. “At least this plastic hasn’t ended up in the belly of a fish.”

Flipflopi: How a Boat Made from Flip-Flops Is Helping to Save the Ocean

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Science & Nature / Environment
JUV030010 JUVENILE FICTION /
People & Places / Africa
JUV004050 JUVENILE FICTION /
Biographical / Africa

Marketing and Selling Points


Promotion via author Linda Ravin Lodding’s social-media platforms
Special Earth Day campaign that includes author events, giveaways, and inspiration for kids to generate creative solutions for pollution
Co-promotion with the FlipFlopi Expedition
Downloadable teacher resource guide
National advertising campaign targeting school and library publications
Social-media campaign targeting teachers, librarians, and environmentalists
School and library conference promotions
Select author appearances/events
National review coverage and national media campaign
Submission to ALA awards

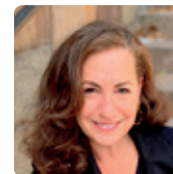
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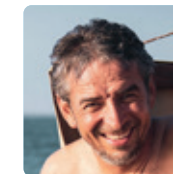
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Linda Ravin Lodding is an award-winning author of eight picture books, including *Painting Pepette*. When she’s not writing, Linda is head of communications for a children’s rights organization that focuses on a child’s right to a healthy environment. Originally from New York, she now lives in Sweden.



Dipesh Pabari is an eco-leader, educator, waste plastic innovator, and one of the founders of the Flipflopi Expedition. He lives in Kenya.



Michael Machira Mwangi is a self-taught digital artist. He lives in Kenya.

In this sensitively told story, a little boy processes the grief he and his family experience after a miscarriage.



Dear Star Baby

Written by Malcolm Newsome · Illustrated by Kamala Nair

“I knew something was wrong when Mama called me close.

“She held my hand and told me you would not be coming home with us.

“She said you went to be with the stars instead.”

Written as a letter to his unborn baby sibling, *Dear Star Baby* shares how a little boy processes the grief he and his family experience after a miscarriage. He tells the baby all about how they were preparing their home to welcome them and the things he was looking forward to doing together. He processes his wonders, wishes, and sadness after this tremendous loss. Dad says their Star Baby feels far away. Mom says their Star Baby is always in her heart. The little boy imagines his baby sibling singing and twinkling in the night sky as he sleeps.

Poignant and sensitively told, this story will help families who have lost a baby to miscarriage or stillbirth grieve and move forward together.



Dear Star Baby

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Hardcover 8.5 x 10

32 pages

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JUV039050 JUVENILE FICTION /

Social Themes / Emotions & Feelings

JUV013040 JUVENILE FICTION /

Family / New Baby

Marketing and Selling Points

Promotion through #BlackCreatorsInKidLit, an organization cofounded by the author that focuses on increasing Black representation in children's literature

Author appearances/events in Chicago area

School and library conference promotions

Will be included in grief/loss campaign alongside the bestselling picture book The Memory Box: A Book about Grief

National media campaign targeting BIPOC media, library media

School and library advertising campaign

Extensive social-media campaign with shareable graphics

Submission to ALA awards


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Malcolm Newsome is a children's book author from the Chicago area and a cofounder of Black Creators Headquarters. He has a bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology, previously served as the executive vice president of a software

consulting firm, and now works in cybersecurity. He writes picture books with the aim of bringing hope and possibility to as many young people as he can. Malcolm is a married father of five. After the first three children were born, they experienced the loss of two unborn children. He hopes his debut picture book, *Dear Star Baby*, will bring healing to the millions of other families who experience this kind of grief.



Kamala Nair grew up in Kerala, a small southern coastal state in India, surrounded by exotic wildlife, stunning beaches, lush green hills, and turquoise backwaters. She is a professional architect and an

illustrator. Her works are inspired by a harmonious blend of nature, patterns, and architecture. In addition to *Dear Star Baby*, she is the illustrator of *Kamala Is Speaking* by Shasta Clinch and *The Leaping Laddoo* by Harshita Jerath. Kamala loves to travel and immerse herself in the beauty of culture, history, architecture, and people worldwide.

When Raccoon loses his home, his friends each find one small way to help—and discover that their small acts may not actually be as small as they thought.



One Small Thing

Written by Marsha Diane Arnold · Illustrated by Laura Watkins

After Raccoon's home burns down in a lightning storm, his friends don't know what they can do to help. Squirrel, Beaver, Mouse, Badger, and Rabbit all go back to their own homes, trying to focus on something other than Raccoon's tragedy. But each animal discovers one small thing they can do for Raccoon—and it turns out that each small act may not be so small after all.

A gentle and powerful look at how small actions can make a big impact.



One Small Thing

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Homelessness

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Social Themes / Emotions & Feelings

Marketing and Selling Points

Events and appearances by award-winning author

Inclusion in extensive social-media campaign about kindness

Shelf Awareness advertising campaign

National review coverage

Submission to ALA awards


Instagram author takeover

School and library conference promotions


Downloadable storytime kit

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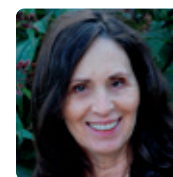
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Marsha Diane Arnold is a multi-award-winning picture-book author of twenty-three books, with over one million copies sold. Her books have garnered state book awards and honors such as multiple Junior Library Guild selections. Marsha is a member of SCBWI and currently lives in Florida.



Laura Watkins has illustrated international children's books, designed greeting cards, painted murals, and worked in art galleries. She is the winner of The Northern Illustration prize. Laura lives in London with her Red Setters, pens, pencils, and chocolate.



Yuna's Cardboard Castles

Written by Marie Tang · Illustrated by Jieting Chen

Fold, fit, tuck . . .

Yuna and her family have just moved to the United States, and she doesn't speak English yet. At first, her attempts to catch the attention of the neighborhood kids get lost in translation, but when she shows that she can do something very special with paper, a whole new world unfolds.

Marie Tang and Jieting Chen have brought Yuna's origami creations to life in this whimsical, magical picture book, where the language of play can bridge the language barrier and build new friendships. Backmatter includes information about the origin of origami and instructions for kids to fold their own paper boat.

This imaginatively illustrated story demonstrates how art, along with courage and a little bit of playfulness, can be a powerful tool to communicate and connect in a new country where you don't speak the same language.



Marie Tang was born in Hong Kong, was raised in New York City, and lived in Shanghai for over a decade. She proudly tells tales of the grit, tenacity, and compassion of the Asian people.



Jieting Chen is an illustrator, animator, and designer with years of experience. She has produced and directed several award-winning short animation projects. Her illustrations are strongly influenced by Oriental paintings.



Missing Violet

Written by Kelly Swemba · Illustrated by Fabiana Faiallo

Life is full of sunshine for inseparable friends Violet and Mia. Until one day, Violet leaves school sick and doesn't get better. Without her best friend, Mia slips into a gloomy existence. As she moves through the stages of grief like the colors of a rainbow, Mia wonders if she will ever feel like herself again. When Mia reaches out to her classmates, she remembers what she loved most about Violet.

A sensitive and poignant story about the loss of a friend and experiencing the different stages of grief.

This gentle story about the loss of a friend connects each stage of grief with a color to give kids tools to process grief and trauma.



Kelly Swemba has been passionate about big feelings since she was little. She holds a master's degree in psychiatric nursing and has also worked as a preschool intervention aide for children with autism. She's a member of SCBWI, 12x12, and Children's Book Insider. Kelly lives with her family in Columbus, Ohio.



Fabiana Faiallo is a freelance illustrator who has done work for children's magazines, textbooks, and children's books. She was born and raised in Brazil, and still lives there today.

Yuna's Cardboard Castles

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 JUV011020 JUVENILE FICTION / People & Places / United States / Asian American & Pacific Islander
 JUV051000 JUVENILE FICTION / Imagination & Play

Marketing and Selling Points

School and library conference promotions

National media campaign to library and education outlets

Special mailing to bloggers and influencers

National advertising campaign through trade and media publications

Extensive social-media campaign targeting key influencers, bloggers, educators, and librarians

National wholesaler advertising

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Missing Violet

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32 pages

Ages 4 to 8

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 JUV039050 JUVENILE FICTION / Social Themes / Emotions & Feelings
 JUV039090 JUVENILE FICTION / Social Themes / New Experience

Marketing and Selling Points

Targeted campaign to grief counselors, social workers, and mental-health professionals

National review coverage

Special mailing to grief organizations that work with children

School and library advertising campaign

Outreach to outlets and organizations that covered The Memory Box: A Book about Grief

School and library conference promotions

Submission to ALA awards

Regional author events in the Midwest

Downloadable resource kit for caregivers and teachers

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God Is Just Like Me

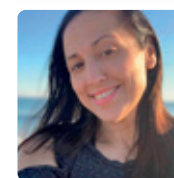
Written by Karen Valentin · Illustrated by Antonieta Muñoz Estrada

“Some days, I think God is just like me.”

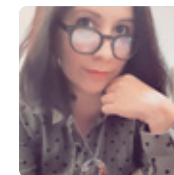
God may be hard to describe, but one young Puerto Rican girl in New York City finds examples of God’s character all around her. As she goes day by day through the week, she talks to God about the delightful ways she and God are similar. From vivid sunrises and colorful paintings, to dancing to music in the park, loud thunderstorms, and fishing on a quiet lake, the evidence that she is made in the image of God is everywhere she looks.

This joyful, heartfelt story offers a fresh take on what it means to be made in God’s image.

A young Puerto Rican girl discovers she can learn about God by looking at herself and paying attention to the world around her.



Karen Valentin is an award-winning American writer who is proud of her Puerto Rican heritage. She is the author of several books for children, including *What Did Abuela Say?* and *Block Party*. She is also the author of a young-adult novel, *The Summer She Changed Her Name*. Karen has also published several books for adults, including a memoir, *The Mother God Made Me to Be*, awarded Best Parenting/Family Book in 2016 by The International Latino Book Awards. An avid traveler who speaks three languages—English, Spanish, and French—she taught English as a second language in France after earning a bachelor of arts in English literature from Fordham University.



Antonieta Muñoz Estrada is from Mexico. Her artwork is colorful and textured; she loves to draw funny characters with meaningful stories and wants to make others happy with her illustrations.



Sparrow's Prayer

Written by Roger Hutchison · Illustrated by Ag Jatkowska

Sparrow wakes each morning, ready to sing a prayer of thanksgiving. But not today. Today his words get tangled and knotted in his beak like old yarn and straw. He feels sad and gray, and he’s not sure why. So Sparrow decides to ask his friends Turtle, Mousie, and Buck for advice on how to pray. Each friend shows Sparrow a different way to pray without words, through generosity, art, and movement. As the day ends, Sparrow meditates on a rose aglow in the evening light and has an epiphany: Every living thing does what God created them to do. Each life is, itself, a prayer of thanksgiving. Often, the most powerful prayers do not include words. Lyrical and unique, *Sparrow's Prayer* is a tale about an unexpected and life-changing encounter with the holy.

Backmatter includes an author’s note with a reflection and suggestions for using different senses to pray.

When Sparrow can’t find the words to pray, he discovers new ways to connect with God without words.



Roger Hutchison is an author, illustrator, educator, and director of Christian Formation and Parish Life at Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church in Houston, Texas. In addition to *Sparrow's Prayer*, Roger is the author of seven books, including *My Favorite Color Is Blue*; *Sometimes: A Journey through Loss with Art and Color*; and *The Very Best Day: The Way of Love for Children*. Roger’s ambition is to use art, color, and poetic language to communicate love and promote healing and hope in today’s hurting world.



Ag Jatkowska is an illustrator who lives and works in the United Kingdom. With a passion for creating whimsical scenes full of cute animals, soft colors, and various textures, Ag has illustrated dozens of children’s books for publishers all over the world. In her spare time, she loves to discover new places and take long walks with her family. She is fascinated by different cultures, and loves film, theatre, and chocolate.

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Marketing and Selling Points

National publicity campaign targeting Latinx media and progressive Christian media
Events and appearances by celebrated author
National publicity campaign targeting literary and trade media such as School Library Journal, Book Riot, and Wall Street Journal
Special outreach to progressive Christians through email as well as digital and social-media targeting
Select Christian conferences and events, such as Wild Goose Festival
Regional shows on East Coast
Social-media influencer campaign to key progressive Christians
National review coverage
Shelf Awareness advertising campaign

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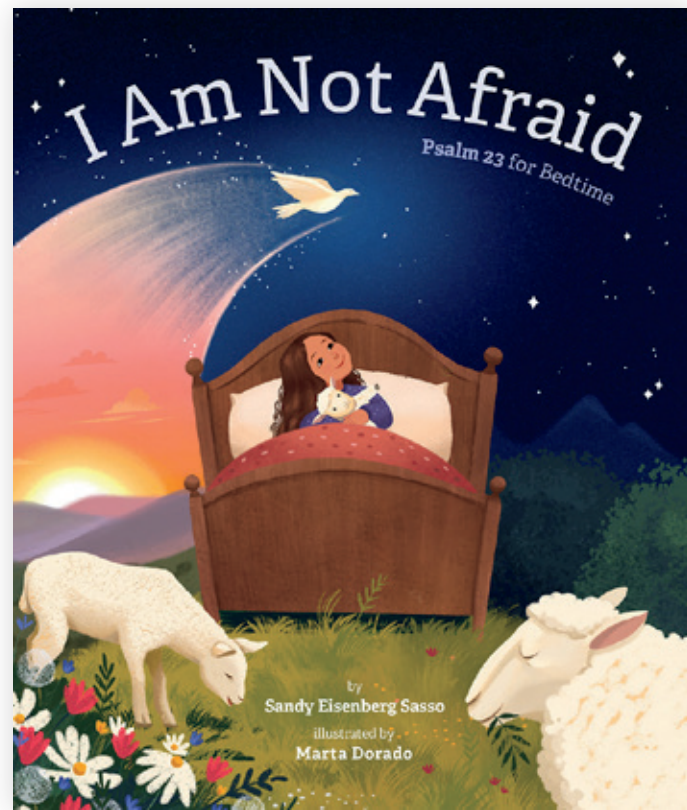
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JUV033280 JUVENILE FICTION / Religious / Christian / Inspirational

Marketing and Selling Points

Promotion via Roger Hutchison's large social-media platform
National publicity campaign targeting literary and trade media such as School Library Journal, Book Riot, and Wall Street Journal
Special outreach to progressive Christians through email, digital, and social-media targeting
Select Christian conferences and events, such as Wild Goose Festival
Regional shows in Texas
Social-media influencer campaign to key progressive Christians
National review coverage
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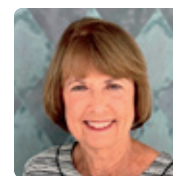
I Am Not Afraid: Psalm 23 for Bedtime

Written by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso · Illustrated by Marta Dorado

In this creative retelling of Psalm 23, a child imagines scary shadows chasing away her sleep and peace as she reaches out to God her Comforter. Gently and imaginatively written, this story about being afraid of the dark brings the psalmist's words into a new and relatable light for children.

Backmatter includes background information about Psalm 23 and encouragement and practical tips for coping with fear and scary times.

A bedtime retelling of Psalm 23 for children, providing comforting reassurance for nighttime fears and anxieties.



Sandy Eisenberg Sasso is Rabbi Emerita of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and Director of Religion, Spirituality and the Arts, IUPUI Arts and Humanities. She is the award-winning author of twenty-five acclaimed children's books,

including several Junior Library Guild and PJ Library selections. Two of her books were selected as best books of the year by *Publishers Weekly*. She was the first woman ordained from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in 1974 and received her doctor of divinity after twenty-five years in the rabbinate.



Marta Dorado is an illustrator from Spain who was born in Gijón and grew up in a nearby coastal town, surrounded by nature. She attended university in Pamplona, where she still lives, and started a career as a graphic designer in

the advertising industry. In 2020 she became a full-time freelance illustrator.



Big Truck Playdate

Written by Laurie Carmody · Illustrated by Jennica Lounsbury

Corey went everywhere with his trucks. But when it came to other kids, he rode solo.

When Corey's school hosts a semi-truck extravaganza, his tires squeal and his heart revs. He can't believe it! But the crowd of classmates quickly leaves him feeling overwhelmed. Corey must find the courage to be his unique, enthusiastic self before missing the opportunity to have his very own big truck playdate.

With insight and imagination, this heartwarming story from the perspective of a boy on the autism spectrum demonstrates how the power of play can connect us with new friends.

The heartwarming story of a boy on the autism spectrum who finds that a shared love of trucks gives him the self-confidence and courage to make friends.



Laurie Carmody is a picture-book author from a little town in Maryland, where she lives with her husband and two children. Before becoming a writer, she created training programs for adults and taught preservice teachers how to use technology in their classrooms. Laurie is also a homeschool teacher, pianist, and SCBWI member.



Jennica Lounsbury is passionate about illustrating picture books. She likes drawing funny and serious and thoughtful ideas, about animals and people and love. She lives in Ontario, Canada, with her family and her very old cat, Greta.

Sparrow's Prayer

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JUV033020 JUVENILE FICTION / Religious / Jewish
JUV033090 JUVENILE FICTION / Religious / Christian / Emotions & Feelings

Marketing and Selling Points

Author events and storytimes
National publicity campaign targeting Jewish media and Christian media
Promotions at select conferences and events
Email marketing campaign to extensive church lists
Social-media influencer campaign targeting key progressive voices
National trade advertising campaign
Inclusion in Easter campaign
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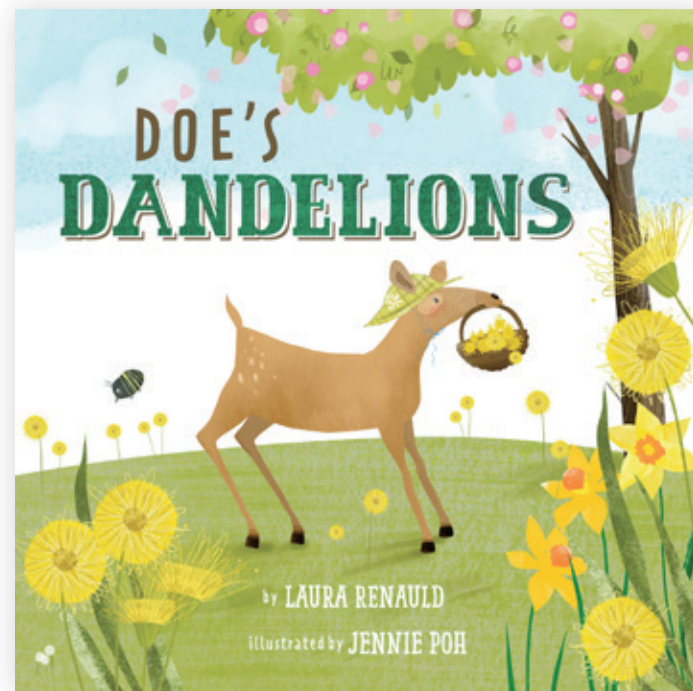
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Marketing and Selling Points

School and library advertising campaign
Downloadable storytime kit
Regional events in New England area with author
Social-media advertising campaign targeting librarians, teachers, and parents
Special outreach to occupational therapists, school counselors, and other professionals who work with children on the autism spectrum

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Doe's Dandelions

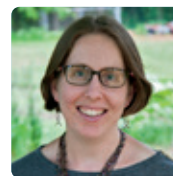
Written by Laura Renauld · Illustrated by Jennie Poh

Spring is here, and the woodland friends' gardens are blooming! But will all the dandelions ruin the Spring Petal Parade?

Every year, Doe grows daffodils for the Spring Petal Parade, but despite all her diligent weeding, dandelions have taken over her garden! She travels through the woods to warn her friends, but to Doe's surprise, Porcupine eats dandelion leaves, Squirrel thinks the blooms make a beautiful bouquet, and Bear cultivates a wishing garden. Perhaps dandelions are much more than weeds after all?

The lovable gang from the Woodland Friends series returns in a colorful celebration of springtime, teaching Doe that all things—even dandelions—have worth. A final spread features instructions and inspiration for readers to plan their very own Petal Parade.

The delightful animals from the Woodland Friends series are back, this time with an important lesson about how all things have worth—if we take the time to notice.



Laura Renauld is a former elementary school teacher. She lives in Northern Virginia with her husband and their two storytelling sons. She is the author of *Porcupine's Pie*, *Bear's Bicycle*, *Squirrel's Sweater*, and *Fred's Big Feelings: The Life and Legacy of Mister Rogers*.



Jennie Poh is a creative who studied fine art at the Surrey Institute of Art & Design, as well as fashion illustration at Central St. Martins. She lives in Woking, England.

Also available from the Woodland Friends series



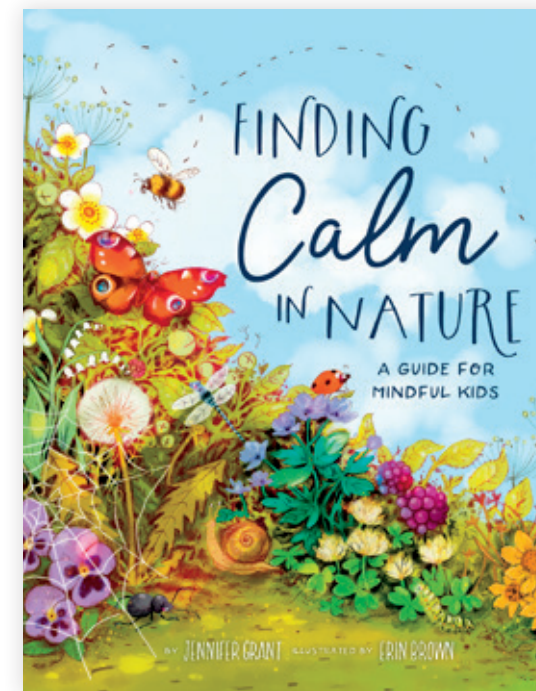
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Finding Calm in Nature: A Guide for Mindful Kids

Written by Jennifer Grant · Illustrated by Erin Brown

“Let nature be your teacher when your feelings are tangled up in knots.”

One way to feel better when we are hurting is to spend time outside. Being in nature is good for both our bodies and our minds.

Each chapter of this practical guide explores a different element of nature and connects it with a mindfulness prompt designed to help kids manage their feelings. From dandelions to spider webs, children will uncover the lessons nature teaches about embracing a growth mindset, the benefits of living in community, and the transformative power of noticing the beauty around them. Breathing exercises, stretching, practicing mindfulness, and keeping a nature notebook are just some of the tools introduced to kids to equip them to navigate their feelings as they spend time outdoors.

A gentle, practical guide to help kids discover the ways nature can help them navigate their feelings.



Jennifer Grant is the award-winning author of picture books for children and books for adults. Her books include *Maybe God Is Like That Too*, *Maybe I Can Love My Neighbor Too*, and *Dimming the Day*. Grant's work has

appeared in *Woman's Day*, *Chicago Parent*, *Patheos*, and the *Chicago Tribune*, and she is a founding member of INK: A Creative Collective. Grant holds a master's degree in English literature with concentrations in creative writing and critical theory from Southern Methodist University in Dallas. A lifelong Episcopalian and the mother of four, she lives in Chicago with her husband.



Erin Brown is a Northern Irish illustrator who lives on the beautiful island of Jersey. She combines her love for hand-drawn lines with the flexibility of adding color digitally. When she's not working, she can be found exploring the forests and cliff paths of Jersey or down at the seashore.

Doe's Dandelions

Publication: March 7, 2023

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Hardcover 9 x 9
32 pages
Ages 3 to 8
\$17.99

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JUV002000 JUVENILE FICTION / Animals / General

Marketing and Selling Points

Author blog tour with book giveaways
Targeted digital and social-media campaign to parents, librarians, and educators
National trade and library advertising
Publicity campaign to library, education, and trade media
Author storytimes and signings
Special promotions for Earth Day

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Finding Calm in Nature: A Guide for Mindful Kids

Publication: March 21, 2023

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Hardcover 7 x 9
112 pages
Ages 8 to 12
\$19.99

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JNF053050 JUVENILE NONFICTION / Social Topics / Emotions & Feelings

Marketing and Selling Points

Earth Day campaign and summer reading campaign
Targeted promotion to mental health professionals who work with children
School and library conference promotions
Events and appearances with Chicago-based author
School and library advertising campaign
Social-media campaign focused on getting kids outside enjoying nature

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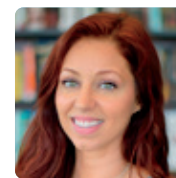
The Postcard Project

Written by Maggie Lauren Brown · Illustrated by Asma Enayeh

Lola loves summer visits at Gram's seaside home. But when a wave of homesickness hits and ordinary phone calls and letters don't help, Lola and Gram craft their own extraordinary homemade postcards to send their love from the coast.

This intergenerational story shows readers that postcard materials hide everywhere—from cereal boxes to garden weeds—and includes an easy DIY project sure to spread kindness right off the page.

This charming intergenerational story invites readers to use creativity to create connection and to spread love wherever they go.



Maggie Lauren Brown is a former high school English teacher and a member of SCBWI. A Minnesota native, Maggie lives in Texas with her family.



Asma Enayeh is a Syrian French illustrator who grew up in Damascus and currently lives in Dubai. She loves traveling and has visited more than twenty-three countries. Growing up, she used to stay with her grandparents in the French countryside, where she spent her days painting in nature.



Looking for Happy

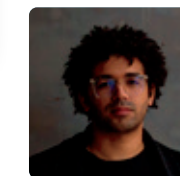
Written by Ty Chapman · Illustrated by Keenon Ferrell

Every day is different. Some days everything goes right—you're in the groove and feeling like yourself.

But some days, it's a lot harder to find happy because everything is just blah. Sometimes everything that should be fun just feels . . . flat. A young boy is having one of those dreary days, and nothing seems to help. But after trying his grandmother's way to shake the blues also fails, he discovers that happiness is easiest to find when you're not looking.

This picture book gently reminds readers that it's normal to have happy and sad days and normalizes speaking about emotions and seeking help. Heartfelt and hopeful, the story models emotional intelligence and self-awareness for readers of all ages.

A young Black boy navigates the ups and downs of his emotions and learns that happiness is sometimes easier to find when we stop looking for it.



Ty Chapman is a Twin Cities–based author, poet, puppeteer, and playwright of Nigerian and European descent. He is passionate about art that speaks to the Black experience in America. His recent accomplishments include being named a Loft Literary Center Mirrors and Windows fellow and publishing poetry through multiple journals.



Keenon Ferrell is a digital animator and illustrator based in NYC. He likes to make artwork that is sassy with lots of attitude and emotion. He especially likes artwork inspired by music, fashion, and sports.



Also available from Ty Chapman
978-1-5064-7835-7 | \$18.99

The Postcard Project

Publication: April 25, 2023
978-1-5064-8692-5
Hardcover 8.5 x 10
32 pages
Ages 4 to 8
\$17.99

JUV013030 JUVENILE FICTION / Family / Multigenerational
JUV039050 JUVENILE FICTION / Social Themes / Emotions & Feelings
JUV039090 JUVENILE FICTION / Social Themes / New Experience

Marketing and Selling Points

Events and appearances by Texas-based author and educator
School and library advertising campaign
Regional shows in Texas
School and library conference promotions
Downloadable teacher resource guide
Co-op promotions through Baker & Taylor and Follett School Solutions

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Looking for Happy

Publication: May 2, 2023
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Hardcover 9 x 11
40 pages
Ages 5 to 8
\$18.99

JUV039050 JUVENILE FICTION / SOCIAL THEMES / Emotions & Feelings
JUV039240 JUVENILE FICTION / SOCIAL THEMES / Depression & Mental Illness
JUV039140 JUVENILE FICTION / SOCIAL THEMES / Self-Esteem & Self-Reliance

Marketing and Selling Points

National media campaign tied to themes of mental health for kids
Events and appearances by known Twin Cities–based author, poet, puppeteer, and playwright
Co-op promotions through Baker & Taylor and Follett
Targeted social-media campaign to parents, librarians, teachers, and mental-health professionals
National trade and library advertising
Consumer advertising targeting progressive parents and Black parents
Special mailing to key bloggers and influencers
ABA box mailing to independent bookstores
Awards campaign

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Duck, Duck, Tiger

Written and Illustrated by Brittany R. Jacobs

Lili has noticed that she's different from everyone around her . . . like she's a tiger when everyone else seems to be a duck. Should she announce her discovery? She worries that the world doesn't like tigers. What if no one likes tigers? Inspired by the author's childhood and lived experiences, *Duck, Duck, Tiger* is a picture book which explores the difficulties those with marginalized identities face from an early age. Lili's journey from uneasy feelings to understanding and pride will resonate with readers struggling with their own sense of otherness, championing inclusion.

An empowering story about finding courage, self-love, and pride in a world where you feel different from those around you.



Brittany R. Jacobs spends her days steeped in books at a library in Southwest Iowa. Learning the art of oral storytelling from childhood, she developed a unique voice that she uses as a writer. A self-taught artist who uses a combination of traditional watercolor and digital art, she blends observation and natural curiosity to create fun and unique art. When not working at the library, writing, or illustrating, she can be found exploring nature with her wife and dogs, chasing her curiosity as far and fast as she can.



Sometimes Shy

Written by Julie Bliven • Illustrated by Dang Khoa Tran

A boy notices everything around him that can be shy—a seedling slow to sprout, a marker timid to let its color out. But no one accuses objects of being too shy. On a seaside stroll home from school with his older brother, the boy doesn't feel shy at all. Because, like the ocean tides, sometimes we're shy, and sometimes we're like big, booming waves with a lot to say at the end of the day.

A lyrical exploration of situational shyness, and how sometimes inanimate objects can be shy too.

A lyrical look at situational shyness—and a reminder that being shy isn't a bad trait, and in the right situation, a child may not be shy at all.



Julie Bliven has been an editor of books for young children for more than a decade. She holds a master's degree in children's literature from Simmons University, where she has mentored and taught in the MFA program. Julie lives in Yarmouth, Maine, with her husband and son.



Dang Khoa Tran used to be a curious kid, but quite shy and hesitant to explore. Now he explores through art. Khoa lives in Vietnam.

Duck, Duck, Tiger

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Hardcover 9 x 12
32 pages
Ages 4 to 8
\$18.99

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JUV039140 JUVENILE FICTION / Social Themes / Self-Esteem & Self-Reliance
JUV039050 JUVENILE FICTION / Social Themes / Emotions & Feelings

Marketing and Selling Points

Library advertising through School Library Journal and Library Journal
Special outreach to queer bloggers and influencers
Social-media campaign targeting librarians and teachers
Author launch team
Library storytimes and school visits with author

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Sometimes Shy

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Hardcover 8.5 x 10
32 pages
Ages 4 to 8
\$18.99

JUV039050 JUVENILE FICTION / Social Themes / Emotions & Feelings
JUV013000 JUVENILE FICTION / Family / General (see also headings under Social Themes)

Marketing and Selling Points

Promotion at regional shows in the New England area
Submission to ALA awards and other relevant awards
Downloadable teacher resource guide
School and library advertising
National publicity campaign targeting librarians, teachers, and parents of young children
Events and appearances by active author
National wholesaler advertising
Social-media campaign targeting teachers and librarians

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A Dive into the Blue

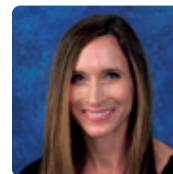
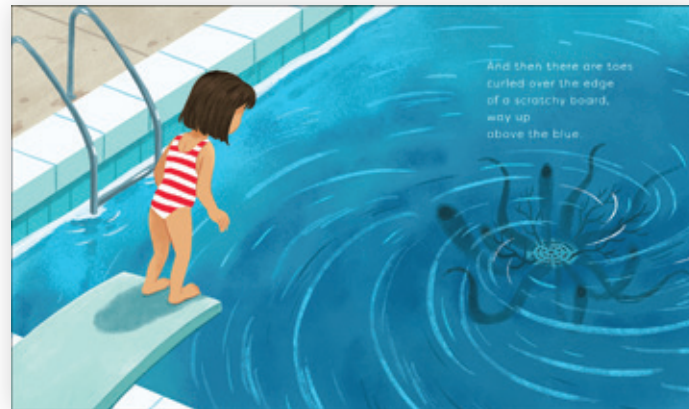
Written by Ellie Huynh • Illustrated by Bao Luu

“First, there is the blue that stretches in front of you . . .”

As a small girl stands at the edge of a diving board, she fears the drain at the bottom of the pool will swallow her up. Determined to learn how to dive, she musters up her courage by imagining other possibilities of what she might find under the surface, like mermaid mazes and lantern fish.

Through lyrical text and enchanting illustrations, *A Dive into the Blue* explores a child’s imagination as she learns to overcome her fears. Believing in herself, and not the shadows in the water, might be just what she needs to take the leap.

Perfect for summer reading, this lyrical story written by a kindergarten teacher illustrates how imagination can help us overcome our greatest fears.



Ellie Huynh is a longtime kindergarten teacher. She writes stories and poetry with themes of friendship, perseverance, and wonder. *A Dive into the Blue* is her debut picture book. Besides writing, Ellie loves singing, painting, and teaching art classes. She lives in Southern California with her husband and three children.



Bao Luu was born in Vietnam and currently lives in the United States. As an artist, he focuses on color and texture in his illustrations. He loves playing with color. By observing everything in life to gain inspiration, he combines different ideas to create his unique artwork.

A Dive into the Blue

Publication: May 23, 2023
978-1-5064-8634-5
Hardcover 8.5 x 10
32 pages
Ages 3 to 8
\$17.99

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JUV039090 JUVENILE FICTION / Social Themes / New Experience
JUV039050 JUVENILE FICTION / Social Themes / Emotions & Feelings

Marketing and Selling Points

Promotion for summer reading
School and library conference promotions
School and library advertising campaign
Shelf Awareness advertising campaign for summer reading
Social-media campaign targeting librarians, teachers, and parents of kids ages 5–7

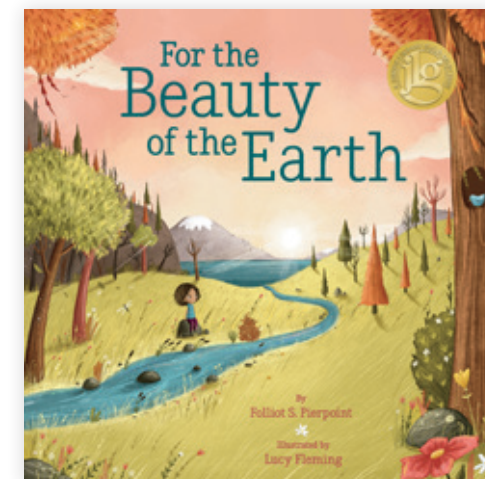
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Paperback 8.5 x 10
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Ages 4 to 8
\$7.99

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JUV051000 JUVENILE FICTION / Imagination & Play
JUV003000 JUVENILE FICTION / Art



Publication: February 21, 2023
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Paperback 10 x 10
32 pages
Ages 4 to 8
\$7.99
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NEW IN PAPERBACK

Antonino's Impossible Dream

Written by Tim McGlen • Illustrated by Sophia Touliatou

A timeless tale about the wish for a friend.

Antonino is a young artist who dreams of painting a masterpiece, an impossible dream he calls Friend. When he gets stuck, inspiration comes from an unexpected place.

A dreamlike fable about the power of friendship and imagination, *Antonino's Impossible Dream* is a children’s story told in timeless style by author Tim McGlen, with captivating illustrations by Sophia Touliatou.

Marketing and Selling Points

National trade advertising
Special promotion to influencers, teachers, and librarians
National publicity campaign targeting librarians, educators, and parents
National wholesaler advertising

NEW IN PAPERBACK

For the Beauty of the Earth

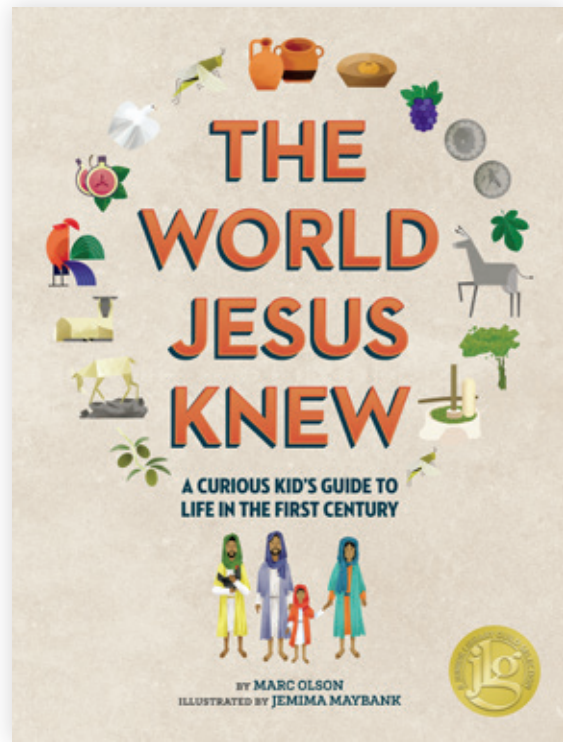
Written by Folliott S. Pierpoint • Illustrated by Lucy Fleming

The timeless words of a beloved hymn celebrating family, nature, and community—now in picture-book form. The poetry of this classic hymn combines with beautiful illustrations to create a picture book that children and adults alike will cherish. The lyrics of *For the Beauty of the Earth*, originally written in 1864, celebrate creation, family, music, and community. Illustrations bring the words to life, capturing the rich imagery of the song. The book includes the written music and lyrics so families can sing the song together.

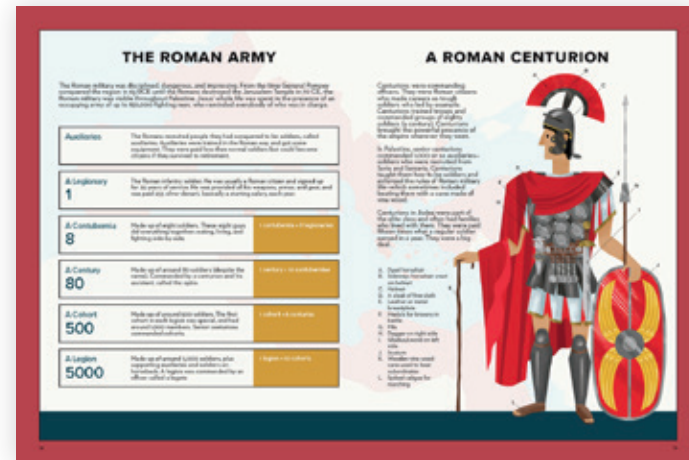
For the Beauty of the Earth is a Junior Library Guild Selection. Junior Library Guild is a curated subscription service for libraries featuring books recommended by expert librarians for building an excellent collection.

Marketing and Selling Points

Co-op advertising
Email marketing to extensive church lists
Social-media advertising targeting musicians, pastors, and lay leaders



Invites readers to explore the stories of Jesus in their cultural context, bringing new life and understanding to familiar biblical events.



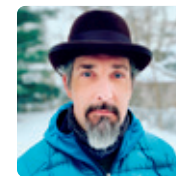
NEW IN PAPERBACK

The World Jesus Knew: A Curious Kid's Guide to Life in the First Century

Written by Marc Olson · Illustrated by Jemima Maybank

What was the world like when Jesus was on the earth? What did he and his followers eat? How did they work? Where did they live? What did they believe about God and the world? And how does all of it affect the way we read and understand the stories of Jesus in the Bible? Curious kids wonder about these questions—and *The World Jesus Knew* is full of answers. Filled with colorful illustrations, maps, charts, graphs, and fun infographics, it's a book curious kids (and adults!) will pore over for hours on end, jam-packed with information and facts that will surprise and enlighten.

Curious Kids' Guides present cool and surprising information about Christian history and beliefs in an entertaining, visually engaging way for kids.



Marc Olson is a theologian and the author of several titles in the Curious Kids' Guides series. He lives in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Jemima Maybank has an illustration style inspired by the minimal shapes and subtle use of textures seen in mid-century children's books. She lives in England.

Also available from the Curious Kids' Guide series



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\$19.99



978-1-5064-6049-9
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The World Jesus Knew: A Curious Kid's Guide to Life in the First Century

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Paperback 9 x 12
64 pages
Ages 9 to 14
\$9.99

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JNF049170 JUVENILE NONFICTION / Religion / Biblical Reference
JNF049010 JUVENILE NONFICTION / Religion / Biblical Studies

Marketing and Selling Points

- National print and online publicity
- Church outreach
- Targeted digital and social-media campaign
- Special features in national Christian digital and print publications

Social Emotional Learning

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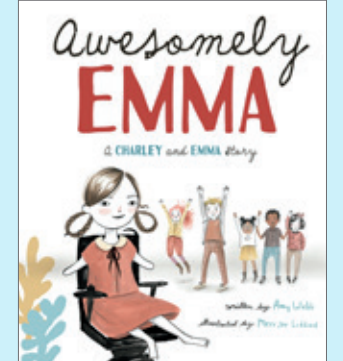


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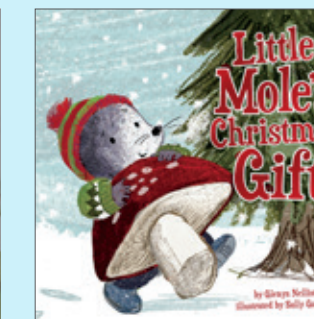


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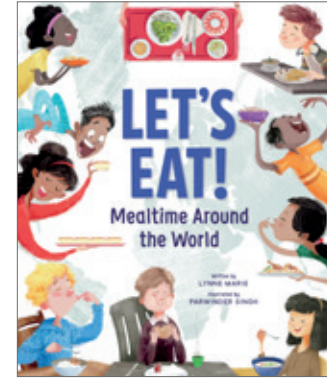
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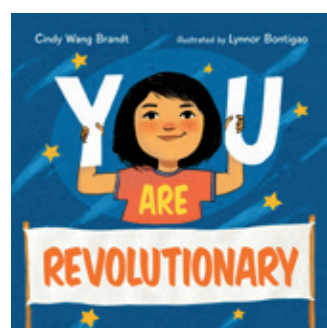
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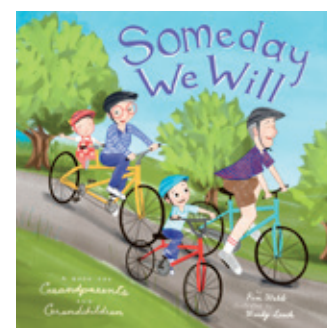
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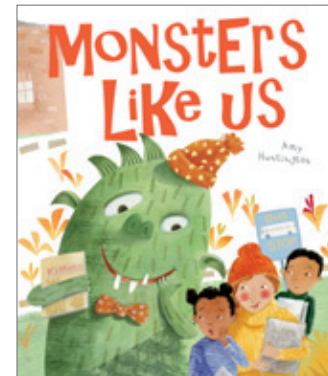
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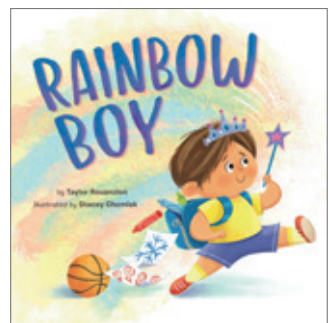
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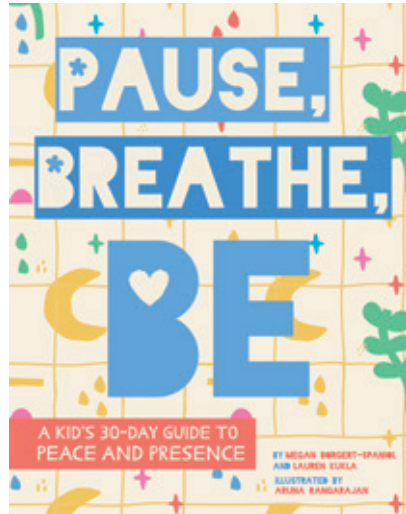


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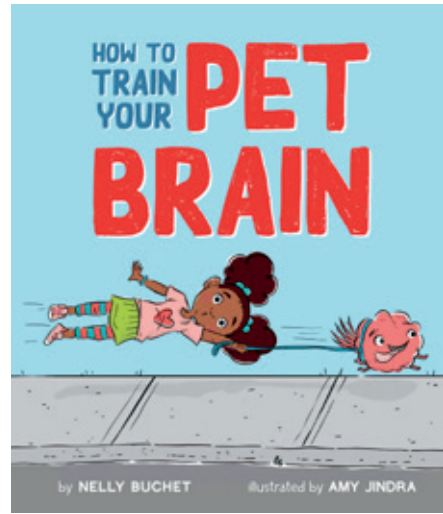


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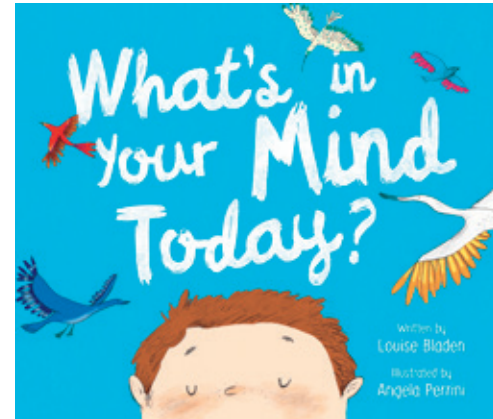
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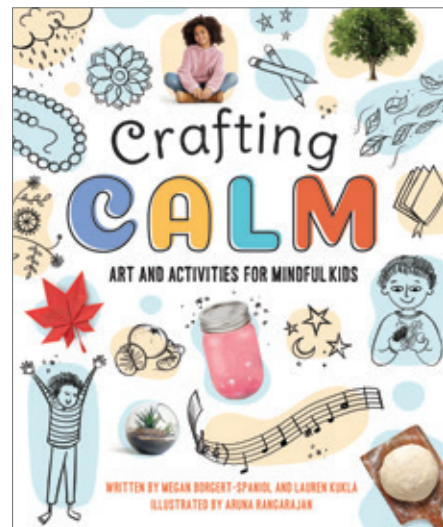
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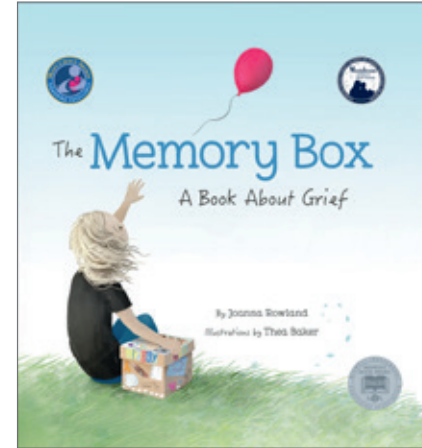
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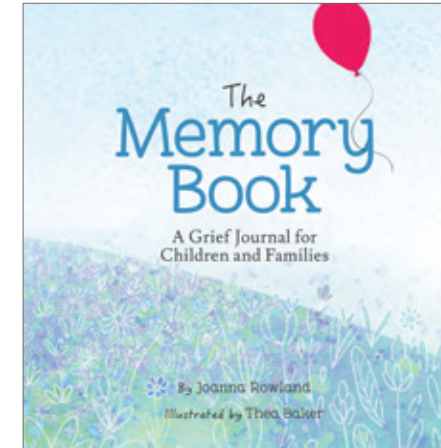
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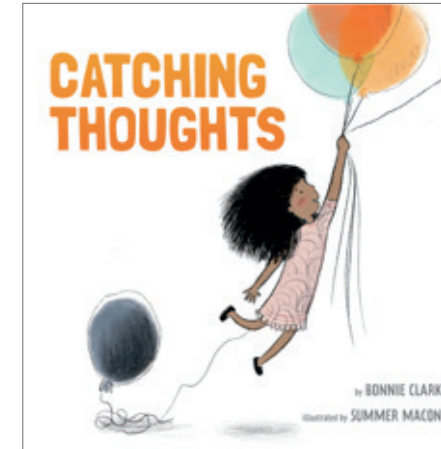
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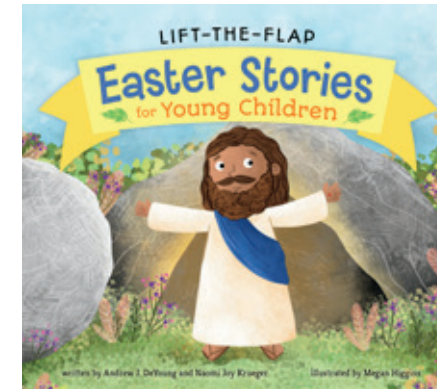


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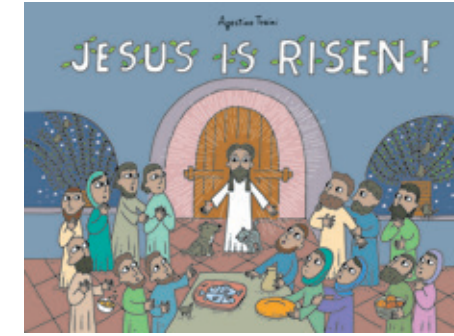


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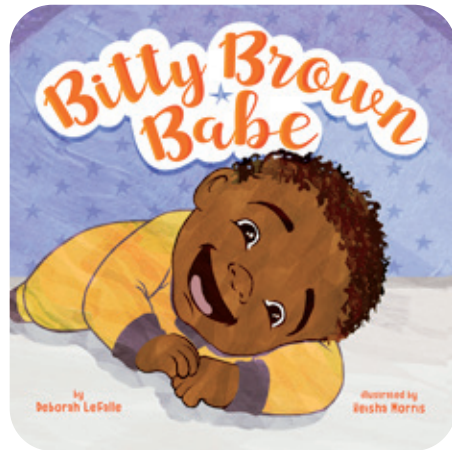
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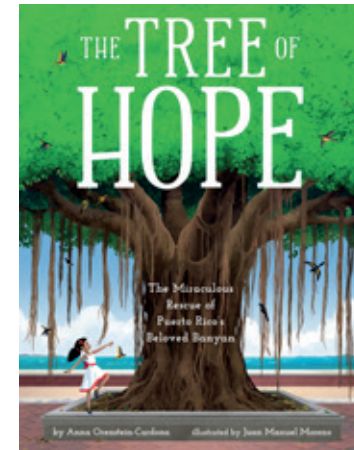
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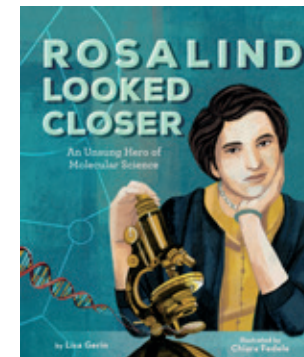


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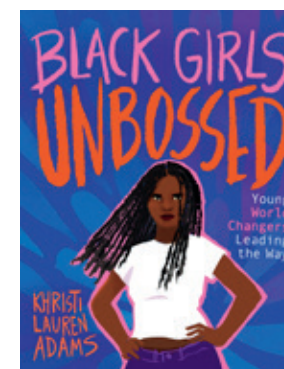
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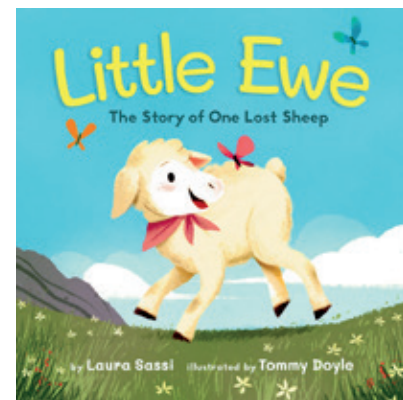
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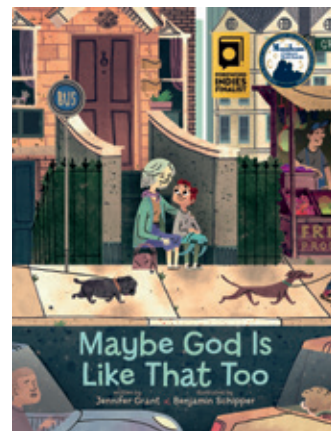
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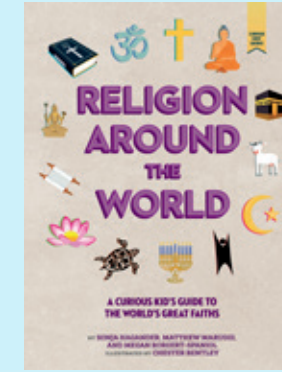


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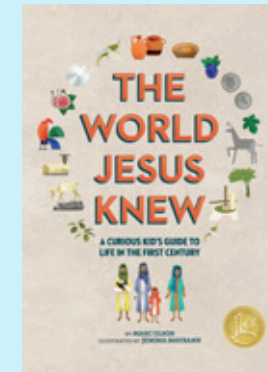


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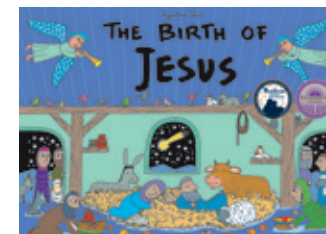
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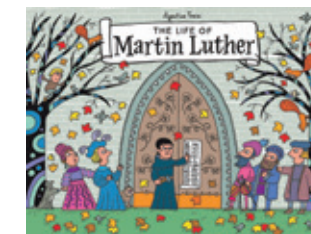
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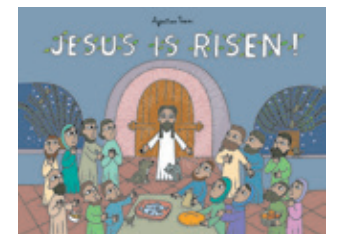
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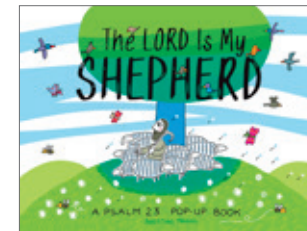
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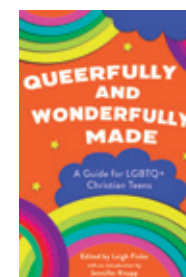
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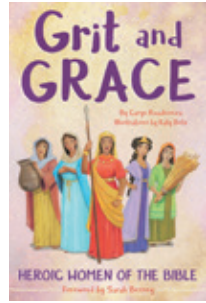
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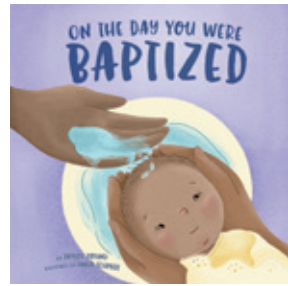
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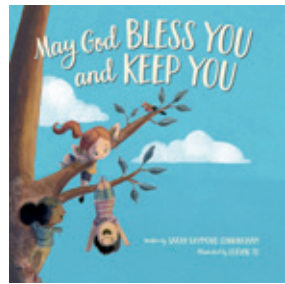
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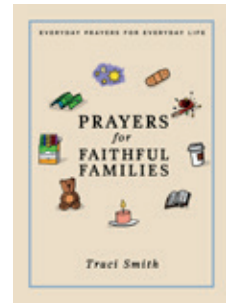
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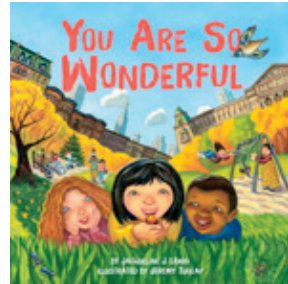
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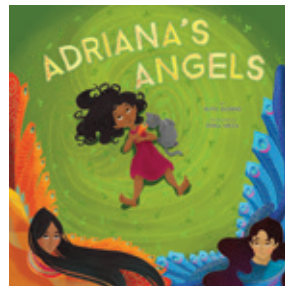
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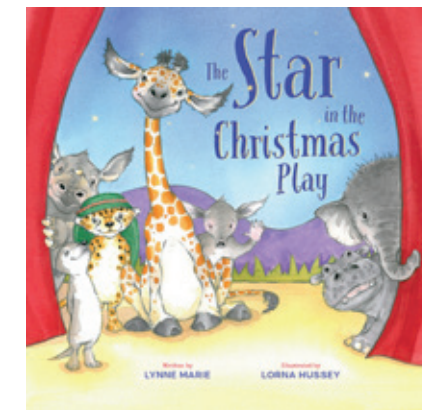
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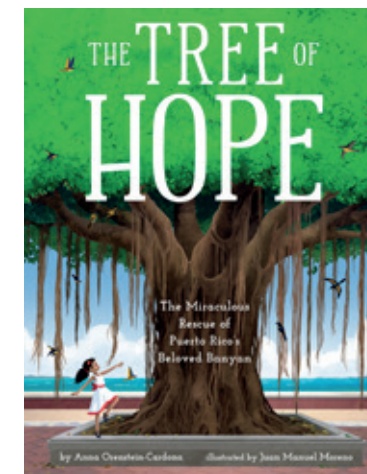
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