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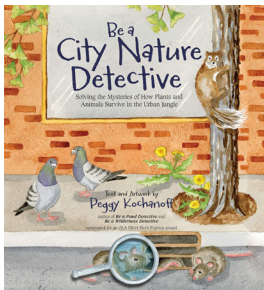


Courage of Elфина

Written by André Jacob, Illustrated by Christine Delezenne

Published by Lorimer

Twelve-year-old Elфина lives with her grandmother in Paraguay. When a distant relative offers to have Elфина come live with her in the city so she can attend school, Elфина's grandmother sends her off for a better life. But life with her relatives isn't what Elфина thought it would be, and soon Elфина finds herself far away from home, living in Canada, and kept as a domestic servant by the family. School and an education are now a distant dream. When Elфина's uncle makes inappropriate advances at her, she knows she must somehow find the courage to escape and return home. But who will help her?

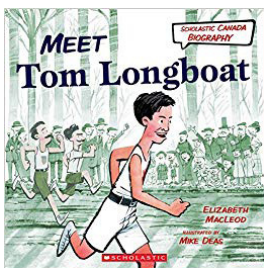


Be a City Nature Detective: Solving the Mysteries of How Plants and Animals Survive in the Urban Jungle

Written and illustrated by Peggy Kochanoff

Published by Nimbus Publishing

How do bedbugs get into your home? Why are some grey squirrels black? Does goldenrod cause hay fever? Naturalist and artist Peggy Kochanoff answers these questions and more in this illustrated guide to solving nature mysteries in the city. From the author of Silver Birch-nominated Be a Nature Detective series comes a new adventure full of fascinating facts and original watercolours. From scuttling cockroaches to waves of starlings to burdock heads on your clothes, Kochanoff takes the reader through city streets to show them the amazing nature growing there. Features a glossary, identification page, and further reading.

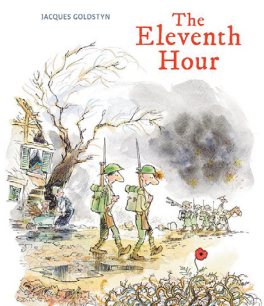


Meet Tom Longboat

Written by Elizabeth MacLeod, Illustrated by Mike Deas

Published by Scholastic Canada

On a cold and windy April day in 1907, Tom Longboat beat a crowd of top runners to win the famous Boston Marathon. His exhilarating, record-breaking performances earned him legions of fans in Canada and around the world. But there is more to his story than being a famous athlete. Tom volunteered and bravely served in WWI. He was dedicated to his family and community. Tom didn't always win, but he always worked hard with his head held high. Tom did things the way he knew was right... and achieved success on his own terms.

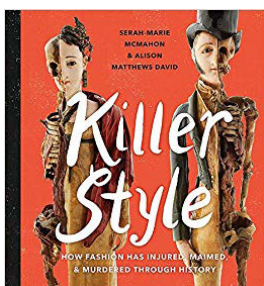


The Eleventh Hour

Written by Jacques Goldstyn

Published by Owlkids

Jim and Jules are childhood friends, born on the same day in the same village. All their lives, Jim has been first — born two minutes before Jules, always faster, always stronger. When the First World War breaks out in Europe, the two young men enlist in the fight with 30,000 other Canadians. On the Front, conditions aren't epic and glorious but muddy and barbaric. Here, too, Jim is the first to attack. Jules is always two minutes behind: lagging in drills, missing the boat, handed chores instead of honors. On November 11, 1918, Jim and Jules are sent out to fight one last time. Jim, always first over the top of the trench, is shot and dies at 10:58am, two minutes before the Armistice takes effect at 11:00am.



Killer Style: How Fashion has Injured, Maimed and Murdered Through History

Written by Alison Mathews-David and Serah-Marie McMahon, Illustrated by Gillian Wilson

Published by Owlkids

The clothes we wear every day keep us comfortable, protect us from the elements, and express our unique style — but could fashion also be fatal? As it turns out, history is full of fashions that have harmed or even killed people. From silhouette-cinching corsets and combustible combs to lethal hair dyes and flammable flannel, this nonfiction book looks back at the times people have suffered pain, injury, and worse, all in the name of style. Historical examples like the tragic "Radium Girl" watchmakers and mercury-poisoned "Mad Hatters," along with more recent factory accidents, raise discussion of unsafe workplaces — where those who make the clothes are often fashion's first victims.

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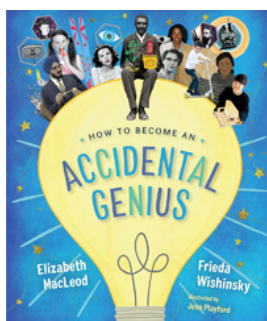


Tiny House Big Fix

Written by Gail Anderson-Dargatz

Published by Rapid Reads

Sadie works as a framer, building houses. She lost her own home in a recent divorce and now lives with her two daughters in a rented bungalow. When her landlady says she needs to move out, Sadie finds there's a housing crisis in her community. She can't find a place to live and is forced to move her family into a travel trailer at a local campsite. When her ex-husband finds out, he insists that the girls come live with him in another city. Desperate to keep her daughters with her in their home community, Sadie is forced to rethink her dream of living in a full-sized house. In the short term, she moves her girls into a co-worker's apartment. Then, with the help of her friends and daughters, she builds a tiny house. In the process she finds living with less has its rewards and that living in a small space brings her family closer together.

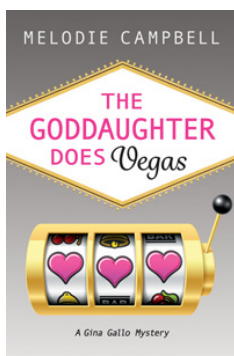


How to Become an Accidental Genius

Written by Frieda Wishinsky and Elizabeth MacLeod, Illustrated by Jenn Playford

Published by Orca Books

How to Become an Accidental Genius is full of inspiring tales of famous and lesser-known inventors who have changed the world, from George Washington Carver, Mary Anderson (inventor of the windshield wiper) and inventor and actress Hedy Lamarr to Frank Epperson (of Popsicle fame) and Mary Sherman Morgan (*The Woman Who Saved the U.S. Space Race*). Readers will be amazed at the inventiveness of these geniuses. The book focuses on inventors from North America but includes stories from around the world. Organized into eleven chapters that highlight the qualities inventors have in common, the book also features profiles of inventive kids and teenagers.

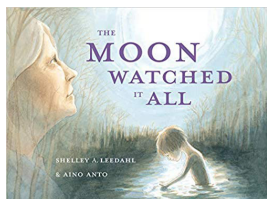


The Goddaughter Does Vegas

Written by Melodie Campbell

Published by Rapid Reads

Gina Gallo is a mob goddaughter who doesn't want to be one. She's left her loopy family behind to elope with Pete to Vegas. Except that eloping may be a mortal sin in an Italian family. Between that and some weird deliveries and suitors, Gina's nerves are frayed. Vegas is full of great acts, but one impersonation is real: Gina has a crime-committing double whose activities are making Gina front-page news. Gina has to track down this fiendish fraud before the police catch up with her. And, of course, cousin Nico is along for the ride. Another madcap adventure for the loveable Gallo cousins that proves the rule "Why should things go right when they can go wrong?"



The Moon Watched It All

Written by Shelley A. Leedahl, Illustrated by Aino Antto

Published by Red Deer Press

In a time before this time, when the world moved at a pony's pace, a woman rocked by her window and turned, every evening, to the moon... The woman was neither young nor old, neither happy nor particularly sad. She was known as Mirada, for she was always gazing. Like the moon, she was what she was. So begins the poignant story of pensive Mirada, a solitary woman who lives in a bygone village far far away. One day she sees a shy orphan boy who has been cast out of his village. She opens her door to him and as time passes the two unlikely solitudes become a necessary part of each other's lives — as the moon watched it all.

What Makes Girls Sick and Tired

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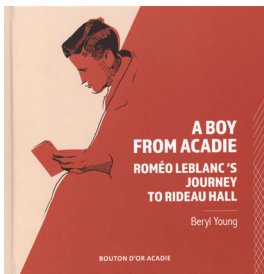
What Makes Girls Sick and Tired

Written by Lucile De Pesloüan and Illustrated by Geneviève Darling

Published by Second Story Press

What Makes Girls Sick and Tired is a feminist manifesto that denounces the discrimination and unfairness felt by women from childhood to adulthood. The graphic novel, illustrated in a strikingly minimalist style, invites teenagers, regardless of gender, to question the sexism that surrounds us every day. It ends with the hope that with solidarity girls will hurt less, as they hold each other up with support and encouragement.

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A Boy from Acadie: Roméo LeBlanc's Journey to Rideau Hall

Written by Beryl Young, Illustrated by Maurice Cormier

Published by Bouton d'Or Acadie

Born on a farm in the village of Cormier Cove in New- Brunswick, the young Roméo LeBlanc did not expect that one day, thanks to his loving family and some unexpected help from his sisters, he would have the chance to go to high school and university, become a history teacher, and then a journalist, finally a politician, climbing up the ladder to the highest position! Nevertheless, Roméo LeBlanc stayed modest and kept his great sense of humour all his life. Discover a boy from Acadie and his Journey to Rideau Hall, the official home of the Governor General in Ottawa.

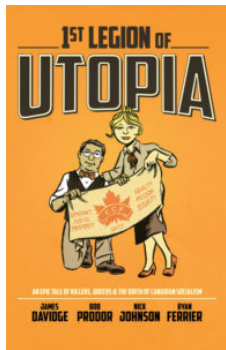


Aiviq: Life with Walrus

Written by Paul Saunders

Published by Inhabit Media

Massive, elusive, and always deserving of respect, the walrus is one of the Arctic's most recognizable animals. For thousands of years, Arctic residents have shared the coastlines and waters of the Arctic with these huge beasts. Often misunderstood by people who have not had first-hand encounters with them, walrus are known to those who share their habitat as somewhat unpredictable creatures, always deserving of caution when encountered. From close encounters with angry walrus, bent on destroying boats and chasing off humans to witnessing the attentive care of a walrus mother with its calf, this book gives readers from outside the Arctic a first-hand look at what life alongside walrus is really like.

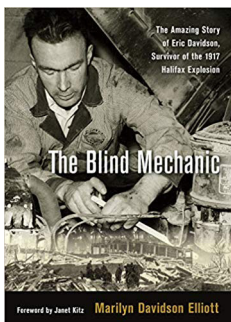


1st Legion of Utopia: An Epic Tale of Killers, Queers and the Birth of Canadian Socialism

Written by James Davidge, Nick Johnson, and Bob Prodor

Published by Renegade Arts Entertainment

The turmoil of the Great Depression galvanized Canadians to rise up and fight for improved labour conditions, social equality and universal healthcare. In the frontier city of Calgary, Holly Burnside and Brian Mah get involved with the founding of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, the first national party dedicated to the needs of workers and farmers.

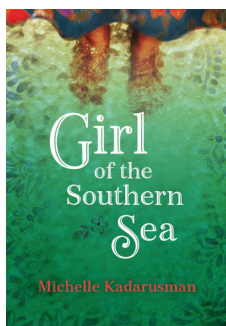


The Blind Mechanic: The Amazing Story of Eric Davidson, Survivor of the 1917 Halifax Explosion

Written by Marilyn Davidson Elliott

Published by Nimbus Publishing

Eric Davidson was a beautiful, fair-haired toddler when the Halifax Explosion struck, killing almost 2,000 people and seriously injuring thousands of others. Eric lost both eyes--a tragedy that his mother never fully recovered from. Eric, however, was positive and energetic. He also developed a fascination with cars and how they worked, and he later decided, against all likelihood, to become a mechanic. Assisted by his brothers who read to him from manuals, he worked hard, passed examinations, and carved out a decades-long career. Once the subject of a National Film Board documentary, Eric Dav.



Girl of the Southern Sea

Written by Michelle Kadarusman

Published by Pajama Press

From the time she was a little girl, Nia has dreamed up adventures about the Javanese mythical princess, Dewi Kadita. Now fourteen, Nia would love nothing more than to continue her education and become a writer. But high school costs too much. Her father sells banana fritters at the train station, but too much of his earnings go toward his drinking habit. Too often Nia is left alone to take over the food cart as well as care for her brother and their home in the Jakarta slums. But Nia is determined to find a way to earn her school fees. After she survives a minibus accident unharmed and the locals say she is blessed with 'good luck magic,' Nia exploits the notion for all its worth by charging double for her fried bananas. Selling superstitions can be dangerous, and when the tide turns it becomes clear that Nia's future is being mapped without her consent. If Nia is to write a new story for herself, she must overcome more obstacles than she could ever have conceived of for her mythical princess, and summon courage she isn't sure she has.