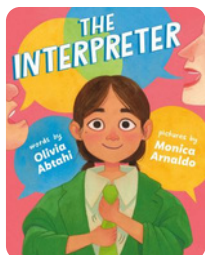


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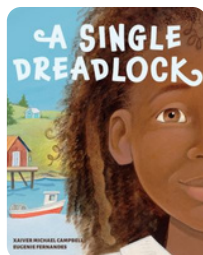
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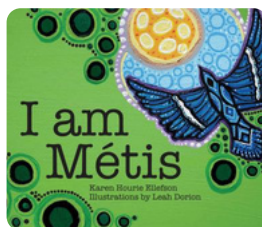
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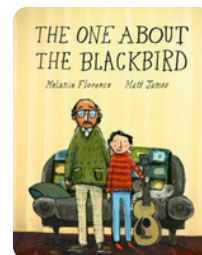
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Olivia Abtahi
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Kokila



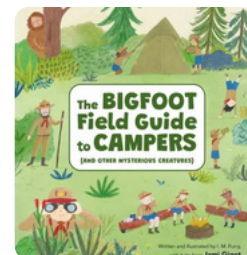
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Groundwood Books



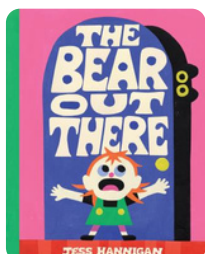
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Karen Hourie Ellefson
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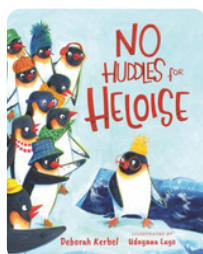
The One About the Blackbird
Melanie Florence
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Tundra



The Bigfoot Field Guide to Campers (And Other Mysterious Creatures)
Jami Gigot
Kids Can Press



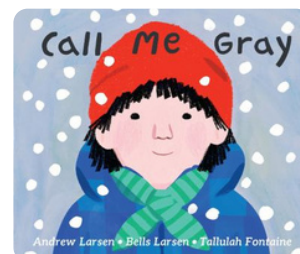
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Jess Hannigan
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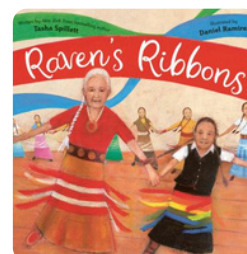
No Huddles for Heloise
Deborah Kerbel
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Everybelly
Thao Lam
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Call Me Gray
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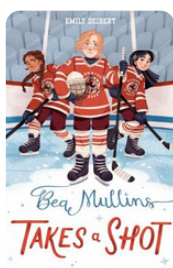


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Tasha Spillett illus.
Daniel Ramirez
Owlkids Books

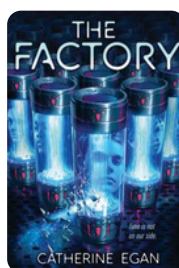
Junior Fiction



Something's Up With Arlo
Matteo L. Cerilli
HarperCollins



Bea Mullins Takes a Shot
Emily Deibert
Penguin Random House



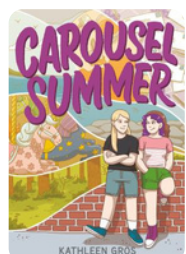
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Catherine Egan
Scholastic



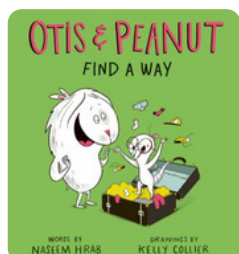
The Rehearsal Club
Kate Fodor & Laurie Petrou
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True Colors: Growing Up Weird in the 90s
Elise Gravel
Drawn & Quarterly



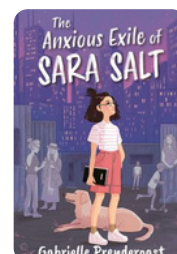
Carousel Summer
Kathleen Gros
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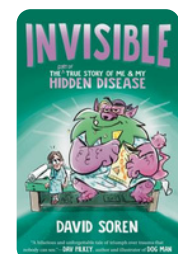
Otis & Peanut Find a Way
Naseem Hrab
illus. Kelly Collier
Owlkids Books



Benny on the Case
Wesley King
Simon and Schuster



The Anxious Exile of Sara Salt
Gabrielle Prendergast
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Invisible: The (sort of) True Story of Me And My Hidden Disease
David Soren
Penguin Random House



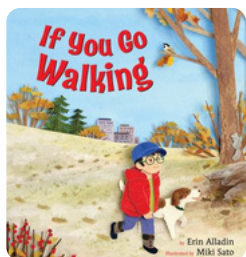
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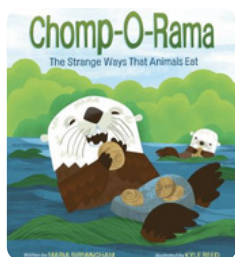
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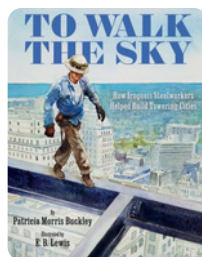
Junior Non-Fiction



If You Go Walking
Erin Alladin
illus. Miki Sato
Pajama Press



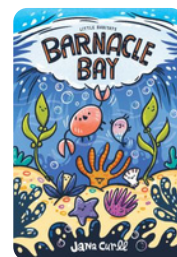
Chomp-O-Rama: The Strange Ways That Animals Eat
Maria Birmingham
illus. Kyle Reed
Owlkids Books



To Walk the Sky: How Iroquois Steelworkers Helped Build Towering Cities
Patricia Morris Buckley
illus. E.B. Lewis
Heartdrum



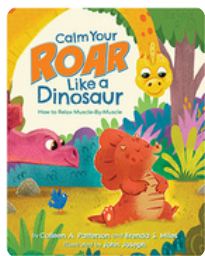
Star Sailor, The Story of Words
Sara Cassidy
illus. Julie McLaughlin
Orca



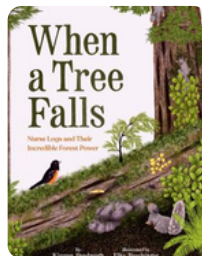
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Jana Curll
Greystone Kids



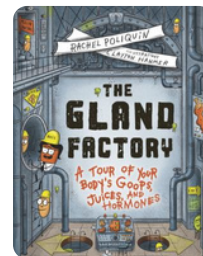
Burst Your Bubble: Outsmart the Algorithms and See What You're Missing
Joyce Grant
illus. Jan Bailey
Owlkids Books



Calm Your Roar Like a Dinosaur: How to Relax Muscle by Muscle
Brenda S. Miles, Colleen A. Patterson
illus. John Joseph
Magination Press



When a Tree Falls: Nurse Logs and Their Incredible Forest Power
Kirsten Pendreigh
illus. Elke Boschinger
Chronicle Books



The Gland Factory
Rachel Poliquin
illus. Hanmer Clayton
Greystone Kids



Plant Attack! The Fascinating Ways Flora Defends Itself
Erin Silver
illus. Julie McLaughlin
Orca

Young Adult



Recommended Reading
Paul Coccia
Zando Young Readers



The History of Everything
Victoria Evans
HarperCollins



Can Posers Kill? Antisemitic Propaganda and WWII
Jerry Faivish
illus. Kathryn Cole
Second Story Press



The Haunted Blizzard
Aviaq Johnston
illus. Athena Gubbe
Inhabit Media



You Started It
Jackie Khalilieh
Tundra



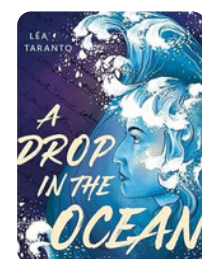
Songs for Ghosts
Clara Kumagai
Penguin Teen Canada



Breath of the Dragon
Shannon Lee & Fonda Lee
Wednesday Books



Meet Me at Blue Hour
Sarah Suk
HarperCollins



A Drop in the Ocean
Léa Taranto
Arsenal Pulp Press



The Omen Girl
Yueh Yang
Wattpad Books