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Awards and Recognition



EMET'S BOX

9780997958096



Winner

2023 Northern Lights Book Award,
Picture Book Category (Ages 4-8)

WILLA THE WEREWOLF

9781956378139

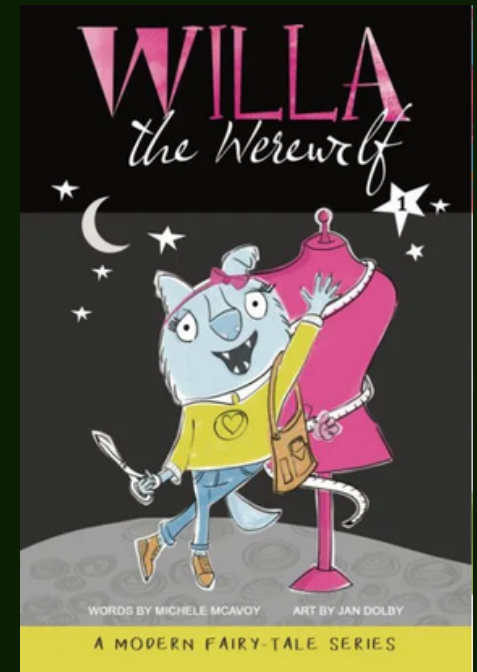
Winner

2023 Northern Lights Book Award,
Early Reader/Chapter Book Category

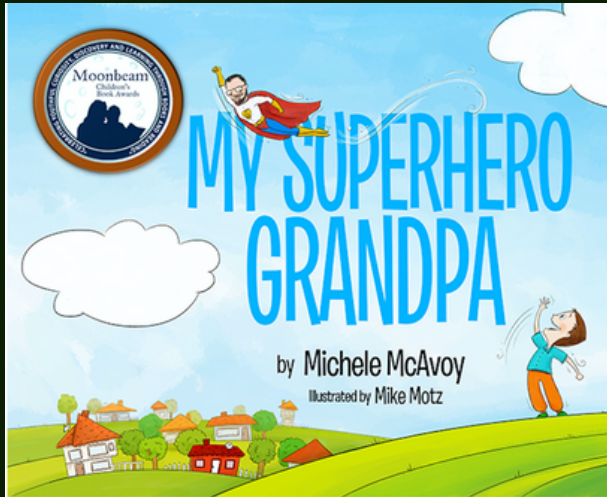


Nominee

2023 Cybils Award



Awards and Recognition



MY SUPERHERO GRANDPA

9780997958003



Winner

2016 Children's Moonbeam Book Award,
Picture Book Category (Ages 4-8)

BELLA & BLUE

9781956378252

2022 Cybils Award Nominee



2022 The Dog Writer's Association
of America -Runner up Early Readers

2024

8th Annual

Anna Dewdney Read-Together Award
Finalist



Words & Art by
Berrie Torgan-Randall



Awards and Recognition



MOONSONG

9780997958072



Original Picture Book Laureate in the 2021
XIV International Illustration and Book Design Competition,
Image of the Book

*"The book's lyrical text makes great use of devices like
onomatopoeia, rendering the story a delight to read out loud."*

– Kirkus Reviews

RAVEN'S GIFT

9781956378153

2024

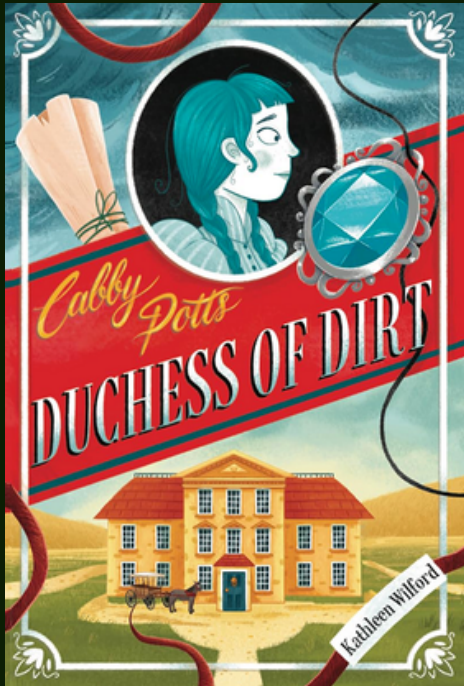
Silver Award Winner
Holiday Category



Based on a legend, biblical birds hear a raven's call
and join to celebrate the birth of the Savior in a tale of
determination, perseverance, hope, and faith.



Awards and Recognition



CABBY POTTS, DUCHESS OF DIRT

9781956378054



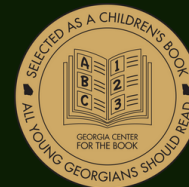
2023 Kansas Notable Book—
Kansas Center for the Book

Youth selection –
Great Reads from Great Places—
the Library of Congress

IN THE RING

9781956378146

2024 Books All Young Georgians
Should Read
Georgia Center for the Book





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EARLY READERS

CHAPTER BOOKS

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YOUNG ADULT

CHRISTIAN FICTION

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Is that a truck going by or
THUNDER?
Are you sure it's just a shower and not a
HURRICANE?



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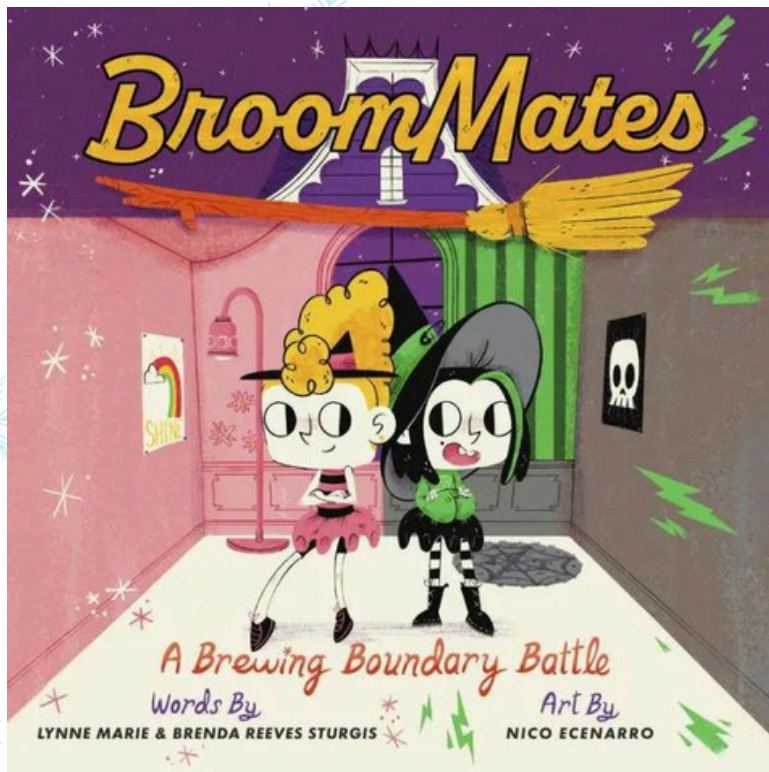
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CHILDREN'S BOOK
PUBLISHER

*picture books
early readers
chapter books
middle-grade
young adult*

EST. 2016



A SIBLING RIVALRY WITH A HALLOWEEN TWIST



There's room for improvement when witchy sisters Mathilda and Malin share a broom, and a room! One's bright and airy, the other dark and scary! Each sister knows exactly how they should decorate. Unfortunately, their disagreement ends in disaster and a broken broom. Will they ever find a way to meet in the middle?

Price: \$18.99

Pub Date: September 3, 2024

ISBN: 978-956378276

Title: BroomMates: A Brewing Boundary Battle

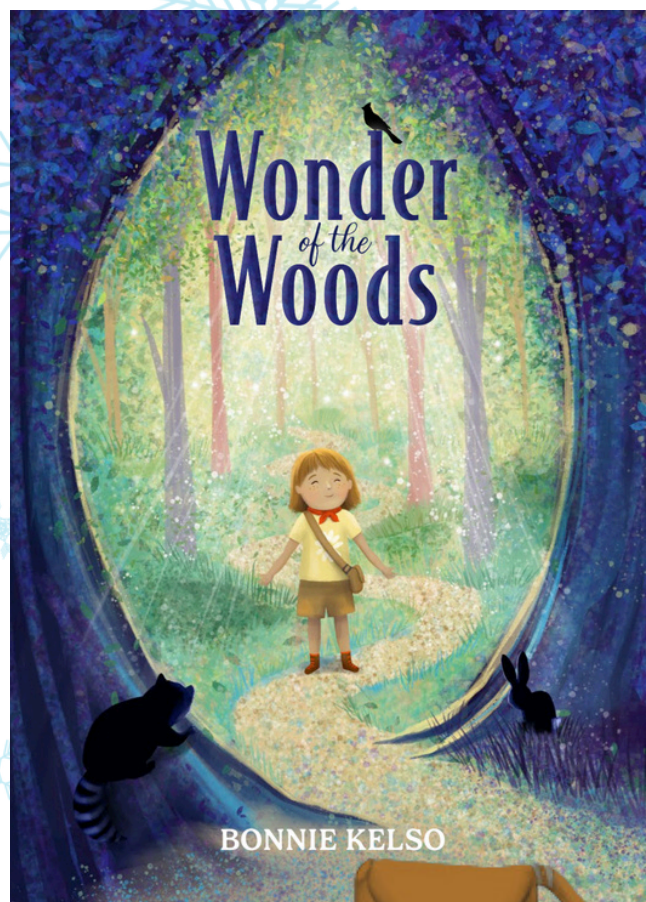
Author: Lynne Marie and Brenda Reeves Sturgis

Illustrator: Nico Ecnarro

Ages: 4 to 8

Pages: 34

COULD THE WONDER OF THE WOODS BE YOU?



A young girl explores the wooded area near her home and encounters a variety of animals that are curious about their new visitor. Tails twitch, bodies ripple, and leaves drift. They watch each other from a safe distance.

Wonders abound as you explore nature in this lyrical picture book about curiosity and harmony

Price: \$18.99

Pub Date: October 15, 2024

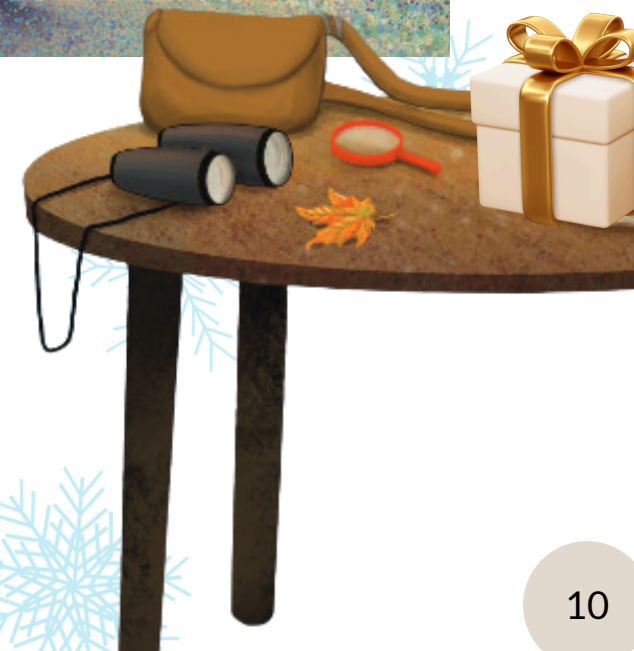
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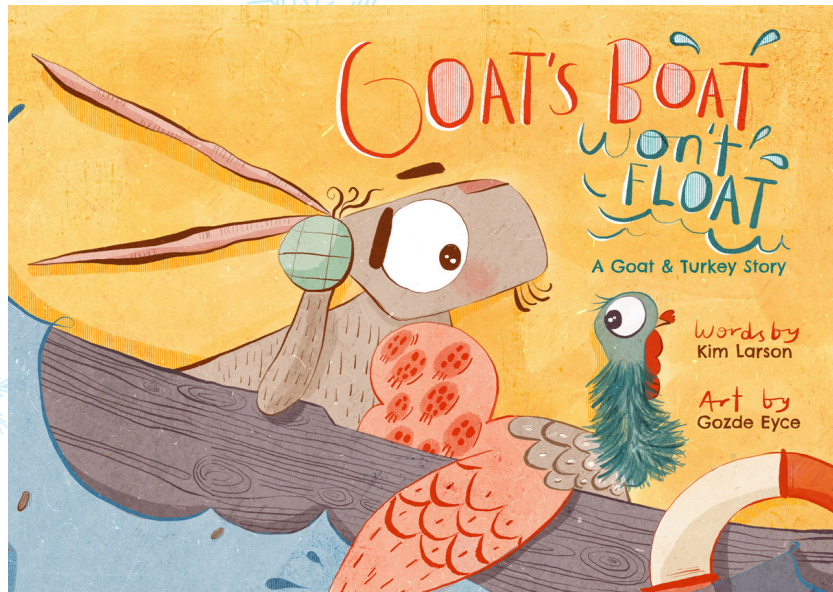
Title: Wonder of the Woods

Author-Illustrator: Bonnie Kelso

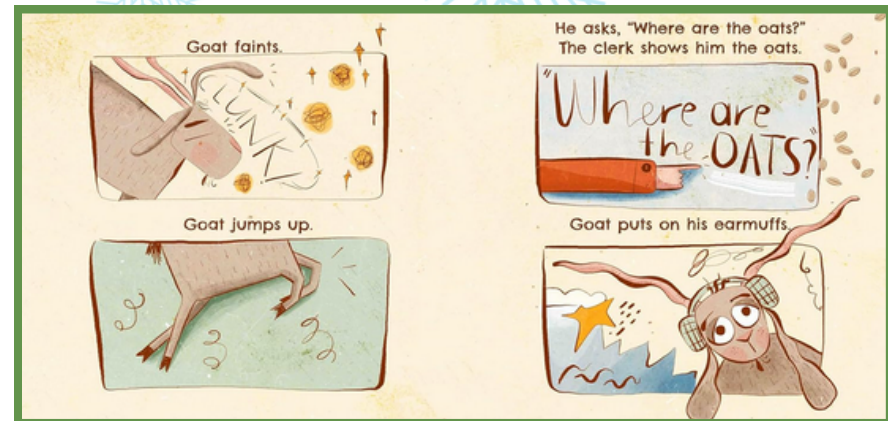
Ages: 4 to 6

Pages: 38



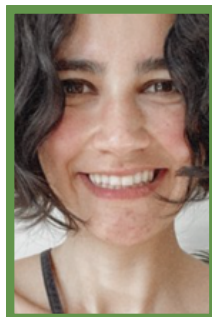


WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A FAINTING GOAT BEFRIENDS A NERVOUS TURKEY?



When Goat and Turkey go to buy oats, Goat loads too many oats into his boat, and it begins to sink! When a nearby tugboat tries to help, not even Goat's signature earmuffs can save him from Turkey's nervous antics.
Toot! Toot! CLUNK!

Price: \$18.99
Pub Date: October 1, 2024
ISBN: 9781956378238
Title: Goat's Boat Won't Float: A Goat & Turkey Story
Author: Kim Larson
Illustrator: Godze Eyce (Netherlands)
Ages: 4 to 6
Pages: 32



ILLUSTRATED READER



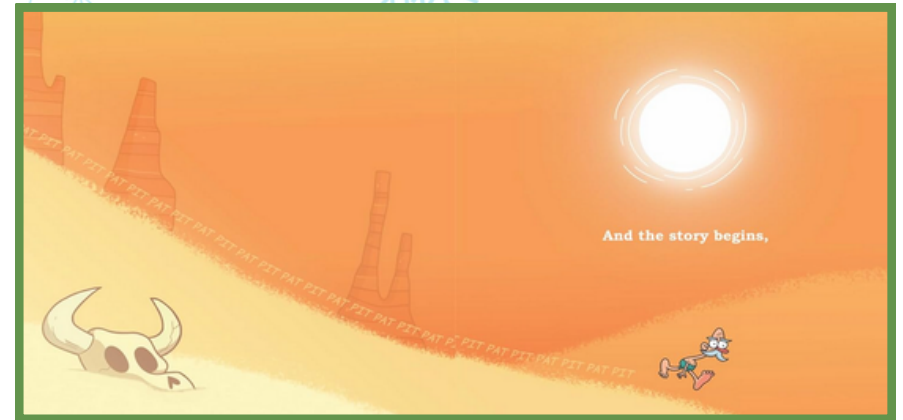
Price: \$18.99
 Pub Date: April 1, 2024
 ISBN: 9781956378191
 Title: Skrum
 Author-Illustrator: Bernard Gumz
 Ages: 4 and up
 Pages: 38



"The big purple hairball SKRUM is going to be a MONSTER hit with kids! Great illustrations, a funny story told in rhyme, what's not to love about this terrific first book from author/illustrator Bernard Gumz. Can't wait for the next SKRUM adventure."

-Keith Chapman - Creator of Paw Patrol and Bob the Builder

WHAT DOES SKRUM WANT WITH POOR OLD BARNABUS?



From the animator of MTV's, In Your Head, and kid's gaming channel, SPACECAT, comes SKRUM, the debut children's book by the creative brain of Bernard Gumz.

Somewhere in the desert, a busted up old geezer named Barnabus is running for his life. Hot on his trail is a monstrous purple furball called a SKRUM. But, what is a SKRUM? Find out in this action packed globe-trotting adventure with BIG surprises and lots of silliness!

RAVEN WONDERS, WHAT GIFT COULD HE BRING?



Raven is bored. Nothing ever happens in the fields around Bethlehem until one night, a dazzling star lights up the night sky. Angels sing, "Baby Jesus is born!" Raven now has a mission. He takes flight to spread the message to the other birds. Owl, Dove, Rooster and Quail delight at the news and fly off with gifts for the Baby Jesus.

"A sweet, endearing fable about Christmas that will delight young readers..." --Amazon Review



Price: \$18.99

Pub Date: October 3, 2023

ISBN: 9781956378153

Title: Raven's Gift: A Feathered Flight

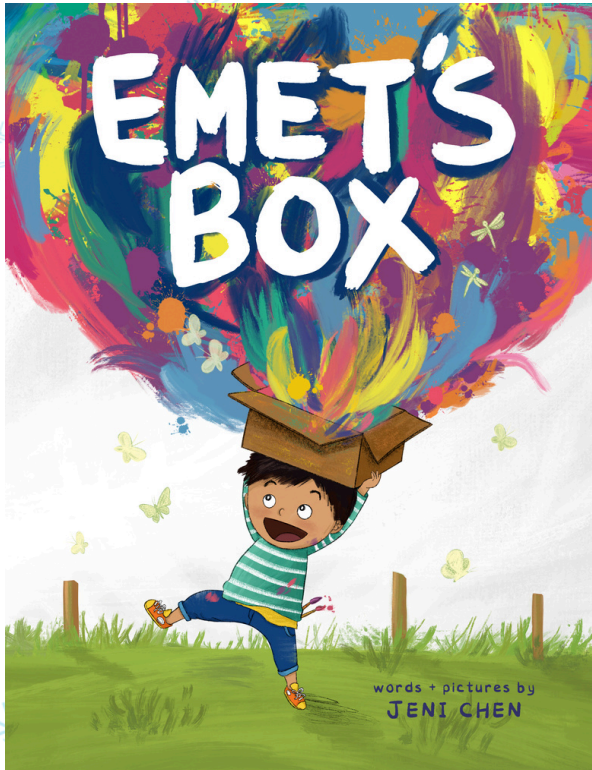
Author: Claire Annette Noland

Illustrator: Desirée Córdón (Guatemala)

Ages: 4 and up

Pages: 38





Price: \$18.99

Pub Date: April 1, 2022

ISBN: 9780997958096

Title: Emet's Box

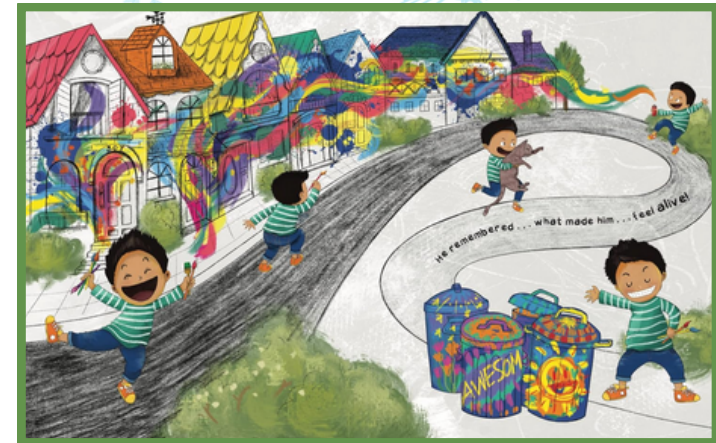
Author-Illustrator: Jeni Chen

Ages: 4 to 8

Pages: 36

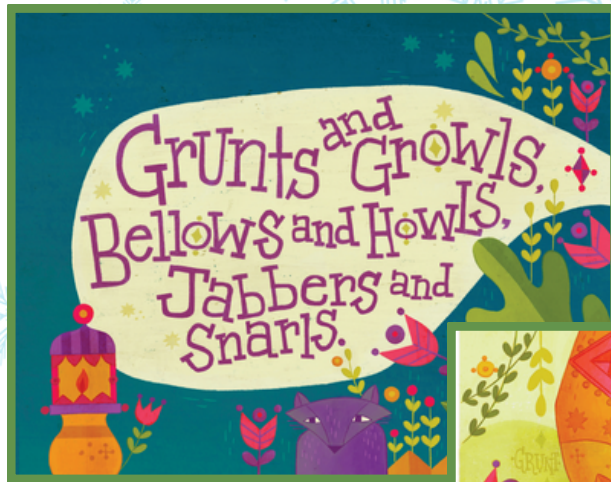


WHAT DOES EMET DISCOVER WITHIN HIMSELF TO
BRING COLOR BACK INTO HIS LIFE?



Emet loves to paint. But grown-ups think he should spend his time doing more important things. When Emet stops doing what he loves, color disappears from his world. A colorful story about following your heart. Emet's Box portrays Asian characters with customs shared in the illustrations as we follow Emet through his journey of self exploration.

A MAGICAL TALE OF MUSICAL FRIENDSHIPS



Fulki's village lost its moon. But Fulki knows a secret. She befriended a tiger who taught her the Moonsong. But the townspeople forbid befriending wild beasts- with teeth and claws and no manners at all. And they forbid singing of any kind, for it calls the wild beasts. Will Fulki's friendship with a tiger and their song bring back the long lost moon?

Follow Fulki and her forbidden friendship with a wild beast, a tiger, as they learn from each other love, acceptance and what it means to bring harmony to our natural world.



Price: \$18.99

Pub Date: October 1, 2023

ISBN: 9781956378122

Title: Moonsong

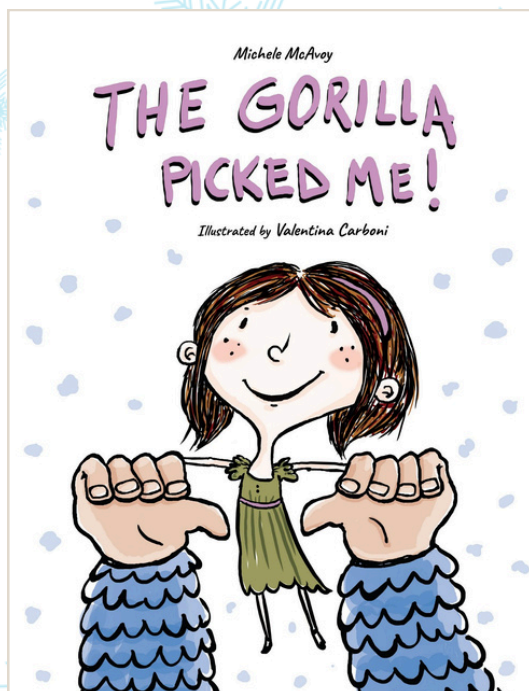
Author-Illustrator: Denise Gallagher

Ages: 4 to 8

Pages: 38

"The book's lyrical text makes great use of devices like onomatopoeia, rendering the story a delight to read out loud." ---Kirkus Reviews





Price: \$16.95

Pub Date: December 17, 2019

ISBN: 9780997958010

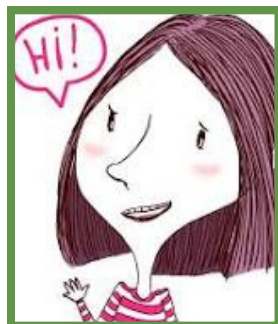
Title: The Gorilla Picked Me!

Author: Michelle McAvoy

Illustrator: Valentina Carboni

Ages: 4 and up

Pages: 32

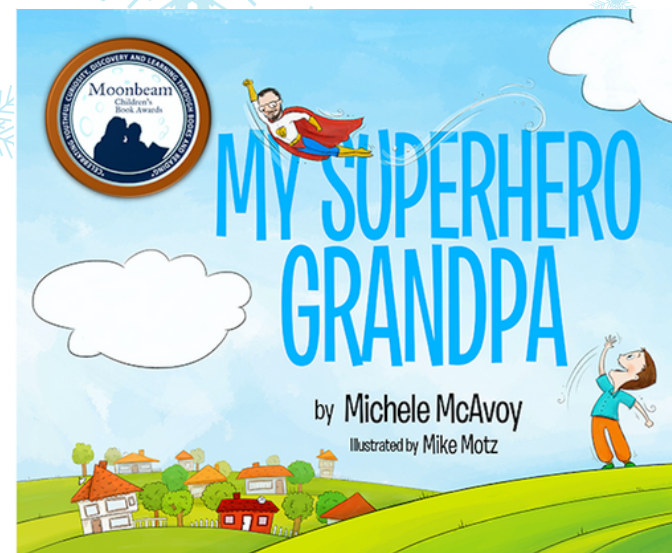


HAVE YOU EVER FELT ORDINARY?



The Gorilla Picked Me! is about little Olive who felt ordinary, always picked last for teams at recess and never a valentine placed on her desk. Until one day at a dance with her daddy she is picked from the crowd by the dancing gorilla. It is at that moment that Olive realizes -she is not ordinary!

IS YOUR LITTLE ONE GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE?



My Superhero Grandpa is told through the eyes of the child, who celebrates that he is never alone or scared because his grandpa is always near. There are bonuses to having your very own superhero and that bonus is - you are never alone.

This sweet, sentimental story will help to start the conversation with children who are grieving. It will help little ones understand and cope with the loss. My Superhero Grandpa is cheerfully illustrated and uplifting, a story that will bring hope in place of sadness.

Price: \$17.99

Pub Date: February 10, 2016

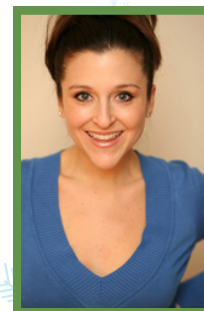
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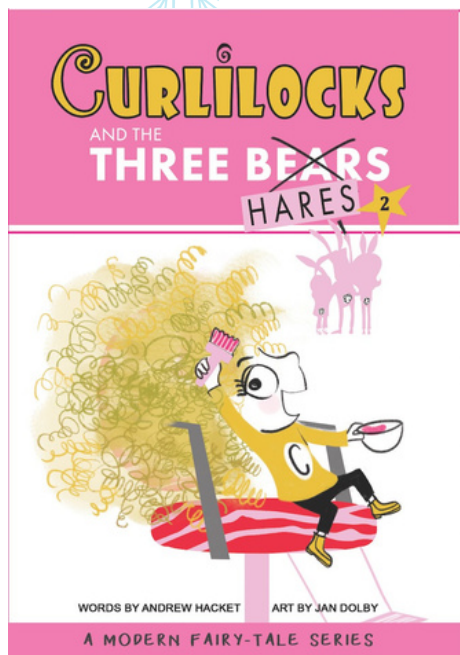
Author: Michele McAvoy

Illustrator: Mike Motz

Ages: 4 to 8

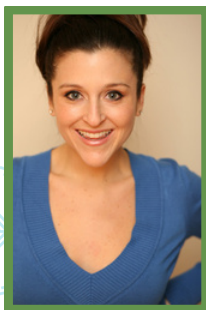
Pages: 32





Price: \$12.99
 Pub Date: May 1, 2024
 ISBN: 9781956378184
 Title: Curlilocks and the Three Hares
 Series: Modern Fairytale #2
 Author: Andrew Hackett
 Illustrator: Jan Dolby (Canada)
 Ages: 6 to 8
 Pages: 34

"A fun tale that will appeal to reluctant readers and fans of fractured fairy tales." --School Library Journal



DRIPPING DYE, SIZZLING STYLES, AND EXCESS ACCESSORIES -JUST-RIGHT?



Everyone far and wide loves Curlilocks' hair. Everyone except for Curlilocks, who is ready to quit her curls and discover her "just right" 'do.

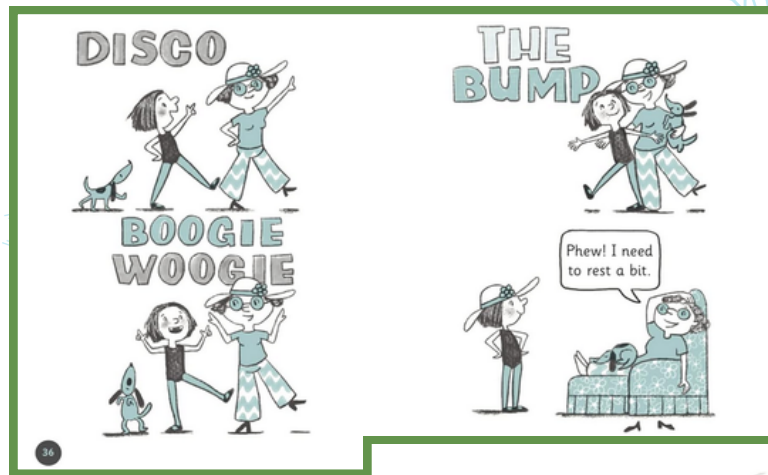
With picture day fast approaching, Curlilocks is ready to quit her curls. When she finds the three Hares of the local salon have hopped out, Curlilocks chooses to take her hair into her own hands.

She will need a curltastic idea to reclaim her mane and her confidence before picture day.

Other
Books in
the Series:



CELEBRATE THE BEAUTY OF BEING BLUE



Bella is like most girls. She pretends to be a superhero, dresses in the most dynamic thrift store finds, and has a blue dog that goes everywhere she goes. Wait, that's not like most girls? Well, like many children Bella has a bit of anxiety.

Follow Bella, her sidekicks Blue and Gigi, her maternal grandmother, through everyday struggles, silliness, and surprises.



Words & Art by
Berrie Torgan-Randall

Price: \$11.99

Pub Date: September 15, 2023

ISBN: 9781956378252

Title: Bella Meets Blue

Series: Bella & Blue

Author: Berrie Torgan-Randall

Illustrator: Jan Dolby (Canada)

Ages: 5 to 9

Pages: 78

"Warm and cozy illustrations provide the perfect complement to the characters and the storyline."

—Midwest Book Review





Price: \$12.60

Pub Date: September 15, 2023

ISBN: 9781956378139

Title: Willa the Werewolf

Author: Michele McAvoy

Illustrator: Jan Dolby (Canada)

Ages: 5 to 9

Pages: 52



The stakes are high for little Willa, a piglet living in a pig world, who turns into a wolf pup every night. What's scarier to a pig than a wolf? What would Willa's parents and friends do if they knew she turned into a wolf?

Follow Willa through her journey towards self-acceptance, as this hopeful fashion designer, while desperately hiding her true identity from the world, toils in her parent's basement to win a big design competition and ends up winning so much more!

"Jenna Lehne's fast paced, propulsive story includes a healthy amount of scares, humor and pathos."

– Forward Reviews

"A solidly spooky offering."

– Kirkus Reviews



Middle-grade

Price: \$18.99

Pub Date: September 26, 2023

ISBN: 9781956378160

Ages: 10-12

Pages: 192

BONE TREE

A spooky middle-grade layered with loss, grief, friendship, & first crushes.

Elsie's best friend, Roman, is dying.

But Roman has a plan to escape death. He wants to be resurrected through the powers of the Bone Tree and the curse of the Woman in White, Mary Simon, whose body lies beneath the tree.

Terrified, yet determined not to lose him. Elsie promises Roman to summon Mary's ghost and the powers of the Bone Tree to bring him back when he dies. When the Bone Tree's magic works and Roman resurrects, Elsie vows to do anything to keep him around, even if that means battling an angry, screeching banshee, with talons for fingers. But what Elsie doesn't realize is that the cost of keeping Roman around may be too high. When the Woman in White kidnaps Roman's brother, Jake, and threatens to take his life as revenge, Elsie must choose between saving the lives of many from the deadly grasp of Mary Simon, the Woman in White, or keeping her best friend.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Jenna Lehne is a tea-sipping, horror-loving mom of two boys, and a kitten named Lemons, in Calgary, Alberta.

She's a fourth-year Pitch Wars mentor and contributor on the blog MidnightSocietyTales.com.

Her short story was published in the horror anthology, *Betty Bites Back*. *Bone Tree* is her debut middle-grade novel.

"Bone Tree is a fast-paced spookfest, and an authentic, heartfelt story about friendship and grief."– Sarah Cannon, Author of spooky middle-grade novels including **Twist & Oddity**.

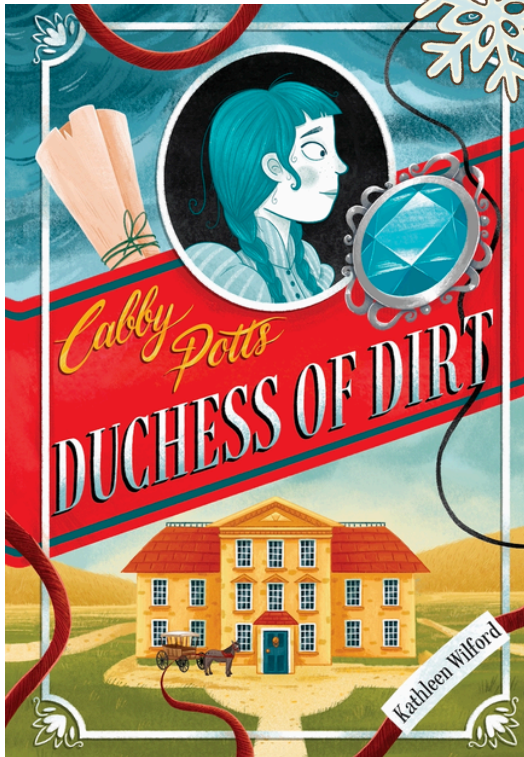
"A rousing read."

– Kirkus Reviews

"Great historical detail and wonderful, appealing characters in this delightful story told by the clever Cabby Potts, a kindhearted Kansas prairie girl who's filled with gumption

and grit." – Anne O'Brien Carelli, author of

Skylark & Wallcreeper



*Middle-
grade*

2023

Kansas Notable Book–
Kansas Center for the Book

Youth selection –
Great Reads from Great Places–
the Library of Congress

CABBY POTTS, DUCHESS OF DIRT

A historical fiction middle-grade novel that drops you right into 1870's Kansas, with a whole lot of drama and a little bit of romance.

Little House on the Prairie meets *Downton Abbey*

Housemaid? What a horrible word! Not that I'd ever actually seen a housemaid, but I could picture one: a meek, aproned, pale-faced girl who never saw the sun."

When her parents force her to work at grand Ashford Manor, 12-year-old Cabby Potts will do anything to escape, including playing matchmaker between her sister and the rich young lord of the manor. If it succeeds, her scheme will save her family's struggling homestead. If it fails . . .

Can Cabby find the courage to stand up for her family, a Native American friend, and an entire community threatened by land-grabbers?

Price: \$9.99

Pub Date: August 29, 2022

ISBN: 9781956378047

Ages: 8-12

Pages: 252

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Kathleen Wilford was born in Panama and has lived in four different countries and three different states—but never in Kansas. She studied literature at Cornell University and at Rutgers University, where she now teaches writing. Cabby Potts, Duchess of Dirt is her debut middle-grade novel. Connect with Kathleen at kathleenwilford.com and on Twitter at @kathwilford.

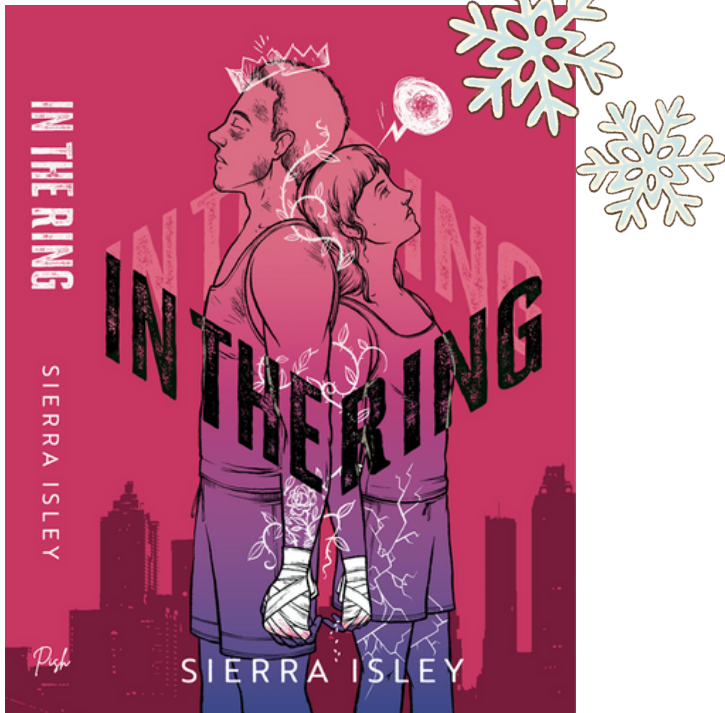
"The characters are well-rounded and engaging, making for a quick read. Readers will enjoy Cabby's antics and feisty demeanor as she navigates the unfamiliar world of the wealthy. A highly recommended debut." – Darlene Beck Jacobson, author of **Wheels of Change** and **Wishes, Dares**, and **How to Stand up to a Bully**.

"A gritty, graphic glimpse of the physical and mental realities of anxiety with a streak of romance."

– Kirkus Reviews

"Isley's debut novel is a thrilling romance as well as a thoughtful look at mental health and grief."

– Booklist



Young
Adult

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Books All Young Georgians Should Read
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IN THE RING

Young Adult novel about mental illness, finding your power, and first loves

Kathleen Glasgow's Girl In Pieces meets HBO's Euphoria

Rose Berman is losing her mind. At least, that's what everyone at school seems to think. Plagued by panic attacks that started after her mother's death, Rose is the target of frequent teasing and rumors. But when the star quarterback takes a joke too far, the school's tattooed, cigarette-smoking time bomb — Elliott King — steps in and punches him in the face. Rose's therapist recommends she try out a sport to manage her anxiety. She can't help but think of Elliott—maybe if she could punch like him, she'd feel safer and stronger. She sticks out like a sore thumb at the boxing gym, but she soon finds power in the sport and a reprieve from her panic attacks.

As their worlds intertwine, Rose and Elliott are forced to face their most daunting opponent outside the Ring: their growing feelings for each other.

Price: \$14.99

Pub Date: September 15, 2023

ISBN: 978-1956378146

Ages: 14-18

Pages: 312

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Sierra Isley is a young adult author originally from Atlanta, Georgia, but currently based in Philadelphia, PA. She graduated from Florida State University in 2021 with a degree in Editing, Writing and Media. Outside of writing, her passions include filmmaking, social media communications and drinking chai lattes. *IN THE RING* is her debut novel.

"In the Ring gets that sometimes learning a new sport can look a lot like falling in love. If you like ride-or-die besties, bad boys with heart, and girls who can throw a punch, you'll enjoy this debut." – Emma Kress, author of **Dangerous Play**

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