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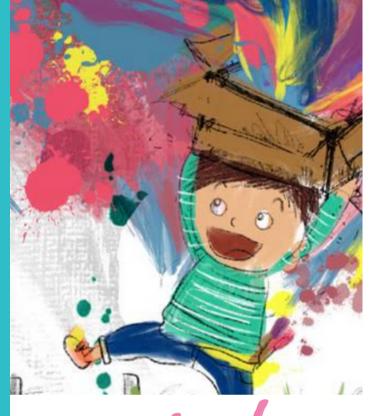
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Picture Books





EMET'S BOX

A picture book celebrating creativity & following your passion.

Emet loved to draw and paint.

He painted everywhere and anywhere he possibly could.

Until one day Emet's parents told him to focus less on his creativity and more on his academics. Eventually, Emet stopped making art, altogether.

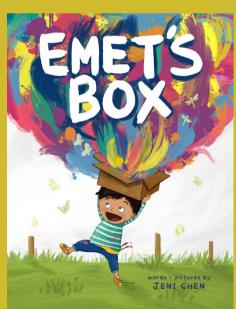
When Emet stopped painting something terrible happened. His entire world went gray!

Color returns to Emet's world when he reunites with his creative passion.

An #ownvoices picture book by Asian author/illustrator Jeni Chen.







978-0-9979580-9-6 (hardcover): \$18.99

978-1-956378-00-9 (paperback): \$12.99

Ages 4-8 years old





THEMES:
ART
INDIVIDUALITY
PARENTS

RELEASE DATE: 4.01.22



MOONSONG

A brightly illustrated lyrical tale with an old world feel about friendship, music, & natural harmony.

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.

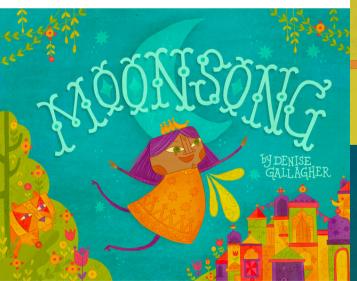
And, the townspeople forbid singing of any kind, for it calls the wild beasts.

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.







Paperback: ISBN: 978-0-9979580-6-5 11.99

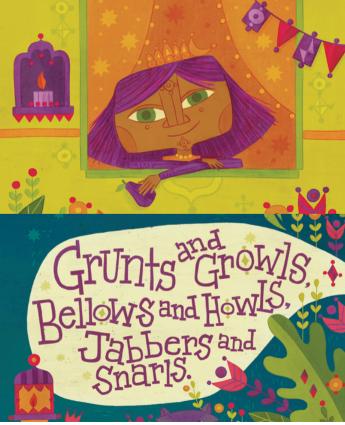
Hardcover: ISBN: 978-0-9979580-7-2 18.99

Ages 4 - 8 years old



THEMES: NATURE FRIENDSHIP FABLE

RELEASE DATE: 10.01.21



THE GORILLA PICKED ME!

A picture book celebrating familial love & positive self-esteem.

Have you ever felt ordinary?

Moonbeam award-winning author,
Michele McAvoy, brings you THE
GORILLA PICKED ME!, a story filled
with fun, surprises, and a mystery
that all children enjoy!

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!

This fun and sentimental story shows how one small single act of love can have a big impact.

There is a mystery in the story.

Children love finding clues as to who is in the gorilla suit?

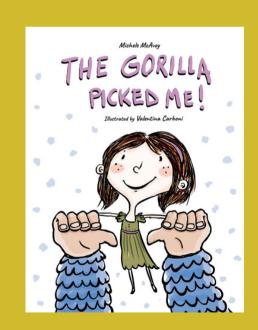






THEMES: SELF-ESTEEM FATHERHOOD POETRY

RELEASE DATE: 04.01.19



ISBN (hardcover): 978-0997958010 \$16.95 ISBN (paperback): 978-0997958027 \$10.95

Ages 4-8 years old



MY SUPERHERO GRANDPA

Children's Moonbeam Award Winner!

Top 5 in Children's Christian Fiction on

Amazon.

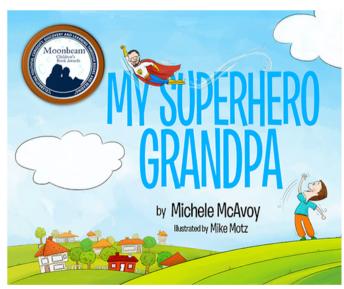
Is your little one grieving the loss of a loved one?

My Superhero Grandpa is a beautiful story of a boy and his beloved grandpa, who watches over him with superpowers, even though grandpa is in Heaven.

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.





ISBN (hardcover): 978-0997958003 \$17.99

ISBN (paperback): 978-0692628775 \$10.99

Ages 4-8 years old



THEMES:
GRIEF
CHRISTIAN
GRANDPARENTS

RELEASE DATE: 02.10.16



Farly Readers & Chapter Books





BELLA & BLUE

A graphic early reader series about life's everyday struggles, silliness, & suprises

8 year old Bella can tackle anything life throws her way so long as she has her French-loving Gigi and her therapy dog, Blue, by her side.

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's struggles, silliness, and surprises.

A unique series with unique characters, and unique relationships.







ISBN (paperback): TBD

Ages 5-9 years old



THEMES:
ANXIETY
THERAPY PET
GRANDPARENTS

RELEASE DATE: 10.01.22



ANNALISE

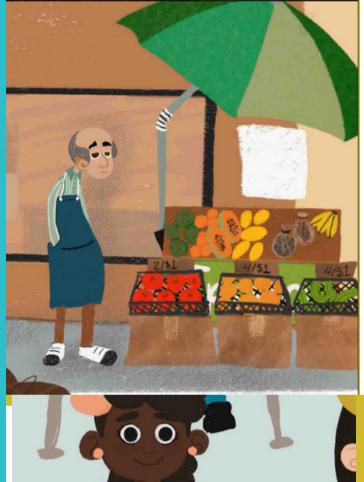
An illustrated early reader celebrating Latinx culture & family through food.

When students of PS 114 are asked to bring in a dish that represents their culture, Annalise is thrilled, until she finds out that her friends are making the same dishes.

Take a walk with Annalise through her colorful, flavorful, aroma-filled neighborhood as she learns that it's love, not the ingredients, that make a dish special.

The first in this graphic early reader series by J de la Vega, author of WEPA! and other #ownvoices titles that celebrate Latinx culture.











THEMES: LATINX FOOD FAMILY

RELEASE DATE: 9.01.23



WILLA THE WEREWOLF

An illustrated early reader about the power of self-acceptance.

Willa is an ordinary piglet by day with dreams of designing for the rich & famous.

By night, she turns into a wolf.

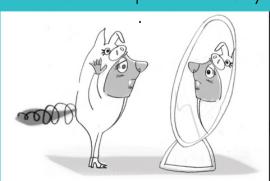
No one knows Willa's big secret.

Ever since the Big Bad Wolf blew down their ancestors' houses, Willa's friends and family have been petrified of wolves.

Who could blame them?
But sometimes the most inopportune things happen at the most opportune moments.

Will Willa's secret stay a secret forever?

WILLA THE WEREWOLF is a modernday retelling of THE THREE LITTLE PIGS about self-acceptance & bravery.







THEMES: SELF-ACCEPTANCE FABLE FAMILY

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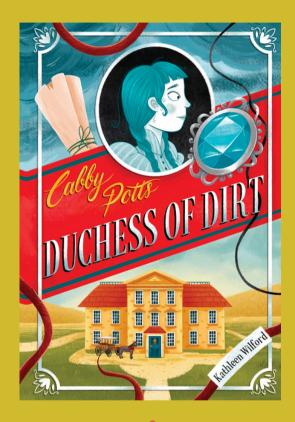
Ages 5-9 years old



Middle-Grade



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





Hardcover: ISBN: TBD- 18.99 Paperback: ISBN: TBD- 1 \$8.99

Ages 8 - 12 years old

CABBY POTTS, DUCHESS OF DIRT

It's *Little House on the Prairie* meets *Bridgerton* in this historical fiction

middle-grade.

Desperate to save her family's struggling homestead – and escape being a housemaid– 12 year old Cabby plays matchmaker between her older sister and a British aristocrat.

When her scheme backfires, she must use her voice to stand up for her family, a new friend, and her Kansas community.

THEMES: SETTLEMENT AMERICA FAMILY NATIVE AMERICAN

Release Date: September 1, 2022

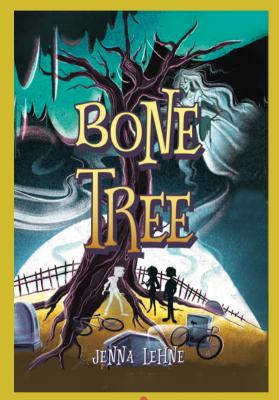
ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Kathleen Wilford was born in Panama and has lived in four different countries and three different states—but never in Kansas. She has always loved to read and was inspired to become a writer by such "classics" as Miss Osborne the Mop. She studied literature at Cornell University and teaches writing. When she's not teaching or writing, Kathleen can be found outdoors, disobedient dog.Kathleen believes that to understand where you are, you need to know where you've been. That's why she loves to read and write about the past. Cabby Potts, Duchess of Dirt is her debut middle-grade novel. Connect with Kathleen at kathleenwilford.com and on Twitter at ekathwilford.

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

> Foreword Review





Hardcover: ISBN: 978-0-9979580-3-4 \$18.99 Paperback: ISBN: 978-0-9979580-4-1 \$8.99

Ages 8 - 12 years old

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 published in the horror anthology, Betty Bites Back. Bone Tree is her debut middle-grade novel.

THEMES: FRIENDSHIP SPOOKY ILLNESS

Release Date: April 1, 2021





Hardcover: ISBN: TBD

Paperback: ISBN: TBD

Ages 8 - 12 years old

MY GIRLFRIEND THE WITCH

A middle-grade graphic novel about identity & self-love.

Being an anxious kid has been hard for Levi, it turns out disappearing into fanfiction is easier than making new friends. Ever since he came out as queer his supportive parents have been failing more than usual at "getting" him. Not everything is bad because Levi has a secret, his girlfriend Latte is a witch! Fun-Loving Latte introduces Levi to a magical new world filled with possibilities. Levi could start fresh here, but the more time he spends in this new world, old anxieties creep back in and start to sabotage his opportunities.

Can Levi confront his self-doubt before he pushes Latte and her world away too?

A Middle-Grade graphic novel exploring self-love and the power of opening up to others for help.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR/ ILLUSTRATOR



Ashley Ferguson is a queer mixed media artist from Washington with a love for all things monsters and fabulous. When she isn't working as a designer or illustrator, she's busy putting together anthologies and self-publishing comix. Her stories utilize magical surrealism as a way to explore topics of sexuality, gender, and mental health.

THEMES: LGBTQ SELF-LOVE FAMILY

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