



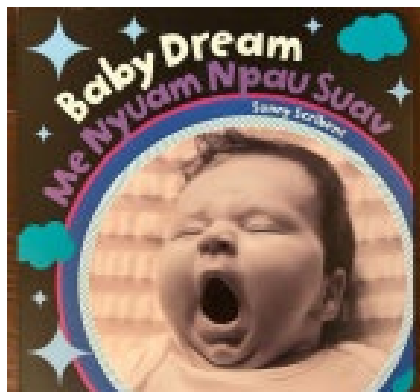
# BOOKS ARE MIRRORS & WINDOWS



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## 2026 BOOKLIST

### BIRTH TO 1 YEAR



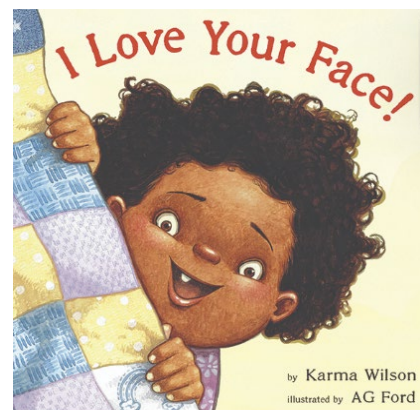
#### **Baby Dream/Me Nyuam Npau Suav**

A story, a snuggle, a stretch, a song - babies wind down in all kinds of ways. How do you and your baby get ready to rest?

Just right for bedtime or nap time, BABY DREAM features a calming refrain and plentiful prompts to soothe small children to sleep and strengthen the caregiver-child bond. High-contrast photographs of babies and toddlers and chic, contemporary design make this bilingual Hmong / English board book an eye-catching gift.

English / Hmong Bilingual Edition

**Available Vendor:** Interstate Books4School



#### **I Love Your Face!**

From New York Times bestselling duo Karma Wilson and AG Ford comes this sweet, read-aloud picture book that celebrates how utterly irresistible our little ones are and how much we adore those beautiful faces! Lively, bouncy rhymes celebrate all the faces babies make.

**Available Vendor:** Scholastic

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### I Love You Like Sunshine

How everyday play and bedtime stories grow love, connections, and brainpower.

I Love You Like Sunshine is two books in one. It's a baby book to read with a newborn who will take in the beautiful pictures and delight in listening to a poem of love and wonder.

It's also a book for parents, full of practical advice based on the latest research on brain development, as well as on Dr. Glusman's decades as a pediatrician and a mom.

Her take-home point is: You don't need expensive gadgets or programs to help a baby's brain grow. All you have to do is talk, sing, read, cuddle, and play.

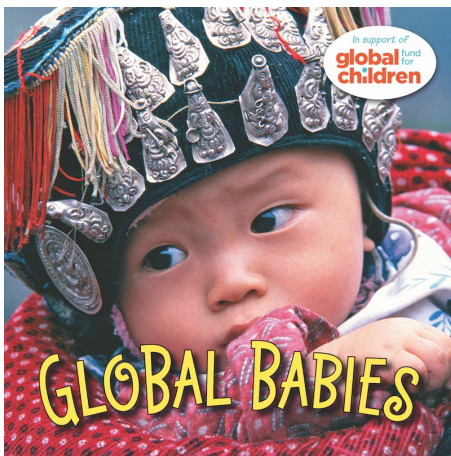
**Available Vendor:** Books4School



### Hello, Feet!

Hello, wiggling toes! From splashing in the bath to wiggling in the sand, from pulling off socks to taking first steps, join baby in discovering what tiny feet can do. With high-contrast design and engaging photographs, Hello, Feet! is perfect for the very youngest readers.

**Available Vendor:** Barefoot Books



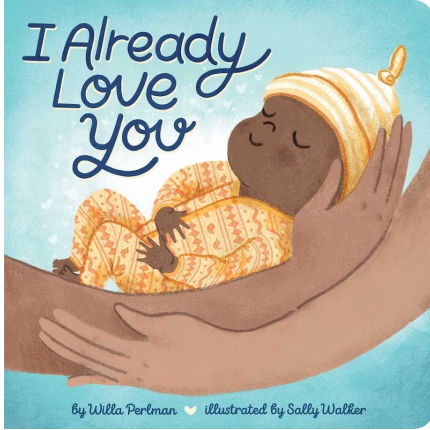
### Global Babies

Appealing photos of babies from seventeen cultures around the globe are woven together by simple narration. *Global Babies* presents children in cultural context. Diverse settings highlight specific differences in clothing, daily life, and traditions, as well as demonstrate that babies around the world are nurtured by the love, caring, and joy that surround them.

**Available Vendor:** All About Books

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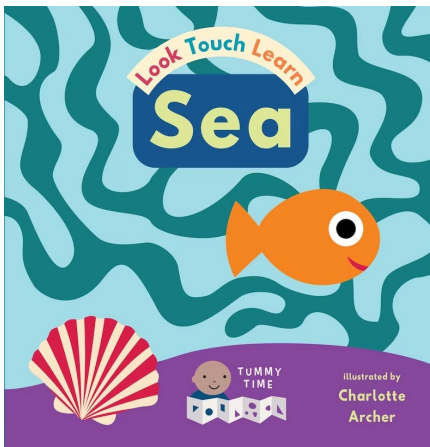
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### I Already Love You

This board book bursts with heart as it describes the love a parent feels for their child from the moment of meeting—and beyond. From eyes, to lips, to fingers, to toes, all parents will know what it feels like to love every inch of your baby—and babies and toddlers will feel the love, too.

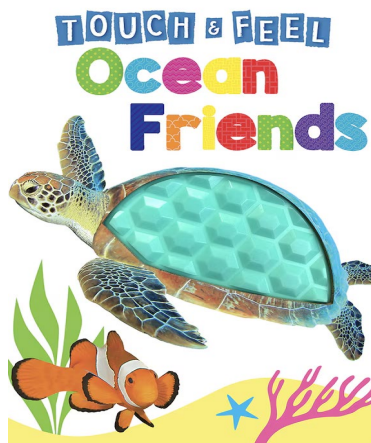
**Available Vendor:** All About Books



### Look, Touch, Learn: The Sea

Very young babies see the world differently, and that's why we have developed this unique book, using the latest scientific research in infant perception. With a specially selected palette, tactile elements, and moving parts, every feature of this book will stimulate your child's endless curiosity and creativity. It's as simple as Look Touch Learn!

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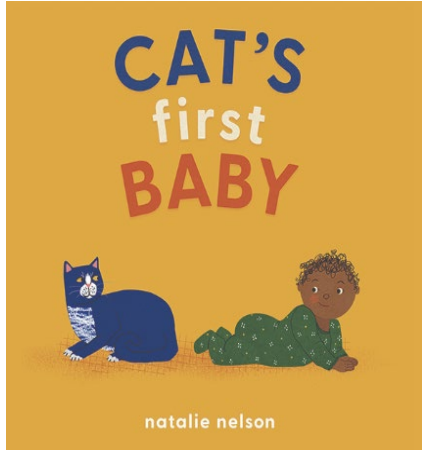
### Little Hippo Touch & Feel: Ocean Friends

Explore the underwater world of creatures from sea turtles to clown fish in this touch and feel board book. Perfect for little hands to hold, this sensory book features a variety of materials to touch and feel.

**Available Vendor:** All About Books

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### Cats First Baby

I am a cat. Are you a cat?

There's a new addition to the family, but who exactly is this small being? This new arrival doesn't meow like a cat, or smell like a cat, or even have a tail like a cat. In *Cat's First Baby*, the feline companion to "Dog's First Baby," Natalie Nelson captures the wonder and humor of a new family member through a cat's eyes. Sure to delight kids and cat parents alike, this board book promises to be a repeat read-aloud.

**Available Vendor:** Scholastic

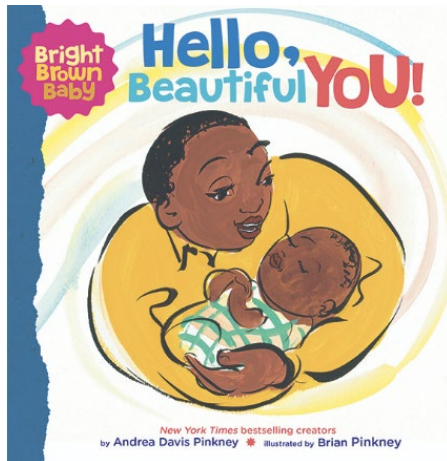


### Dogs First Baby

I am a dog. Are you a dog?

Welcoming a new baby to the family isn't always easy. When his humans bring home someone new, Dog is determined to sniff out the truth. Is this arrival another dog ... or something else? With *Dog's First Baby*, Natalie Nelson captures the wonder and humor of a new baby through a dog's eyes.

**Available Vendor:** Scholastic



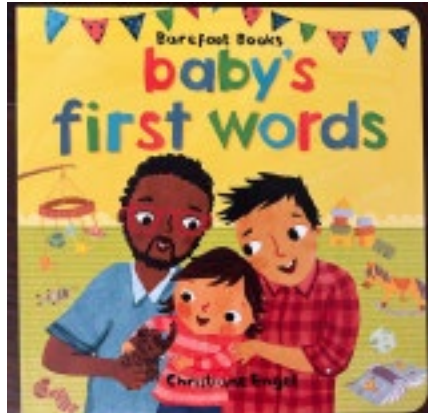
### Hello, Beautiful YOU!

With bouncing, rhythmic text from New York Times bestselling author Andrea Davis Pinkney and tender, charming illustrations from Caldecott Honor and Coretta Scott King Award-winning illustrator Brian Pinkney, this board book is part of the Bright Brown Baby series, a celebration of Black and brown joy.

**Available Vendor:** Scholastic

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### Baby's First Words

Spend the day with a busy baby and her two dads and learn the words for things you do and see along the way!

This innovative first-words book features labels for objects, actions and sound effects, as well as a fun seek-and-find element.

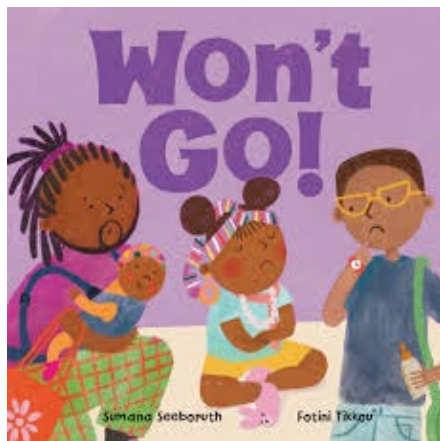
**Available Vendors:** Barefoot Books, Books4School



### That's Mine

When one toddler in a childcare setting takes all the toy animals for herself, she discovers that monopolizing all the toys can be a bit lonely. Will offering one of the animals to another child help bridge the gap? In this gentle exploration of early friendship, toddlers will recognize the tension between wanting everything to be "mine!" and the desire to connect with other children.

**Available Vendors:** Barefoot Books, Books4School



### Won't Go!

Time to leave? No, no, no! I'm too busy. I can't go!

When it's time to leave for dance class, this stubborn tot doesn't want to go. It can be hard to transition to a new part of the day! But she learns that as hard as it is to stop having fun... getting out the door leads to more adventures.

Part of the Feelings & Firsts series

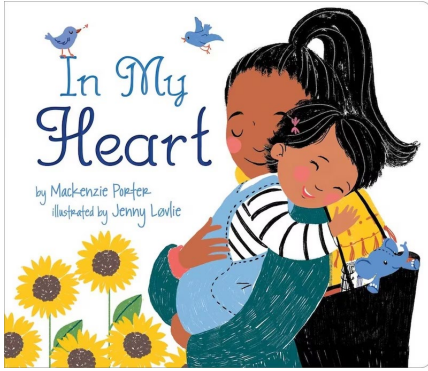
Perfect to help kids with transitions

Provides language kids can use to express big feelings

**Available Vendor:** Barefoot Books

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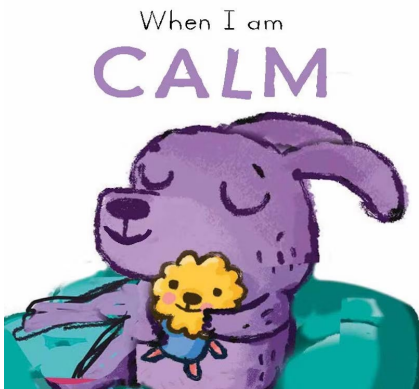


### **In My Heart**

A working mother reassures her child that even when they're apart, they're always in each other's hearts. This lovely board book is perfect for moms to share with their little ones.

This is what a mother tells her child as she leaves for work each day. This lovely board book perfectly captures the sentiment that many women feel about being a working mom. The lyrical text takes us through a Mother's Day away, showing us that although she's working hard, her child is always on her mind and always in her heart.

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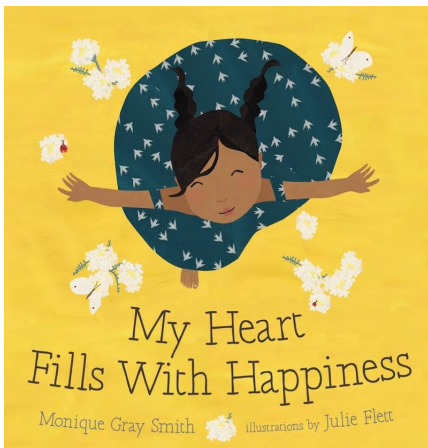


### **When I am CALM**

We can't control how we feel, but we are in charge of what we do. Positive behavior is a critical component of healthy personal, social, and emotional development. It helps children achieve better outcomes in whatever they do and supports their ability to learn and grow.

This essential series focuses on six classic behaviors displayed by young children. Each book introduces a single behavior, and explores its effect on others, while offering coping strategies where relevant.

**Available Vendor:** All About Books



### **My Heart Fills With Happiness**

The sun on your face. The smell of warm bannock baking in the oven. Holding the hand of someone you love. What fills your heart with happiness? This beautiful book, with illustrations from celebrated artist, Julie Flett, serves as a reminder for little ones and adults alike to reflect on and cherish the moments in life that bring us joy.

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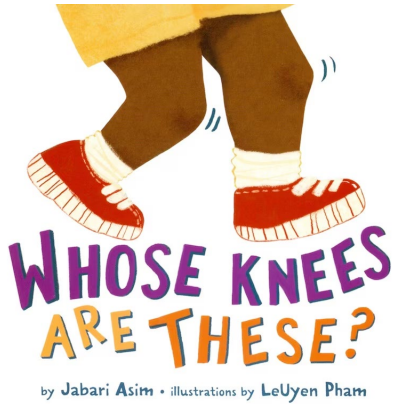
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### Whose Knees Are These?

A vibrant, playful verse that celebrates a beautiful brown baby's sweet little knees, for fans of *Ten Little Fingers* and *Ten Little Toes*.

**Available Vendor:** All About Books



### 10 Kisses Before Bedtime

This soothing bedtime book features adorable illustrations and a sweet rhyming text that's just right for sending little ones off to sleep.

Follow several families as they prepare for bedtime. Once the child in each family cleans up toys, takes a bubble bath, brushes teeth, and listens to a story before bedtime, hugs are exchanged to celebrate the love that is shared. And once the little ones are tucked in bed, there's only one thing left—a bedtime kiss! With 10 tactile textures.

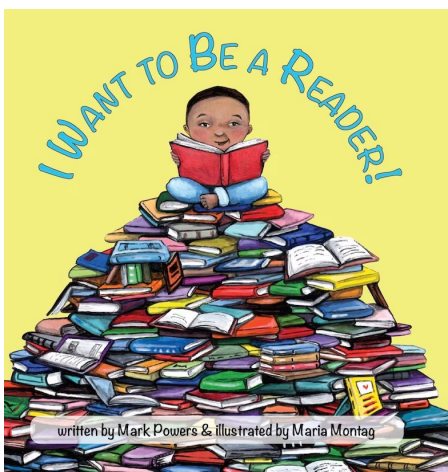
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### I Want to Be a Reader!

Let your little one be inspired by one boy's confidence that someday, he will read a whole book. It will take a lot of hard work: learning the letters, turning the pages, saying the words. But that hard work will pay off—maybe sooner than he thinks! Dynamic illustrations add to this sweet story of a young boy and his desire to read, ending with a hopeful message to toddlers that someday, they can be readers, too!

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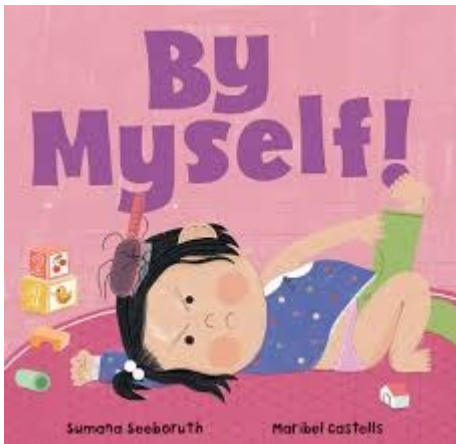


### Rosa Loves Dinosaurs/A Rosa le encantan los dinosaurios

Let's find out which toys Rosa and her friends are playing with today! An important series that celebrates inclusivity, promotes gender equality and embraces the uniqueness of every child.

¡Averigüemos con qué juguetes juegan Rosa y sus amigas hoy! Una serie importante que celebra la inclusión, promueve la igualdad de género y abraza la singularidad de cada niño.

**Available Vendor:** Books4School



### By Myself!

A determined toddler sets out to get ready all by herself -but from putting on clothes to fixing her hair, nothing seems to go as planned. When her big sister needs a hand, she realizes they can help each other and make mornings a little easier. This humorous, heartwarming story perfectly captures a toddler's drive for independence.

**Available Vendors:** Barefoot Books, Books4School



### Loving Kindness

Help toddlers learn to "wish happiness, kindness and calm for everyone" -- including themselves! This bilingual English and Spanish edition uses simple, straightforward instructions and bright illustrations to nurture compassion, self-awareness and a strong caregiver-child bond.

**Available Vendors:** Barefoot Books, Books4School

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### Cook it! A cocinar!

Helping with real tasks such as cooking is a natural progression from pretend play, and is a crucial stage in a child's development. Achieving a shared goal encourages a sense of responsibility and develops many skills useful in later life. Simple conversational text and lively illustrations are carefully designed to encourage further dialogue between reader and child in this Spanish English bilingual series of books about common household tasks.

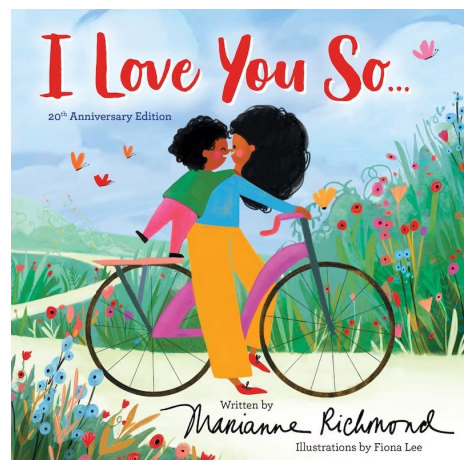
**Available Vendors:** Barefoot Books, Books4School



### It's Okay to Be Different

Told with Todd Parr's signature wit and wisdom, *It's Okay to Be Different* cleverly delivers the important messages of acceptance, understanding, and confidence in an accessible, child-friendly format. The book features the bold, bright colors and silly scenes that made Todd a premier voice for emotional discussions in children's literature. Targeted to young children first beginning to read, this book will inspire kids to celebrate their individuality through acceptance of others and self-confidence--and it's never too early to develop a healthy self-esteem. *It's Okay to be Different* is designed to encourage early literacy, enhance emotional development, celebrate multiculturalism and diversity, and promote character growth.

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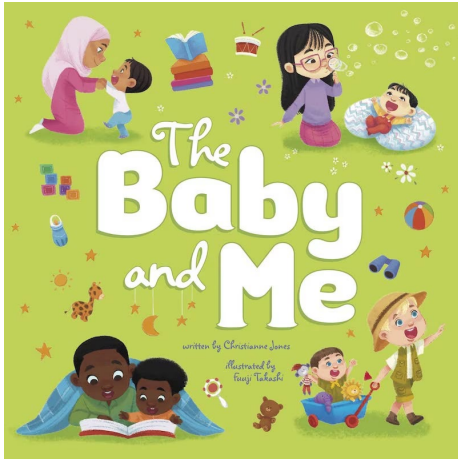
### I Love You So...

This comforting story embraces the reader like a warm hug and gently reassures a child that love is for always—despite the grouchy moods or physical separation. Embrace your loved ones from afar with this heartwarming reminder of your unconditional love.

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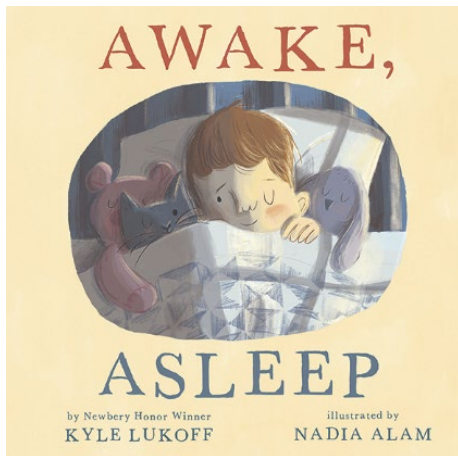
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### The Baby and Me

Celebrate what it means to be an older sibling with this joyful and colorful board book! Watch as an older sibling's funny faces make the baby laugh. Look on as tummy time becomes a sweet way to connect with the new baby. Enjoy the many ways love is shown in *The Baby and Me*.

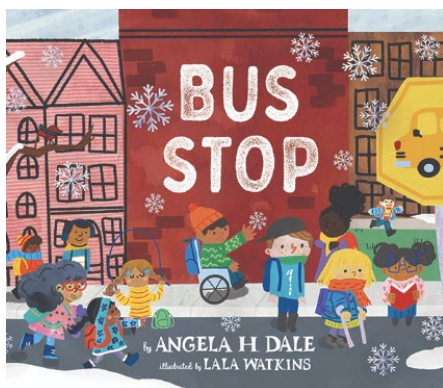
**Available Vendor:** All About Books



### Awake, Asleep

From sunup to sundown, a young child's day is bursting with discovery and wonder. Showcasing a diverse range of kids, and families that include same-sex parents, single parents, and multigenerational households, "*Awake, Asleep*" reflects our world with beauty and joy, rendering the simple moments in a young child's day as transformative, wonder-filled memories. Perfect for bedtime cuddles and cozy storytime all day long, this book is soothing and familiar.

**Available Vendor:** Scholastic



### Bus Stop

It's time for school, and all the neighborhood kids, from Antoine to Mahmoud to Zoey, gather one by one in the frosty dawn to wait for the school bus. But something more thrilling arrives first. Snowflakes fall, transforming the bus stop into a winter wonderland — and an official snow day. No school! Simple, snowy fun with a vocabulary-building boost.

**Available Vendor:** Scholastic

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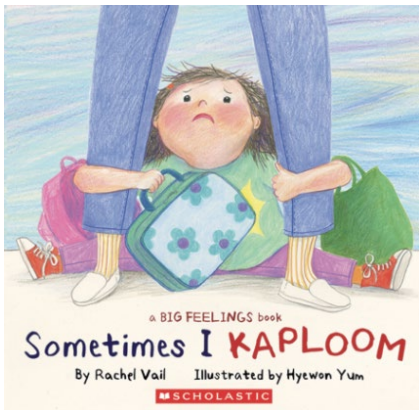
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### **Dream Big**

Told in simple, hopeful text, Joyce Wan's bold, inspiring message features illustrations of 15 diverse female trailblazers and icons throughout history. This board book will empower little ones to find the courage and strength to pursue and achieve their own dreams!

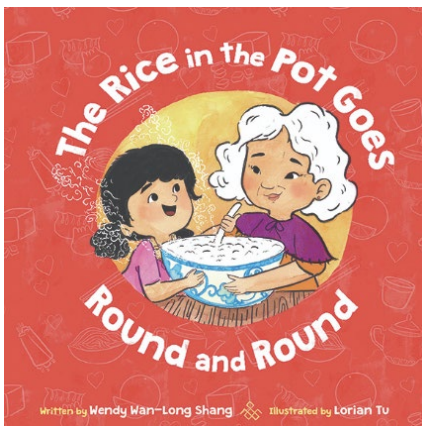
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### **Sometimes I KAPLOOM**

Katie Honors is a really brave kid. But sometimes she refuses to let go of her mom, and everything is flurried as she begins to cry. Her emotions feel frightening. But her mother assures Katie that she can be both brave and sad, brave and crying, brave and scared. This picture book masterfully explores how hard it can be for children when they're nervous or scared and must transition to new places and faces when they just don't feel quite ready. A poignant, honest, and insightful story, readers learn alongside Katie that bravery and fear are not mutually exclusive. Comfort for both children and parents in an all-too-familiar situation.

**Available Vendor:** Scholastic



### **The Rice in the Pot Goes Round and Round**

Modeled after "The Wheels on the Bus," readers of all ages are sure to delight in this joyful, expressive singalong to a familiar tune. A young Chinese family enjoys a visit to their grandparents' house where the dinner table is stacked with bamboo steamers and numerous dishes, with a lazy susan in the center. As the story progresses, each family member is addressed in Chinese and associated with a traditional dish. Rhythmic text and vibrant, playful illustrations bring this heartwarming, expression of family love to life.

**Available Vendor:** Scholastic

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### **This Is Our House**

Hyewon Yum's picture book is a warm story that follows a family through seasons and generations, from the early days of immigration to the times that made their house a home. A young girl leads readers through the life of a simple house, and, in photo-album style, describes the memories her family made there through three generations. Grandma and Grandpa arrived at the house from a country far away. Mom and her brothers played on the steps on warm summer days. And the little girl learned to walk right there in front of the same house. A story of place and belonging.

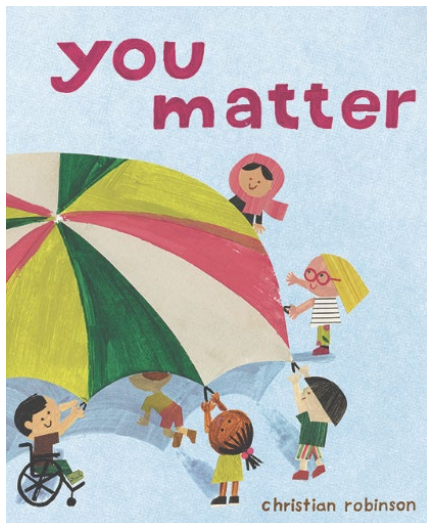
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### **We All Play**

Animals and kids love to play! This wonderful book celebrates playtime and the connection between children and the natural world. At the end of the book, animals and children gently fall asleep after a fun day of playing outside, making this book a great bedtime story. A beautiful ode to the animals and humans who share our world, this celebration of nature is sprinkled with words from the Cree language. A closing glossary provides both Cree and English names for the animals; a note provides guidance on Cree pronunciation for readers not familiar with the language.

**Available Vendor:** Scholastic



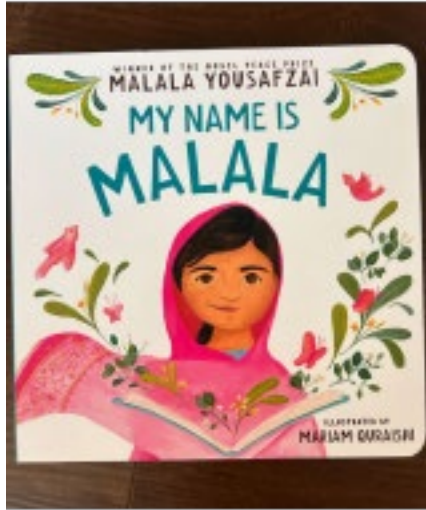
### **You Matter**

In this full, bright, beautiful picture book of self-love, young readers will be drawn into the luminous illustrations of a diverse cast of characters. This appealing picture book invites readers to engage with the world in a new way and see how everyone is connected, everyone matters, and that every living entity has value, no matter how small!

**Available Vendor:** Scholastic

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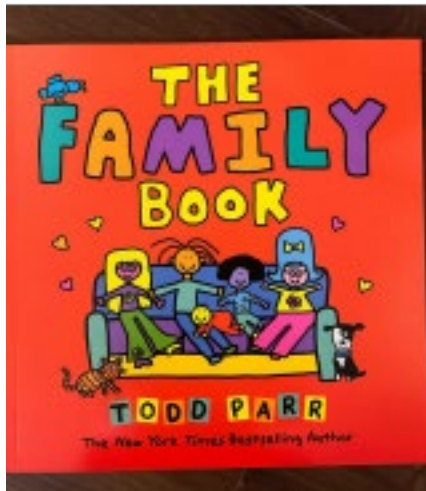


### My Name Is Malala

In her first board book, Nobel Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai introduces herself and her story to inspire the next generation of readers and leaders. With simple text alongside irresistible art, Nobel Prize laureate and education activist Malala Yousafzai's first board book offers parents and educators a way to show that extraordinary figures are real people who are both relatable and inspiring.

Malala is a daughter, a sister, a friend, a student, and, of course, an activist. The last spread features a brief bio to provide more context for parents, caretakers, and educators who want to start a conversation about Malala's activism.

**Available Vendor:** Books4School



### The Family Book

The Family Book celebrates the love we feel for our families and all the different varieties they come in. Whether you have two moms or two dads, a big family or a small family, a clean family or a messy one, Todd Parr assures readers that no matter what kind of family you have, every family is special in its own unique way.

**Available Vendor:** All About Books



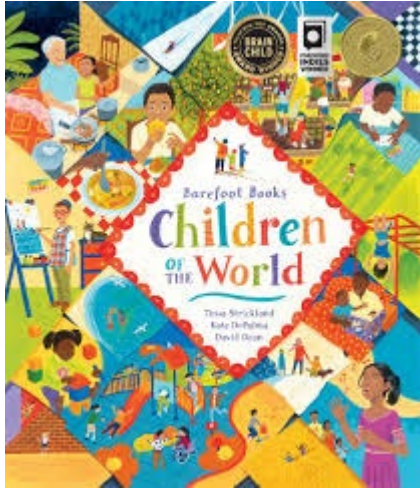
### Body Detective!

Through interactive riddles and engaging illustrations, this STEAM picture book introduces interoception: a human body function that helps a person understand what's going on inside their body. Kids play detective by identifying the human body's signals to find out what it feels and needs such as hunger, thirst, cold, and the need to use the bathroom. Educational endnotes include additional content for an extra layer of learning and fun challenges.

**Available Vendor:** Barefoot Books

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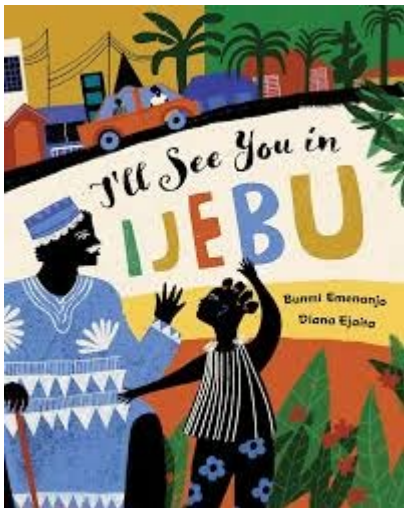


### Children of the World

Discover the must-have book for all children! Barefoot Books Children of the World depicts kids of a wide range of shapes, races, abilities and lifestyles from countries and cultures all over the world. From enjoying special days to trying on silly hats, this ground-breaking picture book celebrates the big ideas and everyday moments that all children share.

A simple narrative with stunning hand-painted illustrations by award-winning Barefoot Books World Atlas artist David Dean invites both small children and independent readers to think about their own experiences while providing a window into the experiences of others. A full 15 pages of educational endnotes explain the detailed illustrations, encouraging meaningful conversations about diversity and inclusion. Older children will be empowered to explore these important issues on their own. An essential addition to every home or classroom library!

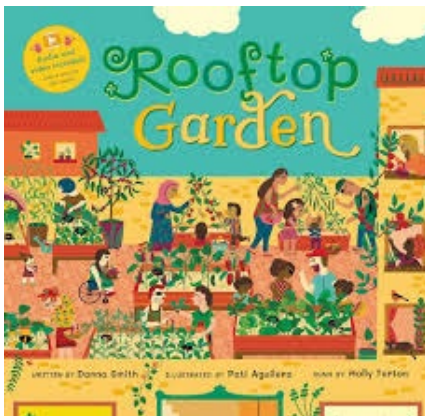
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### I'll See You in Ijebu

A Catholic girl growing up in the bustling city of Lagos, Nigeria takes a trip to spend a week with her Muslim extended family in the countryside town of Ijebu to celebrate Eid al-Adha. Her days in Ijebu are filled with celebrations, traditions and special time connecting with family. Breathtaking illustration and poetic writing draws the reader into the sensory experience of celebrating Eid in Nigeria, while detailed end matter includes information about Nigeria and Eid al-Adha, recipe for Nigerian puff puff and more.

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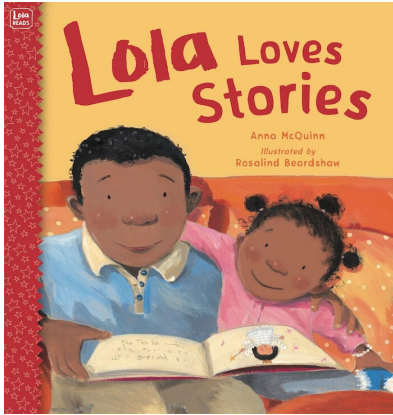
### Rooftop Garden

A group of city friends work diligently together to grow herbs and vegetables in a rooftop garden. Set to a foot-tappin' original tune, this rhythmic, rhyming story will have kids singing enthusiastically about the six stages of plant growth. The story concludes with a summer harvest and a feast that celebrates the gardeners' commitment. Includes sing-along audio and video animation.

**Available Vendors:** Barefoot Books, Books4School

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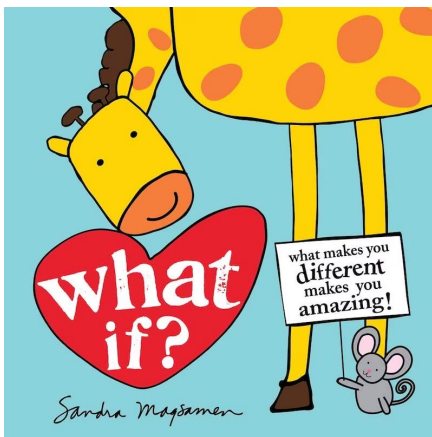
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### Lola Loves Stories

Lola loves to go to the library with her daddy. Every night she reads a new story, and the next day, she acts it out. One day she's a fairy princess, the next day she goes on a trip to Lagos! She becomes a tiger, a farmer, a pilot. . . . what will Lola be next?

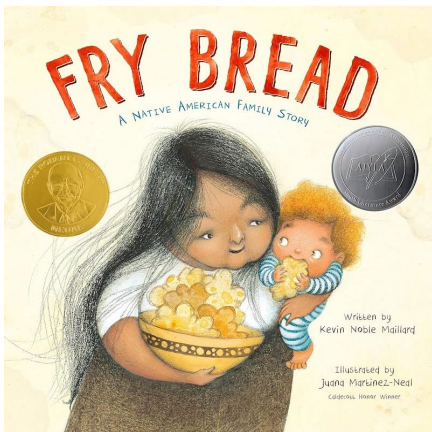
**Available Vendor:** All About Books



### What If?

There is beauty and power in what makes each of us unique, and Sandra Magsamen reminds us that it is our differences that allow us to be our one-and-only selves. With a warm, inspiring message, this book will give children courage to embrace their individuality and to accept others for who they are.

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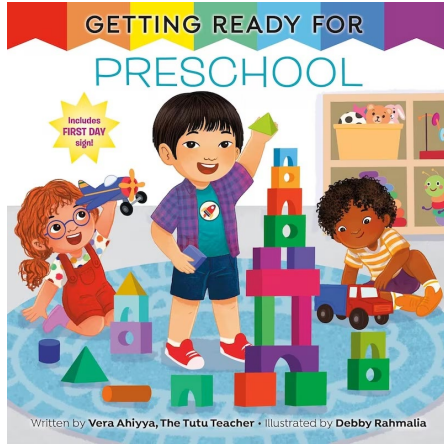
### Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story

Told in lively and powerful verse by debut author Kevin Noble Maillard, Fry Bread is an evocative depiction of a modern Native American family, vibrantly illustrated by Pura Belpre Award winner and Caldecott Honoree Juana Martínez-Neal.

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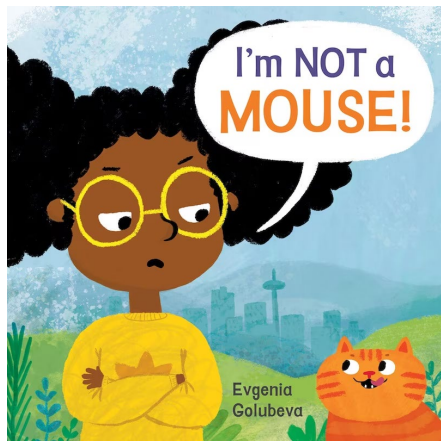
### Getting Ready for Preschool

Get Ready for Preschool in this exciting new series for kids embarking on new adventures! Vera Ahiyya, the Tutu Teacher, knows everything your family needs to get ready... and to celebrate every precious moment!

A young boy and his family meet the teacher, post a family photo on the classroom wall, send a special lovey for naptime, pack a healthy lunch, and take a special photo . . . but is that everything he will need for his big first day? Maybe just one more hug first!

Get your little one ready with this joyful story about what to expect on their very first day of preschool!

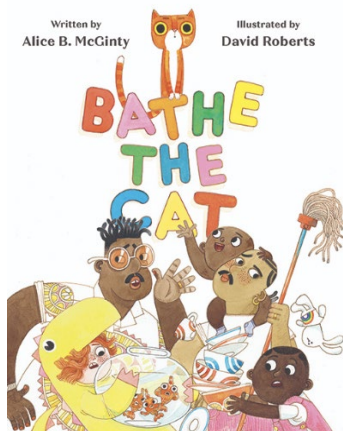
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### I'm NOT A Mouse!

Olivia really doesn't like her nickname - mostly because it gets her into some sticky situations! How can she persuade her mom to stop using it? A hilarious look at the affectionate names we give the ones we love, with an interesting angle on identity and self-assurance.

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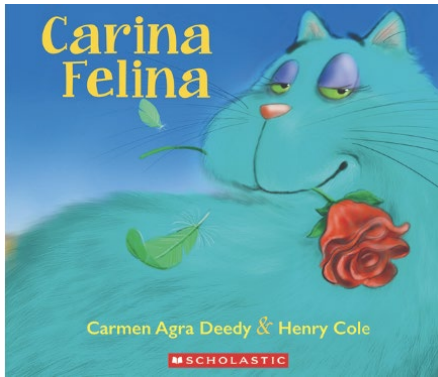
### Bathe The Cat

It's cleaning day, but who will bathe the cat? The family pet turns a day of housework into riotous story-time in this fun read-aloud that will incite giggles and laughter as the mischievous cat scrambles the to-do chores list. Instead of mopping the floor or feeding the fish, the family is soon busy rocking the rug, vacuuming the lawn, and sweeping the dishes. Illustrations depict same-sex parents in a multiracial family all pulling together — but will the house get cleaned before Grandma comes to visit?

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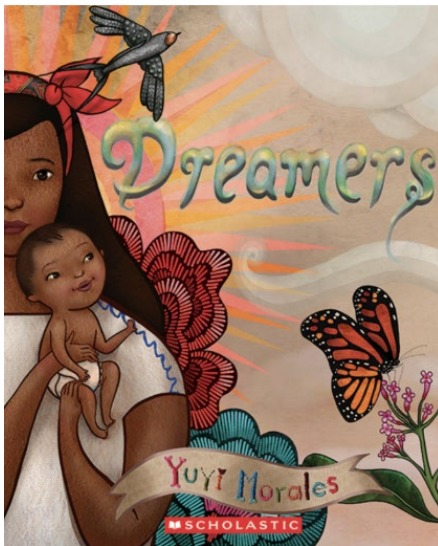
## 3 TO 4 YEARS



### Carina Felina

The trouble started when Pepe the parrot fell in love with ... a CAT! Hoping to win her paw, he invited her to his house for dinner. But within moments of arriving — with a gobble and a gulp — Carina swallowed that love-sick parrot whole! And he was just the appetizer! The selfish blue cat, whom readers will love to hate, swallows anyone who questions her behavior. Colorful illustrations stimulate the imagination without overwhelming and include characteristics of a Hispanic Caribbean town in this Cuban-inflected retelling of a classic folktale.

**Available Vendor:** Scholastic



### Dreamers

We are resilient. We are hopeful. We are dreamers. This is a story of finding your way in a new place, navigating an unfamiliar world, and discovering its best parts. The lovingly illustrated picture book explores the myriad gifts that migrants bring with them when they leave their homes. It's a story about family and reminds us that we are all dreamers, carrying our own strengths wherever we roam. Based on author Yuyi Morales' own experience of leaving Mexico and coming to the United States with her infant son.

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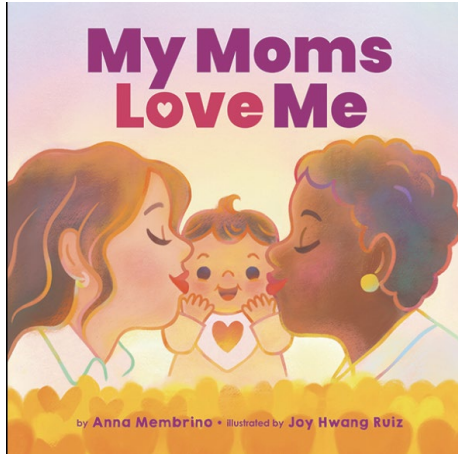
### Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl's Courage Changed Music

Originally a poem, this is a beautiful account of a young girl's bravery and her important contributions toward gender equality in the creative arts. Long ago, on an island filled with music and rhythm, no one questioned the rule that Girls cannot be drummers — until the Drum Dream Girl. She longed to play tall congas and small bongós and silvery, moon-bright timbales. She had to practice in secret. But when her music was finally heard, everyone sang and danced, and decided that boys and girls should be free to drum and dream. Inspired by a Chinese-African-Cuban girl who broke Cuba's traditional taboo against female drummers, "Drum Dream Girl" tells an inspiring true story for dreamers everywhere.

**Available Vendors:** Scholastic

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### My Moms Love Me

Two mommies share a perfect day with their little one in this joyful picture book! From visiting animals on a farm and sharing a car ride sing-along to a sudsy bath and bedtime snuggles galore, love and warmth beam out of every page. Read-aloud enthusiasts will quickly warm up to this sweet picture book, and many readers will appreciate its affirming portrayal of an LGBTQ+ and interracial family.

**Available Vendor:** All About Books



### Our Favorite Day

This charming tale of a love between grandfather and granddaughter will resonate with many families. Every morning, Papa follows his normal routine. He drinks his tea, waters his plants, tidies up, and takes the bus into town. Papa enjoys his daily tasks, but there's one day each week that is extra special: the day his grandchild comes to visit! They share a favorite lunch of dumplings, wash dishes, then create a butterfly kite, finishing with a floral flourish. A delightful picture book for multigenerational readers and youngsters to share together.

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### We Are Water Protectors

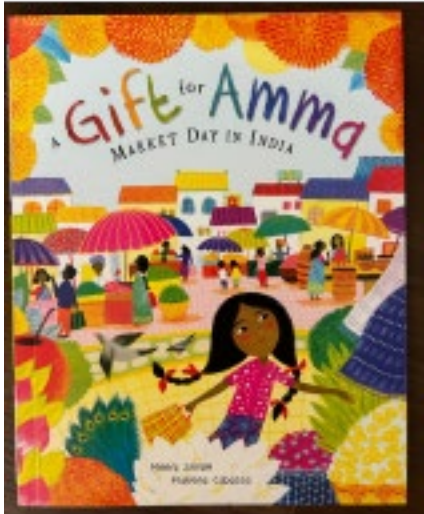
In this tribute to Native resilience, the Indigenous author-illustrator team of Carole Lindstrom and Michaela Goade invites readers to stand up for environmental justice. "We Are Water Protectors" issues an urgent rallying cry to safeguard the Earth's water from harm, inviting young readers everywhere to join the fight for its protection.

Water is the first medicine. It affects and connects us all. And when a black snake threatens to destroy the Earth and poison her people's water, one young water protector takes a stand to defend Earth's most sacred resource.

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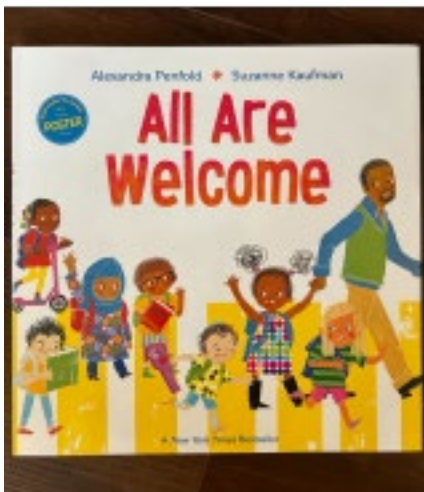
## 4 TO 5 YEARS



### **A Gift for Amma. Market Day in India.**

In this critically-acclaimed book inspired by the author's hometown of Chennai, India, a girl explores the vibrant rainbow of delights in a southern Indian street market as she searches for a gift for her amma (mother). Educational endnotes explain all the items on sale and introduce readers to markets around the world.

**Available Vendors:** Barefoot Books, Books4School



### **All Are Welcome**

A warm, welcoming picture book that celebrates diversity and gives encouragement and support to all kids.

Follow a group of children through a day in their school, where everyone is welcomed with open arms. A school where kids in patkas, hijabs, and yarmulkes play side-by-side with friends in baseball caps. A school where students grow and learn from each other's traditions and the whole community gathers to celebrate the Lunar New Year.

All Are Welcome lets young children know that no matter what, they have a place, they have a space, they are welcome in their school.

**Available Vendor:** Books4School



### **Dumpling Day**

Savor a rhyming celebration of one of the world's most universal foods! Readers follow ten diverse families as they cook dumplings inside their homes in preparation for a neighborhood potluck. Dumplings are added to plates one by one, encouraging children to count with each new addition.

Authentic recipes for all the dumplings and a map showing their regions of origin are included in the endnotes. Dumpling Day features dumplings from the following regions: India USA (Pennsylvania Dutch) China (Cantonese) Nigeria Japan Israel Mexico Syria Russia Italy

**Available Vendors:** Barefoot Books, Books4School

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### Hair Love

It's up to Daddy to give his daughter an extra-special hair style in this ode to self-confidence and the love between fathers and daughters, from former NFL wide receiver Matthew A. Cherry and New York Times best-selling illustrator Vashti Harrison.

Zuri's hair has a mind of its own. It kinks, coils, and curls every which way. Zuri knows it's beautiful. When Daddy steps in to style it for an extra special occasion, he has a lot to learn. But he LOVES his Zuri, and he'll do anything to make her -- and her hair -- happy.

Tender and empowering, Hair Love is an ode to loving your natural hair -- and a celebration of daddies and daughters everywhere.

**Available Vendors:** All About Books, Books4School



### Jabari Jumps

Jabari is definitely ready to jump off the diving board! He's finished his swimming lessons and passed his swim test, and he's a great jumper, so he's not scared at all.

"Looks easy," says Jabari, watching the other kids take their turns. But when his dad squeezes his hand, Jabari squeezes back. He needs to figure out what kind of special jump to do anyway, and he should probably do some stretches before climbing up onto the diving board.

In a sweetly appealing tale of overcoming your fears, Gaia Cornwall captures a moment between a patient and encouraging father and a determined little boy you can't help but root for.

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### Katie Can: Katie Meets Carl

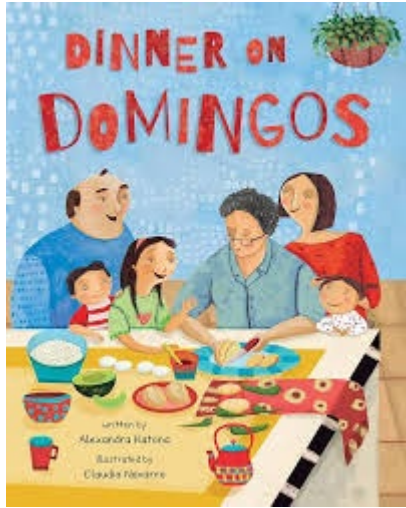
Katie has Down syndrome. Carl, the new boy in her class, is Deaf. Katie knows some sign language but learns more so she can talk to Carl.

In Katie Can: Katie Meets Carl, you'll follow along with Katie as she learns how to talk to Carl by using her hands.

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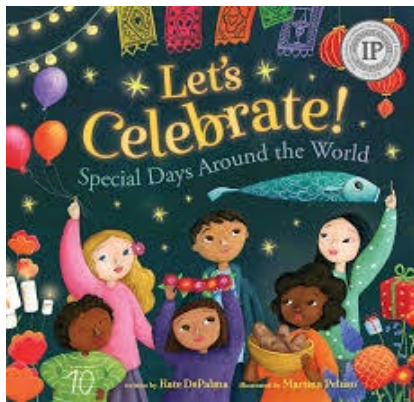
## 4 TO 5 YEARS



### Dinner on Domingos

“This magical home turns a normal Sunday into Domingo: the best day of the week.” Warm memories wash over a first-generation Latinx American girl as she experiences a typical Sunday night dinner at her Abuelita’s house. Readers are immersed in the rich ways love is expressed within this home: the delicious smells of Ecuadorian home cooking, dancing, hugging and playing games with aunts, uncles and cousins. As Alejandra thinks about all the good times her family has had there, she decides that she wants to be brave and try speaking Spanish with Abuelita so that they can deepen their bond. Based on the author’s own life, this timely tale reflects the experience of many families.

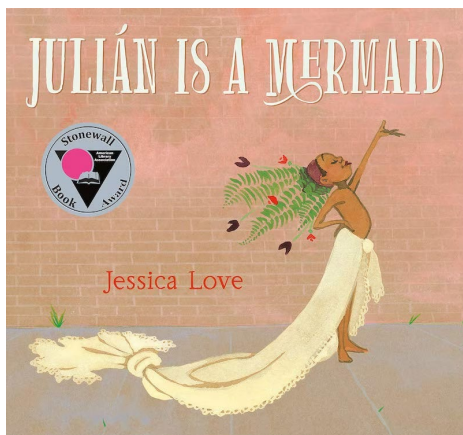
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### Let’s Celebrate!

Experience 13 special days from cultures around the world! Rhyming text and vibrant illustrations throughout encourages beginning readers, while educational notes at the end brim with facts about the special days for older children to explore. Complete with a calendar to reinforce learning, *Let’s Celebrate!* makes for a fun and informative companion to the award-winning *Barefoot Books Children of the World*.

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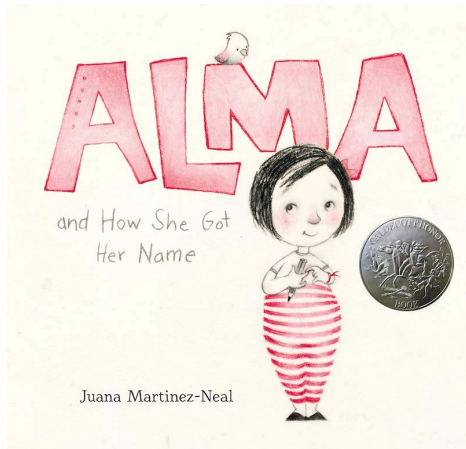
### Julián Is a Mermaid

In an exuberant picture book, a glimpse of costumed mermaids leaves one boy flooded with wonder and ready to dazzle the world. Mesmerizing and full of heart, Jessica Love's author-illustrator debut is a jubilant picture of self-love and a radiant celebration of individuality.

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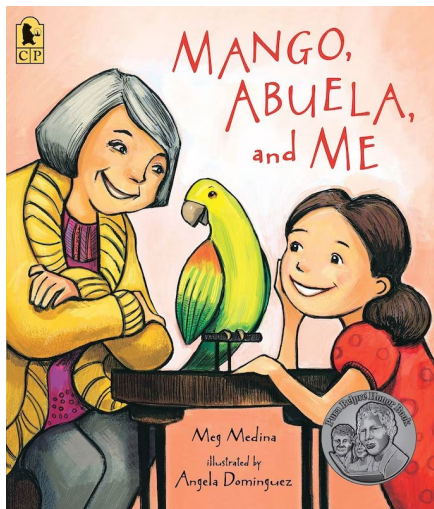
## 4 TO 5 YEARS



### Alma and How She Got Her Name

If you ask her, Alma Sofia Esperanza José Pura Candela has way too many names: six! How did such a small person wind up with such a large name? Alma turns to Daddy for an answer and learns of Sofia, the grandmother who loved books and flowers; Esperanza, the great-grandmother who longed to travel; José, the grandfather who was an artist; and other namesakes, too. As she hears the story of her name, Alma starts to think it might be a perfect fit after all — and realizes that she will one day have her own story to tell. In her author-illustrator debut, Juana Martinez-Neal opens a treasure box of discovery for children who may be curious about their own origin stories or names.

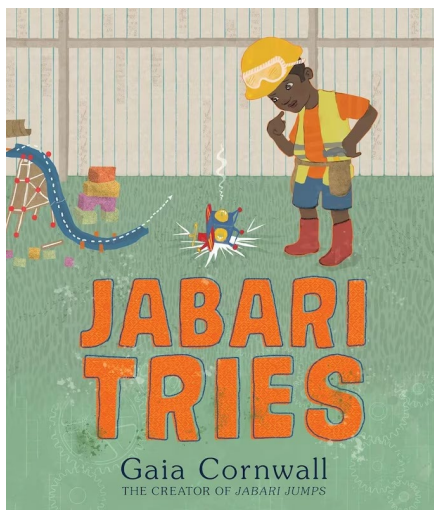
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### Mango, Abuela, and Me

Mia's abuela has left her sunny house with parrots and palm trees to live with Mia and her parents in the city. While they cook, Mia helps Abuela learn English, and Mia learns some Spanish, too, but it's still hard for Abuela to learn enough words to tell Mia her stories. Then Mia sees a parrot in the pet-shop window and has the perfect idea for how to help them all communicate a little better. Here is an endearing tale that speaks loud and clear about the love that binds families across the generations.

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### Jabari Tries

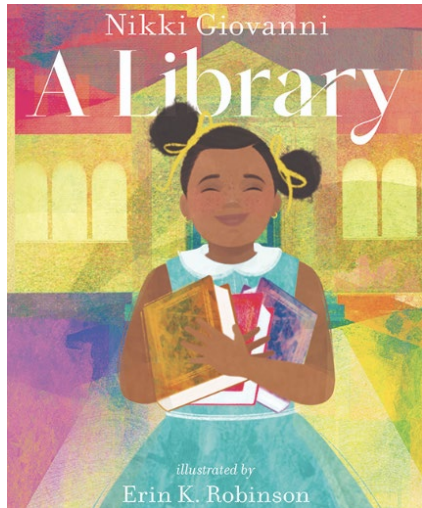
Jabari is inventing a machine that will fly all the way across the yard! But making it go from CRASH to WHOOSH will take grit, patience, and maybe even a little help from his sister.

Jabari is making a flying machine in his backyard! "It'll be easy. I don't need any help," he declares. But it doesn't work! Jabari is frustrated. Good thing Dad is there for a pep talk and his little sister, Nika, is there to assist, fairy wings and all. With the endearing father-child dynamic of Jabari Jumps and engaging mixed-media illustrations, Gaia Cornwall's tale shows that through perseverance and flexibility, an inventive thought can become a brilliant reality.

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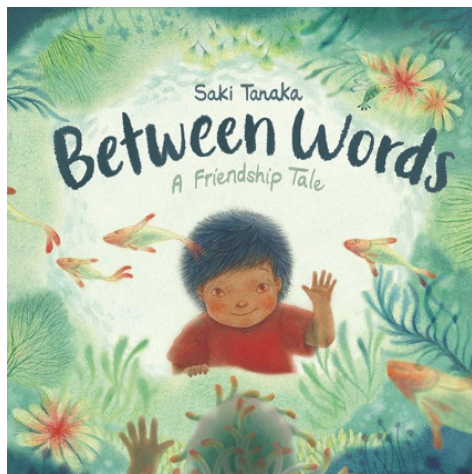
## 4 TO 5 YEARS



### A Library

A love letter to libraries! In what other place can a child “sail their dreams” and “surf the rainbow” without ever leaving the room? This ode to libraries is a celebration for everyone who loves stories, from seasoned readers to those just learning to love words. It will have children and parents alike imagining where their library can take them. This inspiring read-aloud includes stunning illustrations and a note from Nikki Giovanni about the importance of libraries in her own childhood.

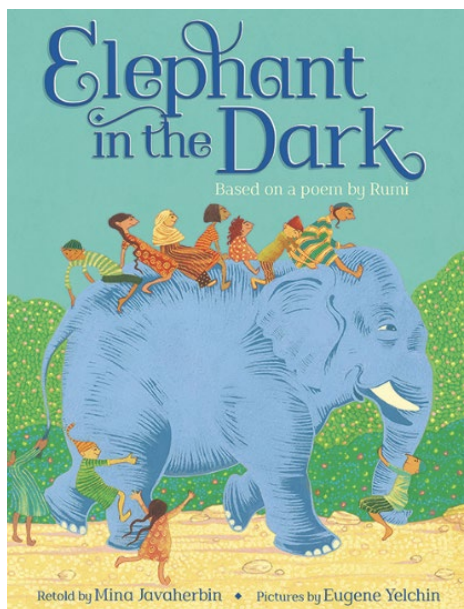
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### Between Words, A Friendship Tale

Kai is used to following the seasons with Pa, from place to new place where people speak languages unfamiliar to his ears. When they finally settle in a valley full of pools, Kai tries to invite the other children to join in his play, but the strangeness of his words drives them away. Frustrated, he kicks his most treasured stone into one of the pools and, in his search for it, finds something even more valuable. Dive into a whimsical tale of unexpected friendship, told with compassion and warmth. With every brushstroke, Saki Tanaka paints a radiant world where bonds are formed beyond language barriers. A beautiful tale for shy friend-makers everywhere.

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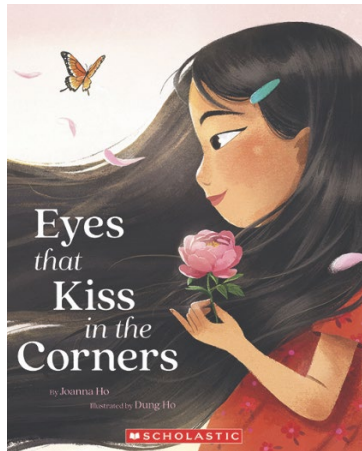
### Elephant in the Dark

When villagers hear of a huge, mysterious creature that has come all the way from India, they steal into the dark barn to find out what it is. “It’s like a snake!” says one. “It’s like a tree trunk,” says another. “No, it’s like a fan!” argues the third. Who is right? Which of them knows the creature’s true shape? Iranian American author Mina Javaherbin recasts an anecdote from the Persian poet Rumi, itself based on a far older tale about perceiving parts of a truth rather than its whole. Young readers will delight in the villagers’ wildly differing descriptions of the curious beast that has come to town.

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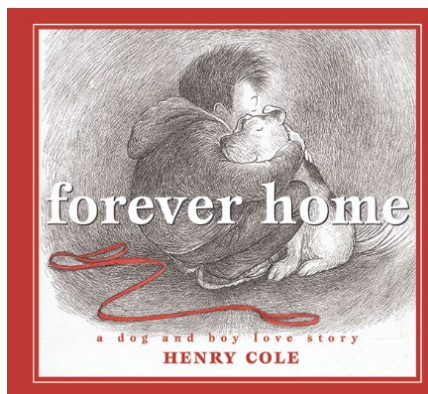
## 4 TO 5 YEARS



### Eyes that Kiss in the Corners

A young Chinese American girl notices that her eyes look different from her friends'. They have big, round eyes and long lashes. She begins to wish for eyes like theirs — until she realizes that her eyes are like her mother's, Amah's, and Mei Mei's. They have eyes that kiss in the corners and glow like warm tea, crinkle into crescent moons, and are filled with stories of the past and hope for the future — they are beautiful. "Eyes that Kiss in the Corners" is a dazzling, lyrical ode to loving oneself. Its tender yet powerful words and Dung Ho's vibrant illustrations inspire readers to recognize their own beauty and strength, igniting self-discovery and confidence. A breathtaking picture book.

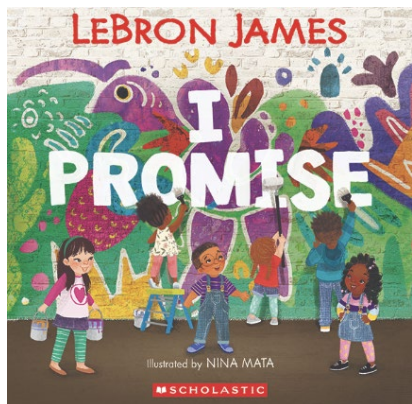
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### Forever Home

This wordless tale features a boy who wants a dog more than anything in the world and a lonely dog that roams the neighborhood, yearning for an owner. But the boy's room is a mess! He needs to help more around the house before his parents even consider a family pet. An exquisitely rendered, touching story of companionship and belonging.

**Available Vendor:** Scholastic



### I Promise

NBA champion and superstar LeBron James pens a slam-dunk picture book inspired by his foundation's I PROMISE program, which motivates children everywhere to always #StriveForGreatness. Just a kid from Akron, Ohio, who is dedicated to uplifting youth everywhere, LeBron knows the key to a better future is to excel in school, do your best, and keep your family close. "I Promise" is a lively and inspiring picture book that reminds us that tomorrow's success starts with the promises we make to ourselves and our community today

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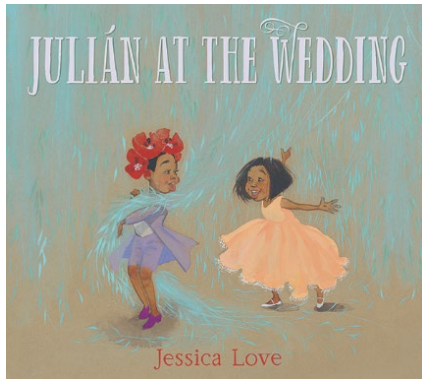
### Our Pool

Today is a pool day in the city! The sun is shining, so what are you waiting for? Friends and family. Kids and grandparents. Big bodies and small bodies. Everybody is welcome at our pool! Get ready for swimming and splashing, zigzagging and dunking, and racing and laughing. The merriment, beauty, and comforting routines of a pool day are on full display in this celebration of an urban summer tradition.

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### Julian at the Wedding

Julián and his abuela are going to a wedding. Better yet, Julián is in the wedding. Weddings have flowers and kissing and dancing and cake. And at this wedding, Julian meets a new friend named Marisol. It's not long before Julián and Marisol set off for some magic and mischief of their own, and when things take an unexpected turn, the pair learns that everything is easier with a good friend by your side. A celebration of weddings and friendship and a subtle yet poignant reminder that gender, like love, is expansive.

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### Nell Plants a Tree

This gorgeous picture book shows how one little girl's careful tending of a pecan tree creates the living center of a loving, intergenerational Black family. Readers will delight in watching time go back and forth, connecting past and present through linked stories about the planting and multigenerational use of one tree. As Nell grows from a young mother to a grandmother, with the same white house in the background, the tree also grows and grows until it shelters several generations of Nell's family. Inspired by the pecan trees of the creators' own childhoods, Anne Wynter's lyrical picture book, brought to life with breathtaking illustrations by Daniel Miyares, brims with wonder and love.

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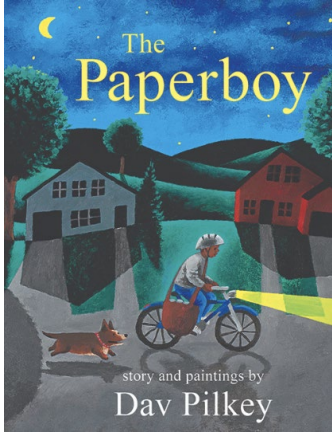
### One Family

Just how many things can "one" be? One box of crayons. One batch of cookies. One world. One family. This visually striking picture book sends the message that everyone counts. From veteran children's author George Shannon and artist Blanca Gomez comes a playful, interactive book that shows how a family can be big or small and comprised of people of a range of genders and races. The tale depicts interracial families, men with their arms around each other, and a Sikh man wearing a turban. This inclusive spirit supports the culminating assertion that "One is one and everyone. One earth. One world. One family."

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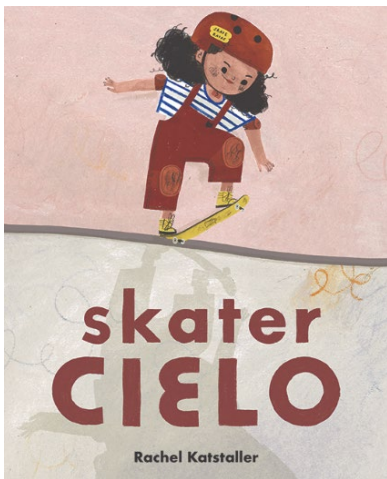
## 4 TO 5 YEARS



### The Paperboy

In the still before dawn, while the rest of the world is sleeping, a boy and his dog leave the comfort of their warm bed to deliver newspapers. As the boy pedals his bike through his community, along a route he knows by heart, his dog runs by his side, and both enjoy a world that, before sunrise, belongs only to them. The paperboy's story celebrates the beauty found in silence and the peace that comes from being with a beloved friend.

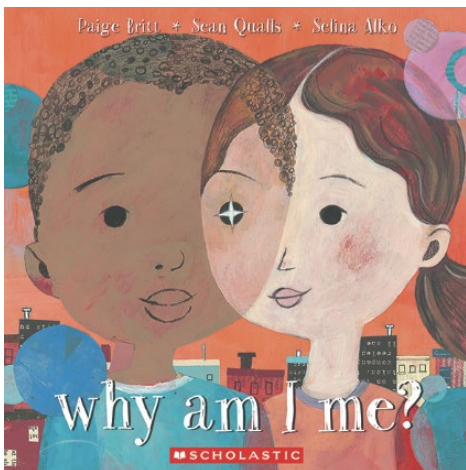
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### Skater Cielo

Cielo loves to skateboard! But when she messes up on a new ramp, she's embarrassed and afraid to fall again in front of so many people. With the help of some new friends, Cielo summons the courage to try again (and again and again) and learns that falling is not failing, true fierceness isn't about landing the perfect trick, it's about picking yourself back up when you don't. Look out for the glossary, which clarifies terms and language for newcomers to skateboarding.

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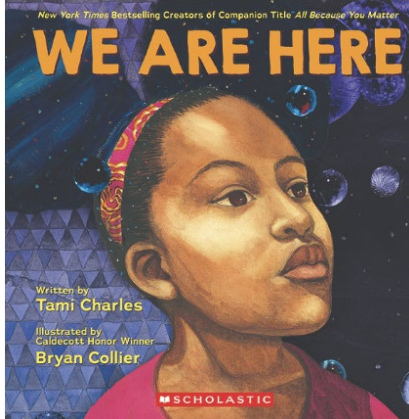
### Why am I me?

Have you ever wondered why you are you? Or who would you be if you were someone else? Someone taller, faster, smaller, smarter? Someone lighter, older, darker, bolder? This beautiful celebration of our humanity and diversity invites readers of all ages to imagine a world where there is no you or me, only us. "Why Am I Me?" is a captivating ode to wonder and helps foster a child's sense of connection, compassion, and love.

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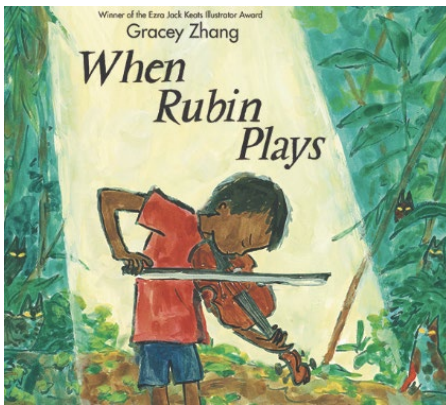
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### We Are Here

Lyrical, affirmational, and bursting with love, “We Are Here” is a poignant story about Black and brown heritage and community. Full of assurance, tenderness, and triumph, this much-anticipated follow-up to the New York Times bestselling “All Because You Matter” offers an equally inspirational and arresting ode to all the Black women and men who have made momentous contributions from the beginning of time. “We Are Here” celebrates readers with pride, joy, and love, reminding them of their roots, inviting them to imagine a future that shines ever brightly, and strengthening them for their triumphant days to come!

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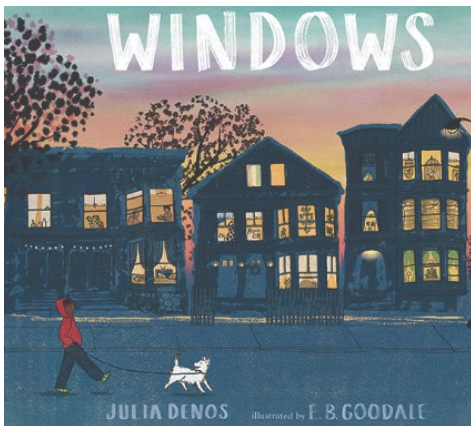


### When Rubin Plays

Rubin loves the beautiful sounds played by the orchestra. He wants to learn to play the violin and make his own music. But when Rubin plays, it doesn't sound like he imagines it should. He goes into the forest to practice alone, and, despite his violin's screeching, finds an unlikely audience that loves his unique style.

In an inspiring, lyrical picture book that deftly dives into the heart and mind of a child's viewpoint and experience, Gracey Zhang offers confidence to everyone who longs to master something that can be difficult. “When Rubin Plays” shows that there is only one way to do something right — to do it your own special way.

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### Windows

Walking his dog at dusk, one boy catches glimpses of the lives around him in this lovely ode to autumn evenings, exploring your neighborhood, and coming home. Readers are invited to match their observant eyes with those of the child, who notes the windows and what the people or animals within their frames are doing. They may be playing an instrument or dancing, or painting. At the end of the walk, the boy and the dog pass a house with no lights on; its windows “leave you to fill them up with stories.” Finally, home beckons, and the child and mother curl up in a comfy chair for their own bedtime story.

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