



# Rights Guide **Spring 2024**

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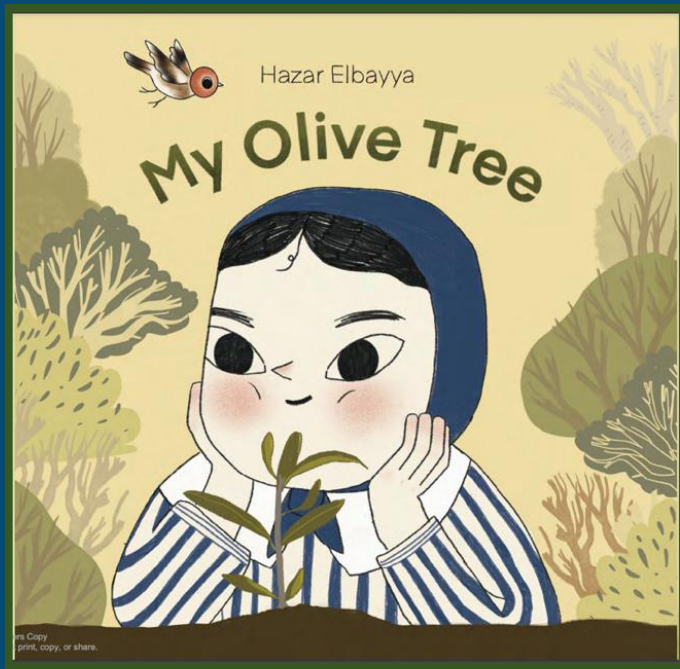
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## Front List

(listed in order of projected publication date)



Children's: Picture book

Pub Date: September 24, 2024

Materials available: Advance Readers proofs

**Anne Schwartz Books/Random House**  
(N/Am English)

Format: 32 pages, illustrated

Editor: Anne Schwartz

## MY OLIVE TREE written and illustrated by Hazar Elbayya

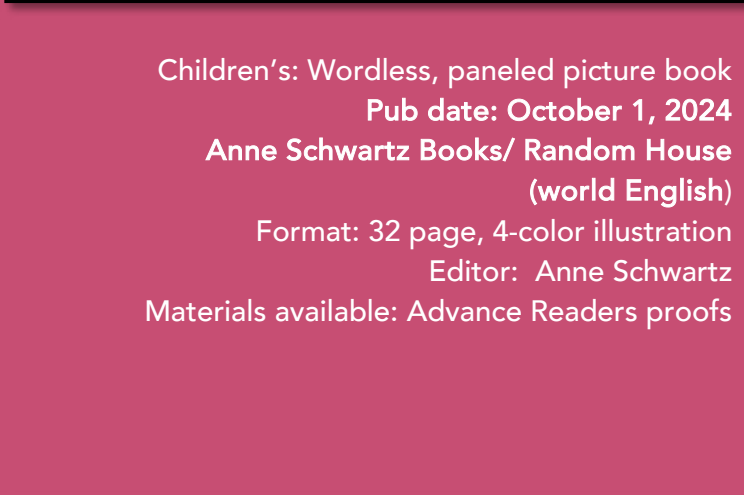
In this simple story, watch how one small girl finds strength through community, love, and the planting of an olive tree—a symbol of peace.

- Sold in 4-imprint, 2-book auction for 6-figures
- Lead title for Anne Schwartz Books/ Knopf
- A sensitive, empowering avenue into discuss conflict with children
- Publishing on International Day of Peace with "Plant the Seeds of Peace" campaign

"A heartfelt story of identity and heritage that celebrates family and the power of a community working together."—*Juana Medina*

**Hazar Elbayya** was born in Gaza, where she planted many olive trees of her own. Her work is heavily influenced by her roots. Now based in Washington, DC, she recently was awarded a degree in Graphic Design from George Mason University. *My Olive Tree* is her debut.





**HOW TO**  
**STOP**  
**FREAKING**  
**OUT**

Download

The Ultimate Guide to  
**KEEPING COOL**  
When Life Feels Chaotic

**Carla Naumburg, PhD**  
ILLUSTRATED BY **Letizia Rizzo**

Materials available: Advance Readers proofs

*A humorous, practical illustrated guide to help middle-schoolers understand why they act the way they do when they lose their cool, and how to make things better.*

- By celebrated social worker and bestselling author
- Translation rights to bestselling adult companion titles have sold **23+ territories**

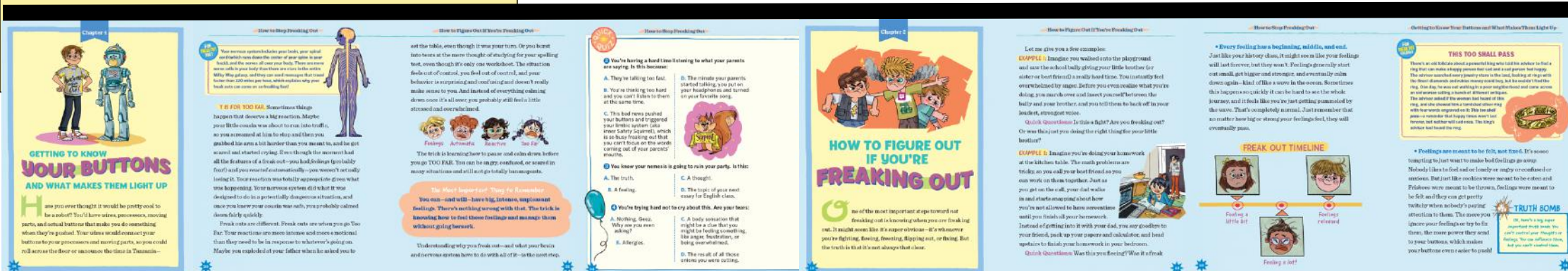
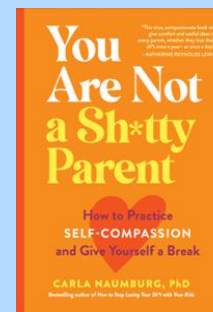
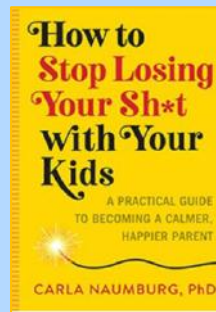
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 Muza; **Hungarian:** Publish & More; **Taiwan:** China  
 Times; **China:** Beijing United; **Thai:** Amarin; **Dutch:**

Gotmer/Altamira; **Vietnamese:** Women's Publishing House; **Lithuanian:** Briedis; **Croatia:** Stilus; **Russian:** MIF; **Turkish:** Aykırı Yayınları; **Greek:** Psychogios; **Indonesian:** PT Elemedia Komputindo; **Romanian:** Editura Corint and Curtea Veche; **Lithuanian:** Briedis; **Arabic:** Jarir Bookstore; **Slovenian:** Učila; **Serbian:** Laguna; **Korean:** Hainaim Publishing; **Ukrainian:** Art Books

"Naumburg's advice is invaluable and reassuring while embracing the humor of it all."—**Starred review**, *Booklist*

Side-splittingly funny and relatable...Essential reading."— **Starred review**, *Library Journal*

**Carla Naumburg, PhD, LICSW**, is a clinical social worker and the author of several evergreen bestselling parenting books, including one about how parents can freak out less.





Children's: Early Reader

Pub date: Spring 2025

Candlewick (N/Am English/ N/AM Spanish)

Format: 32 pages, illustrated

Editor: Mary Lee Donovan

Materials available: Book 1: final PDF;

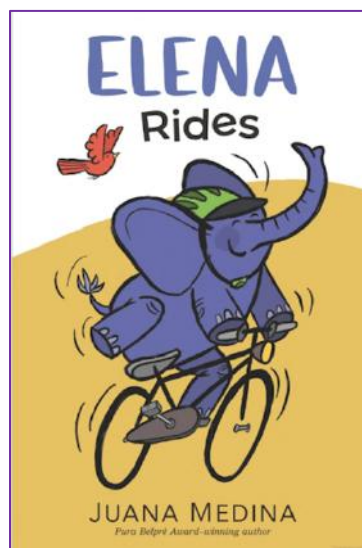
Book 2: Final text and artwork

## ELENA CAMPS — sequel to *Elena Rides* written & illustrated by Juana Medina

The second in a series starring a plucky young elephant accompanied by her sidekick humorously learning a new skill and navigating emotions.

\* Sold at in 2-book auction for six-figures

book one ELENA RIDES: published Spring 2023



“A fresh, new offering for the Elephant and Piggie set.” —*Booklist*

“Sensational for reading aloud.” —*Kirkus Reviews*

**ALSC Notable Children's Books Nominee 2024**

***Horn Book* Fanfare Selection**

**A *Publishers Weekly* Best Children's Book of the Year**

**A *School Library Journal* Best Book of the Year**

**A Bank Street College of Education Best Picture Book Pick**



## THE DEADLIEST!

by Eleanor Spicer Rice PhD & illustrated by Max Temescu

Gillian MacKenzie Agency's UK and translation agents represent both text and illustration on behalf of Author's and Illustrator's agencies.

A humorous *STEM* graphic novel series for ages 6-9, starring comedic line-ups of deadly (and not-so-deadly) species, each vying for the title of *\*the\* deadliest*, as if in a talent contest, while offering scientific facts throughout.

\* Bought at auction in 6-book deal

\* Similar appeal as *WHO WOULD WIN—*  
a series that has sold millions of books—but by a funny, expert scientist

Middle grade nonfiction series – 6 books /Graphic novels

ARC proofs book 1&2 available April 2024

Norton Young Readers (N/Am) Editor: Simon Boughton

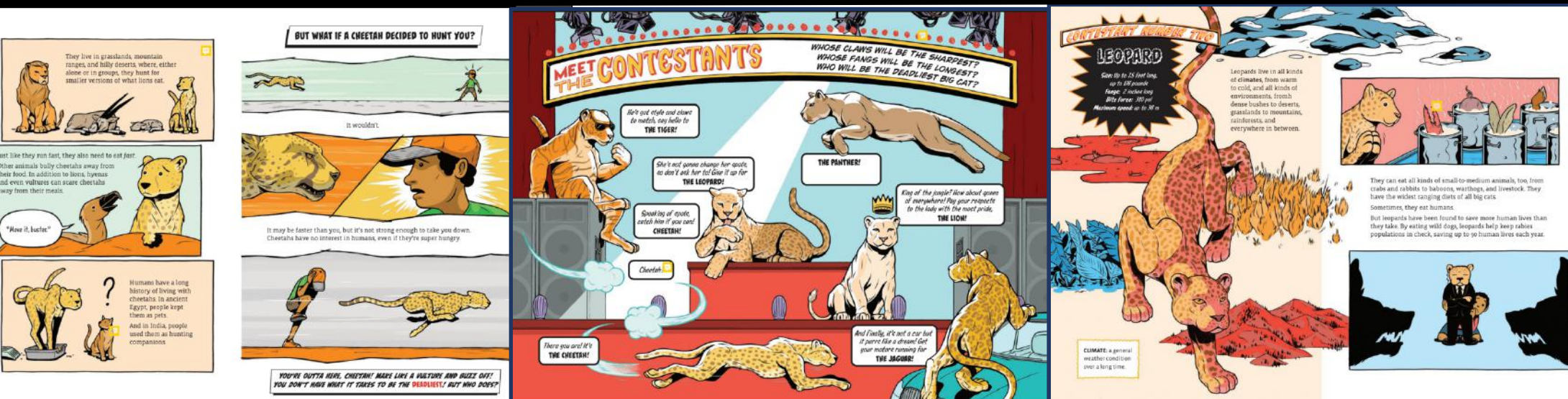
The Deadliest Spider & The Deadliest Big Cats -- Winter 2025

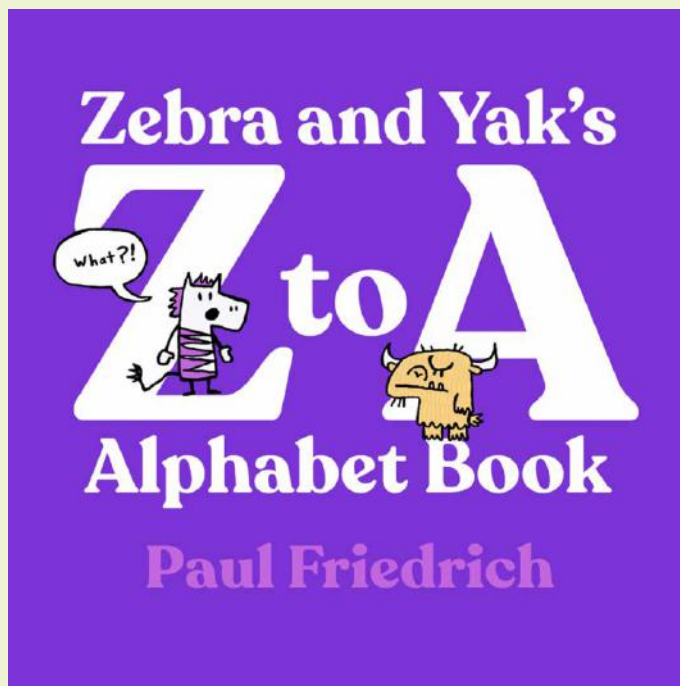
Snake & Flower -- Summer 2025

Insects & Sea Creatures -- Fall 2025

Format: 25K words with four color illustrations throughout

Dr. Eleanor Rice is a celebrated entomologist and author whose books include the nonfiction series *Your Hidden Life* (Candlewick) and upcoming picture book, *After the Rain* (Candlewick).





Children's: Picture book series

Pub Date: Book 1: Summer 2025

Book 2: Summer 2026

Materials available: Advance Readers proofs

Anne Schwartz Books/Random House  
(N/Am English)

Format: 48 pages, illustrated

Editor: Stephanie Pitts



## ZEBRA AND YAK'S Z TO A ALPHABET BOOK

written and illustrated by Paul Friedrich

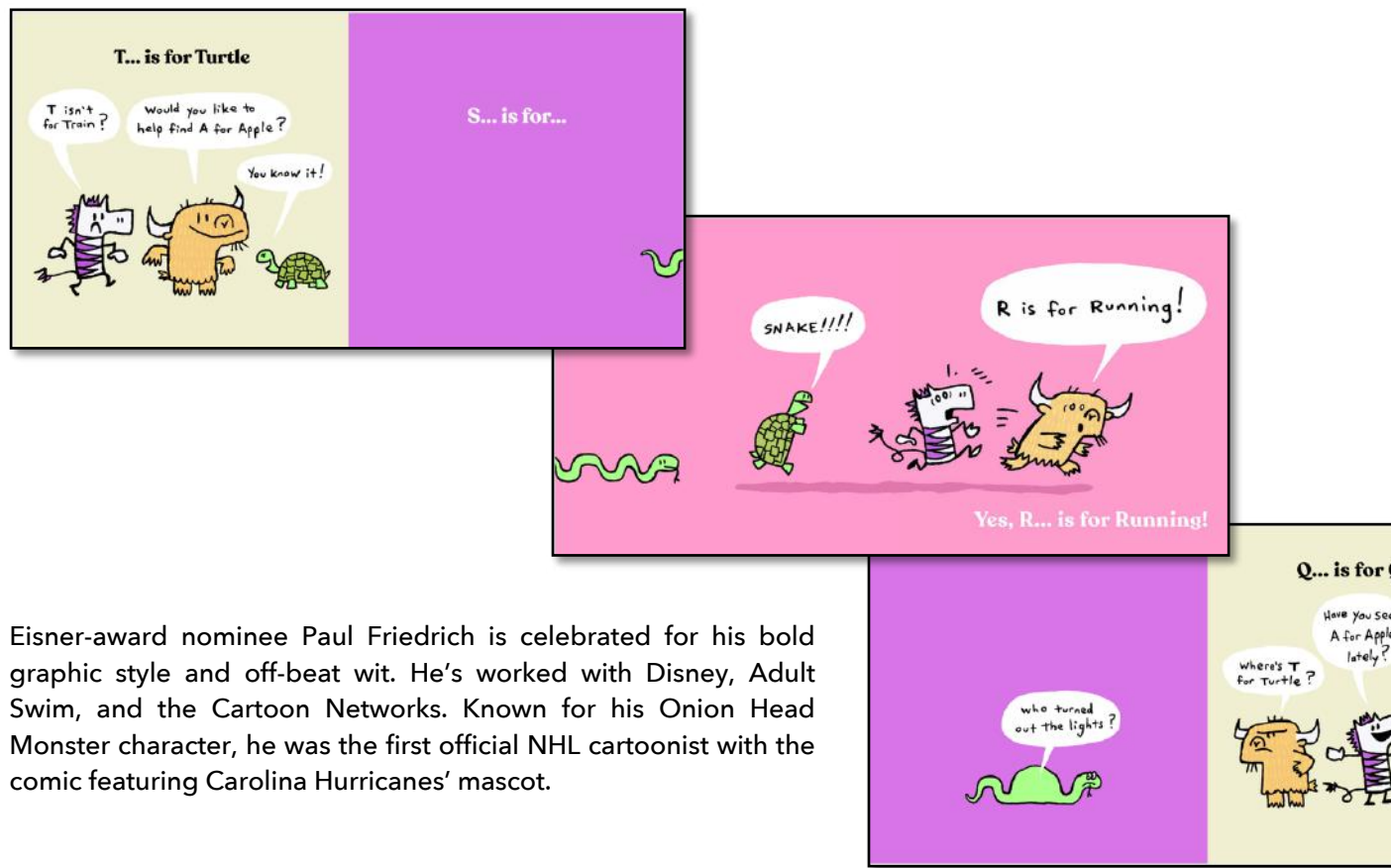
Meet the winning new duo, Zebra and Yak, in their hilarious, high-concept picture book debut of backwards books, as they take readers on an adventure through a very backward alphabet on their quest to find A is for Apple.

**AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR WILLING TO CUSTOMIZE THE STORY AND ARTWORK TO WORK FOR THE TRANSLATION INTO OTHER LANGUAGE VERSIONS**

Sold in 6-imprint, 2-book auction for 6-figures

Lead title for Putnam/ PRH

For fans of *Elephant and Piggie*; *I Want My Hat Back*; *The Day the Crayons Quit*



Eisner-award nominee Paul Friedrich is celebrated for his bold graphic style and off-beat wit. He's worked with Disney, Adult Swim, and the Cartoon Networks. Known for his Onion Head Monster character, he was the first official NHL cartoonist with the comic featuring Carolina Hurricanes' mascot.



**LUISA!** & *untitled book two*

**written by Sara Amini & illustrated by Juana Medina**

The first two books in a series starring spirited Luisa, and her pet chicken, Pablo, on adventures in their plaza in Salento, Colombia and beyond.

\* Sold in 6-imprint auction for healthy 6-figures

\* Written by co-star of AMC+ series, *Lucky Hank*, with Bob Odenkirk

\* Illustrated by Pura Belpré-award winner

\* Being positioned as the next *Olivia*, or *Fancy Nancy*, or *Eloise*, or *Madeline*

Children's: Picture book

Pub Date: Winter 2025

Final art due: December 2024

Dial Books for Young Readers  
(N/Am English/ N/Am Spanish)

Format: 32-40 pages, illustrated

Editor: Nancy Mercado

Materials available now: Third draft book one,  
Sample & sketches



Category: Young adult / romantic drama  
Publisher: Union Square & Co (world English)  
Projected pub date: March 2025  
Editor: Laura Schreiber/Stefanie Chin  
Page count: Roughly 320 pages  
M/S delivery date: Final due 4/1/24  
Proofs summer 2024

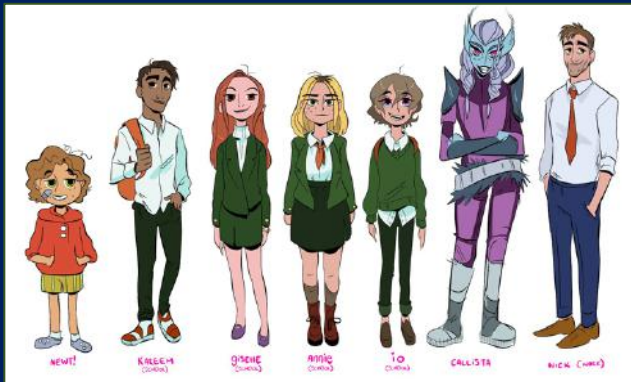
## LIGHTS, CANTER, ACTION

by Katie Gilbert

Sold in a Pre-empt

**An enemies-to-lovers, horses-meets-Hollywood romance  
that will have readers' hearts pounding and the pages turning!**

When a film production comes to her hometown, 17-year-old Nora gets a job wrangling horses on the set. But she isn't prepared to wrangle the film's star and Hollywood bad boy, Alexander Mathis. As the pair spend more and more time together, Alexander starts to race away with her heart—and who he really is begins to blur.



Middle grade graphic novel

Pub date: Fall 2025 Sketches due: 4/15/24

Aladdin (world English) Editor: Jessie Smith

Format: 256 page, graphic novel

Material available now: final copyedited draft

Film Co-Agent: Amy Stuhlberg, Vanguard Artists

## EARTH...EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY

Written by Amy Brown & Illustrated by Kennedy Tarrell

Gillian MacKenzie Agency's UK and translation agents represent the text and illustration on behalf of Author and Illustrator agencies.

**A hilarious and heartfelt graphic novel for middle grade readers that hits on the theme of being "other" through the lens of aliens.**

**Author is talented screenwriter who has written for Peacock, Disney, PBS and Hulu, and has written international YA series *FIND ME IN PARIS* for Hulu, acquired by Nickelodeon UK and Disney.**

Lo has spent her whole life on Planet Meow. After much begging, Lo finally convinces her mom to let her visit her dad—who lives on Earth—every other Wednesday. There's just one space-time problem. A "Wednesday" on her planet is a whole YEAR on Earth!

Middle grade series

Pub date: Book 1&2: September 24, 2024

Book 3: Spring 2025 Book 4: Summer 2025

Book 5: Fall 2025 Book 6-7: TK

Andrews McMeel (N/Am)

Format: 176-208 pgs., 5.25"x 8.5"

Spot Art by Dolo Okęcki (40 images)

Editor: Hannah Dussold

Materials available now: Uncopied books 1-5

## SHOW STRIDES

by Rennie Dyball & Piper Klemm

A contemporary take on bestselling horse series such as *The Saddle Club*, SHOW STRIDES—starring equestrian Tally Hart and friends as they work together to succeed both in and out of the show ring—brings the world of horses to a new generation of readers.

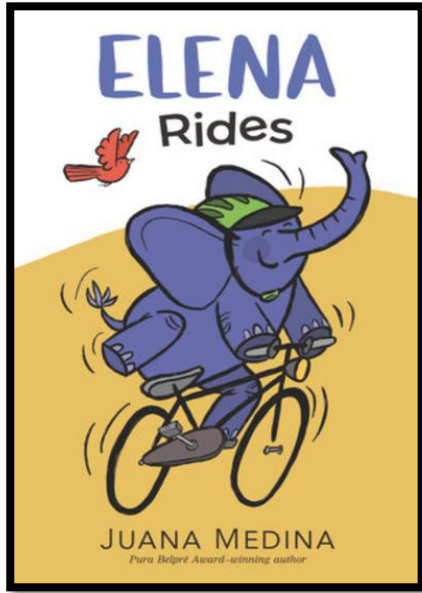
\* Sold in a 7-book deal!

\* Andrews McMeel & Simon and Schuster sales force aim to transform this self-publishing success story into bestselling series.

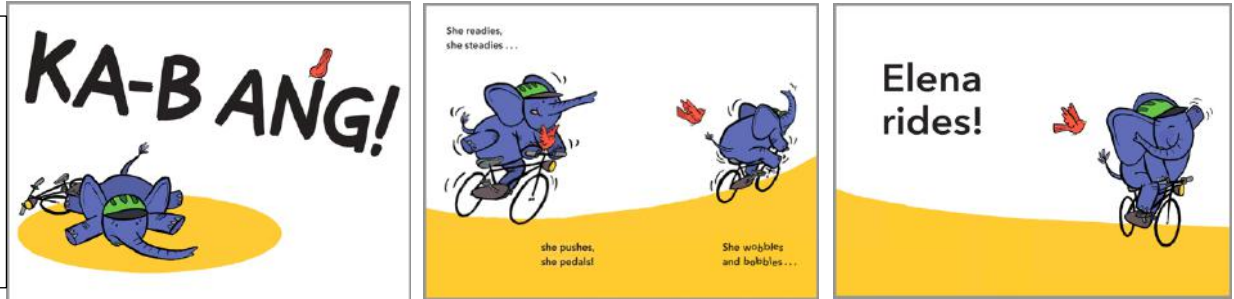
\* Co-author's horse magazine has one million monthly views, 130K+ followers.



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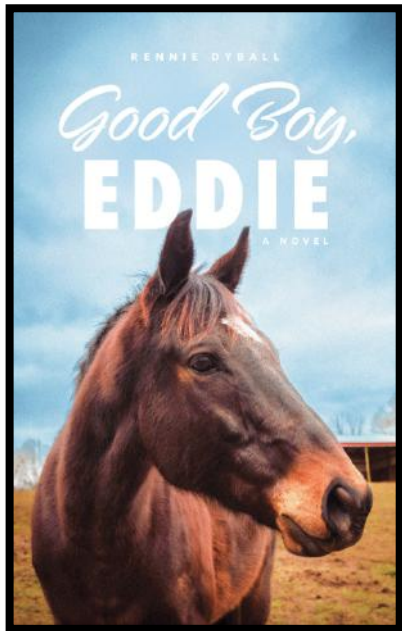


**ELENA RIDES:** Book one of ELENA series  
 written & illustrated by Juana Medina

"This cheerful story with colorful illustrations will appeal to new readers and to parents looking for a read-aloud about perseverance." —*School Library Journal Reviews* (STARRED REVIEW)

"Medina captures substantial emotional highs and lows in this inspiring tale of persistence, one that's just right for those taking on another learning curve: reading." — *Publishers Weekly* (STARRED REVIEW)

"I think this book is *magic*! ...Such a great read-aloud!" — Meg Medina, Newbery Award winner & 2023/24 National Ambassador for Young People's Literature.



**GOOD BOY, EDDIE**  
 by Rennie Dyball

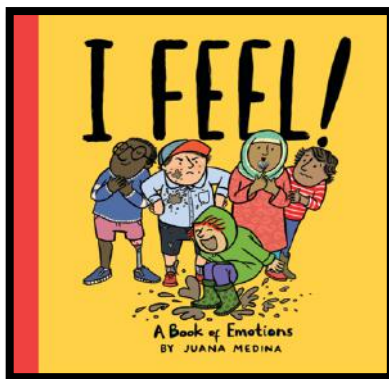
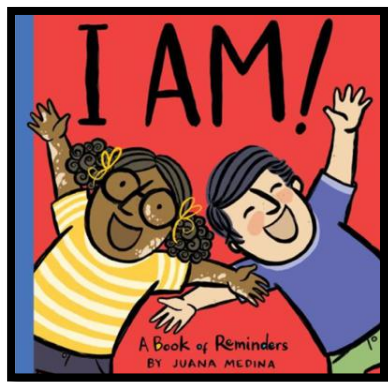
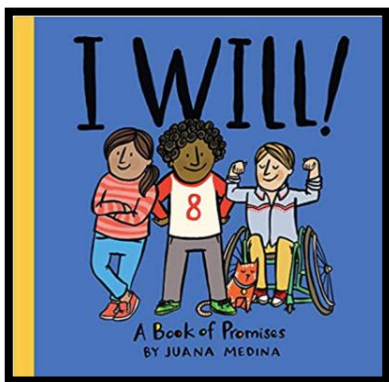
A story of self-acceptance and friendship for all ages, GOOD BOY, EDDIE captures the special bonds we form with animals and what we learn about ourselves along the way. Eddie takes great pride in giving riding lessons. But when he moves to a new barn full of fancy show horses, he begins to doubt himself and his place in the world—all while his rider is doing the same.

Middle grade fiction  
 May 2023  
 The Plaid Horse (N/ Am)  
 Format: 144 pages  
 Editor: Piper Klemm  
 Materials: Final PDF

A modern day BLACK BEAUTY for all ages!

Showcase title for launch of new book publishing arm by publisher of The Plaid Horse —North America's #1 horse show magazine!

The Plaid Horse brand reaches one million monthly views with more than 130,000 followers



Picture book, age 4-7 /  
40 pps, four-color  
2022  
Versify/Clarion (N/ Am)  
Materials: final books  
available\*

**I WILL! series**

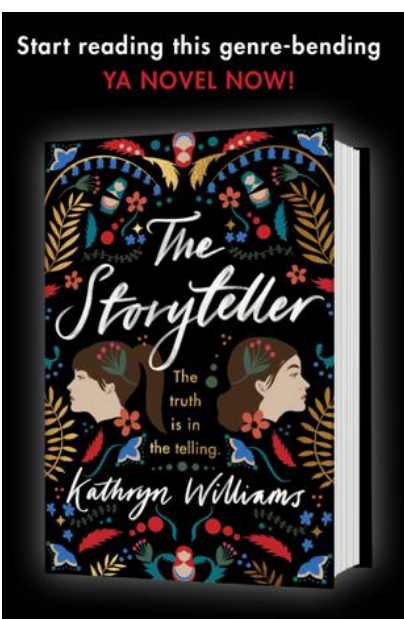
by Pura Belpré-award winner Juana Medina

A 3-book series focusing on helping to build emotional literacy, self-esteem, and self-worth as well as improving communication skills, allowing young children to navigate their emotions.

**"An accessible guide to becoming a more compassionate global citizen." Publishers Weekly**

\*Sold at auction for six-figures

A Washington Post Best Children's Book



Start reading this genre-bending  
YA NOVEL NOW!

Young adult fiction  
HarperTeen (North American)  
Editor: Alice Jerman  
Pub date: January 2022  
Materials: final book available  
Film: Hilary Zaitz Michael, William Morris  
Rights Sold: Clever (Russia)

**The Storyteller**  
by Katherine Williams

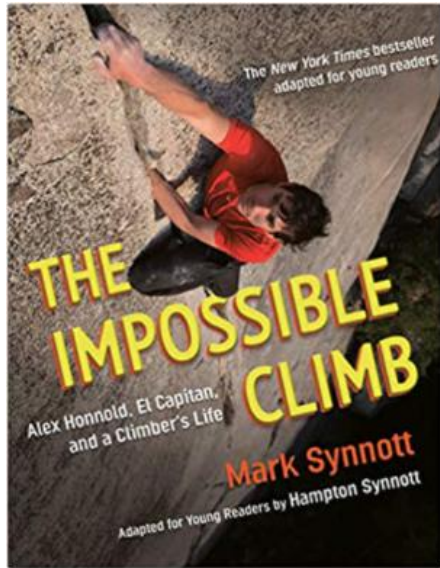
A modern imagining of the story of Anastasia Romanov, "grip-lit" that cleverly addresses issues of love, loss and finding one's self. In 1918, Anastasia Romanov and her entire royal family were brutally executed. Or were they? When a high school student opens a trunk in an attic in New Hampshire and discovers journals that suggest her great great great Aunt was Anastasia, she finds herself embroiled in story of intrigue, betrayal, love and ultimately, death.

A genre-blending novel that is sure to grip readers to the very end, mixing mystery, romance, historical fiction, and a touch of purpose into one terrific experience. Readers will be engrossed... and encouraged by the message around finding your identity."— Booklist.

"A book that will sit with readers, making them question what exactly is a person's truth." – SLJ

"A breezily engaging read."—Publishers Weekly

THE IMPOSSIBLE CLIMB *young reader's adaptation*  
by Mark Synnott and Hampton Synnott



A middle grade adaptation of the adult bestseller that chronicles what *The New York Times* deemed "one of the great athletic feats of any kind, ever": Alex Honnold's free-solo ascent of El Capitan in Yosemite National Park. Author Mark Synnott broke the story for National Geographic and the world watched in awe. Now adapted for a younger audience, *The Impossible Climb* tells the gripping story of how a quiet kid from Sacramento, California, grew up to capture the attention of the entire globe by redefining the limits of human potential through hard work, discipline, and a deep respect for the natural world.

Category: Middle Grade Non-fiction

Publisher: Viking (N/ Am) + Editor: Aneeka Kalia

Pub date: January 2021 +Materials: Final pdfs, book

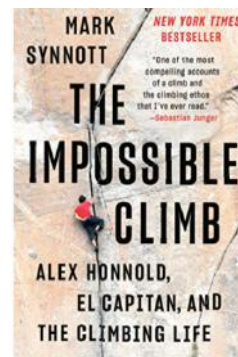
\* The young reader's edition of *The Impossible Climb*,  
a *NEW YORK TIMES* MONTHLY BESTSELLER and Amazon Best Book

\* Focuses on internationally-acclaimed climber,  
Alex Honnold, of Academy Award-winning *Free Solo*

"A gripping story for readers of any age." —*Booklist Reviews*

"A heart-pounding adventure that will pull in any reader who is looking to live life to its fullest." —*School Library Journal*, starred review

"A scramble into the wild world of rock climbing . . . plenty of thrills." —*Kirkus Reviews*

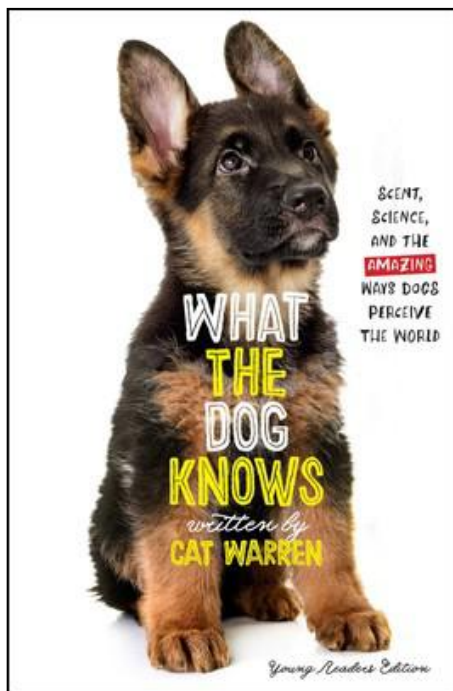


Adult rights sold: UK/ANZ: Allen & Unwin; German: Benevento; French: Desnival; Italian: Corbaccio; Simplified Chinese: Thinkingdom; Polish: Publicat;

Editions Amphora; Japanese: Toyokan Publishing; Spanish: Croatian: V.B.Z.

## WHAT THE DOG KNOWS:

*Scent, Science, and the Amazing Ways Dogs Perceive the World* by Cat Warren



+ The young readers edition of the  
*New York Times* bestseller

Cat Warren and her canine companion, Solo, teach readers that the nose knows no bounds when it comes to working together, being persistent, and helping others.

Solo has a fine nose and knows how to use it, but he's only one of many thousands of scent-detection dogs all over the United States. That's a group that includes cadaver dogs, tracking, trailing, and apprehension dogs; dogs that can locate unmarked graves of Civil War soldiers; and even dogs that can find drowning victims more than two hundred feet below the surface of a lake. *What the Dog Knows* shows the science, the rigorous training, and the skilled handling that underlie these amazing abilities.

**Category:** Middle grade nonfiction

**Publisher:** S&S Books For Young Readers (N/Am)

**Pub date:** October 2019 + **Materials:** Final books

"*What the Dog Knows* offers a fascinating, fun glimpse into the world of dogs. If you've ever loved a dog, you will adore this book." —  
Robert Crais, *NYT* bestselling author

"Beautifully illustrated, *What the Dog Knows* is perfect for young minds who will embrace the almost magical world of dogs and scent detection."  
—Brian Hare and Vanessa Woods, *NYT* bestselling authors of *The Genius of Dogs*

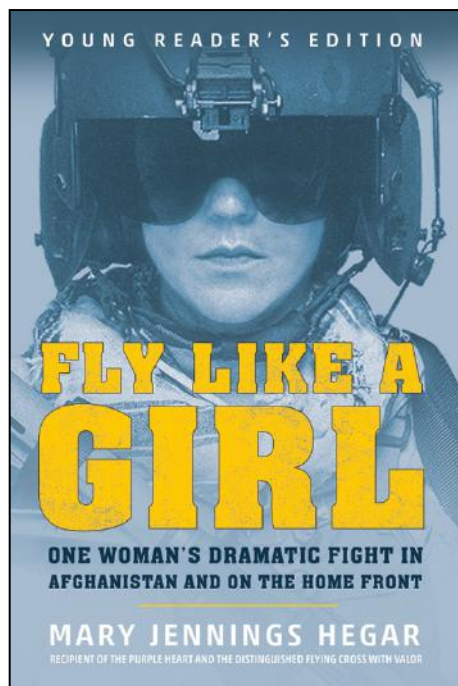
"An exciting, fast-paced journey into the world of scents."—Virginia Morell, *NYT* bestselling author of *Animal Wise*

Adult Edition translation sales: UK/ANZ: Scribe; Simplified Chinese: Commercial Press; German: Kynos; Japanese: X-Knowledge; Spanish: KNS Ediciones.

## FLY LIKE A GIRL

*One Woman's Dramatic Fight in Afghanistan and on the Home Front*

By Mary Jennings Hegar



A Young Readers Edition of a compelling story of courage and triumph, this is the inspiring true story of a brave and determined woman who gave her all for her country, her sense of justice, and for women everywhere. On July 29, 2009, Air National Guard Major Mary Jennings Hegar was shot down while on a Medevac mission in Afghanistan. Despite being wounded, her courageous actions saved the lives of her crew and their patients, earning her the Purple Heart as well as the Distinguished Flying Cross with Valor Device. That day also marked the beginning of a new mission: fighting for the rights of women to serve openly on the front line of battle for the first time in history.

Includes exclusive photographs throughout, a discussion guide, and a Q&A with the author written specifically for teen readers.

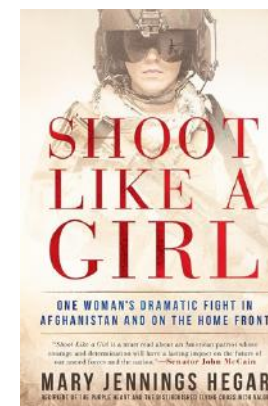
**Category:** Young Adult nonfiction / memoir

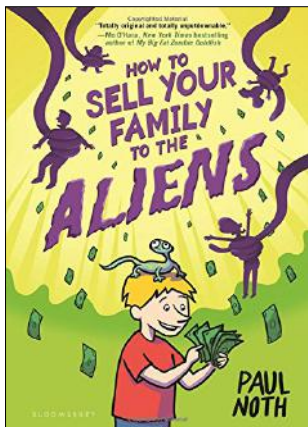
**Publisher:** Philomel (N/Am) +

**Pub date:** Spring 2020 + **Materials:** Finals

**Major Mary Jennings Hegar**, one of Foreign Policy Magazine's 100 Leading Global Thinkers of 2013 and one of Newsweek's 125 Women of Impact of 2012, completed pilot training by the Air National Guard at the top of her class, served three tours in Afghanistan flying Combat Search and Rescue as well as medevac missions, during which was shot down. Her actions on this mission earned her the Distinguished Flying Cross with Valor Device. MJ has run for Congress and speaks publicly about both her experiences in the military and her fight for increased military readiness through equality.

**Adult Edition translation sales:** UK/ANZ: HarperCollins UK; **Italian:** Centauria; **Ukraine:** Bookclub Family Leisure.





## HOW TO SELL YOUR FAMILY TO THE ALIENS

trilogy by Paul Noth

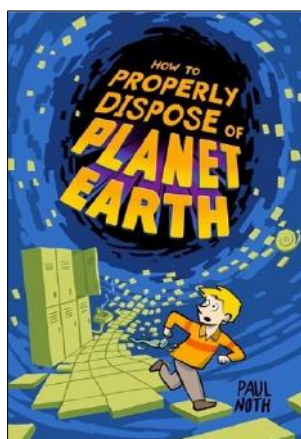
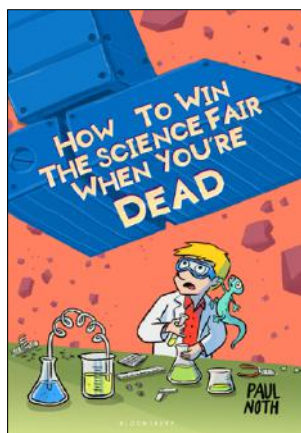
- + Sold at auction in a six-figure deal
- + Author a celebrated cartoonist, working with *The New Yorker* and *Saturday Night Live*
- + Books are hilarious, and perfect for reluctant readers
- + Quirky, goofy science-fiction

Happy Conklin Jr.'s dad is a brilliant, successful inventor of screwball products. Too bad that Hap's tyrannical Grandma is stealing all his money and lives in an enormous mansion while the rest of the family lives in the basement. When Hap sees a chance to get rid of Grandma, he takes it! But when he—oops!—sells his whole family to the aliens, he wants nothing more than to get them back. But how?! In **Book Two**, Hap wants a girl in his science class to be his lab partner but lacks the courage to even talk to her. He finds a way to overcome this fear but also, unfortunately, opens a blackhole that will swallow the solar system, unless he's able to stop it. In **Book Three**, Hap—now a prisoner of the Galactic Empire—must stop his Grandma's war before she destroys everything. He'll need the help of his lab partner and secret crush back on Earth. But first he'll have to convince her that he isn't dead!

"Strange and original with just the right amount of juvenile humor, this story features odd and endearing characters and a wonderfully weird plot." —*School Library Journal*

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"Pitch perfect for middle-graders . . ." —*BCCB*



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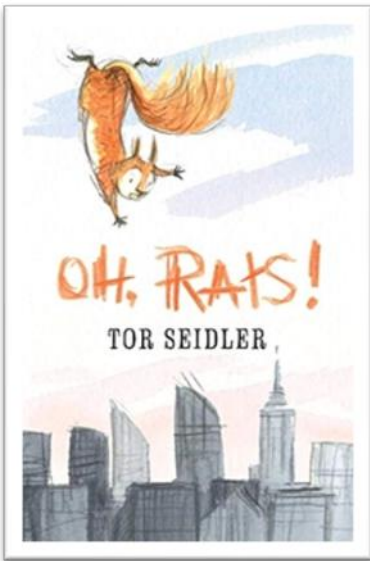
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# TOR SEIDLER

GMA is now representing the front and back lists of the foreign editions for *National Book Award* finalist, Tor Seidler

Over the past 30 years, To has become one of the most important voices in children's fiction, with such classic as *A Rat's Take*, ALA Notable Book, *The Wainscott Weasel*, *Terpin*, and National Book Award finalist, *Mean Margaret*

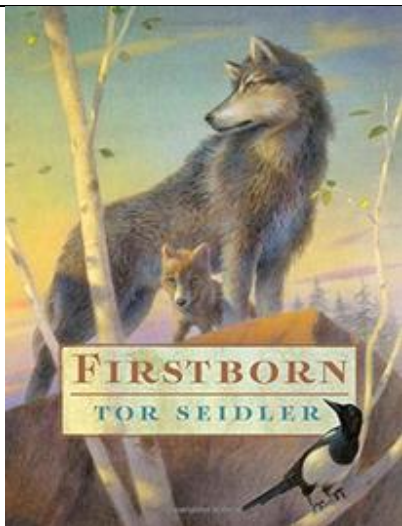


## [Oh, Rats!](#)

Tor Seidler, illus. by Gabriel Evans. Atheneum/Dlouhy, \$17.99 (320p)  
ISBN 978-1-5344-2684-9

Phoenix the squirrel is used to being "the pick of the litter... the biggest of the bunch, with the most lustrous fur." But after being snatched by a red-tailed hawk, haughty Phoenix finds himself battered and furless in Manhattan, far from his forest home Seidler (*Firstborn*) convincingly portrays rodent-human parallels; the rats' diverse community is passionately united as they fight to save their home, sabotaging electrical grids to raise awareness and sending strongly worded letters (written by Beckett) to voice their dissent. Soft black-and-white spot illustrations by Evans (the Little Paws series) add further charm to this animal adventure with direct social commentary.

OH RATS (Atheneum 2020)



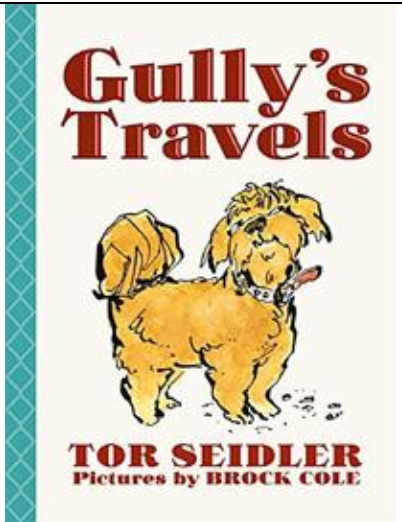
### Firstborn

Tor Seidler. S&S/Atheneum, \$16.99 (240p) ISBN 978-1-4814-1017-5

The designation "firstborn" applies to several characters in Seidler's animal adventure—the effervescent narrator, Maggie the magpie; Blue Boy, a wolf who accepts Maggie as an unofficial pack member; and Lamar, Blue Boy's eldest son, who wrestles with familial duties and his unorthodox love for a coyote... Themes of self-acceptance, devotion, and integrity resonate as Maggie and others act on wisdom she learns from her first friend, Jackson the crow: "you can't be loyal to others if you're not loyal to your own nature first." A moving acknowledgement of true friendship provides a heartwarming conclusion to this absorbing tale. Ages 9–14.

FIRSTBORN (Atheneum 2015)

Korean: Nonjang Publishing Co. 2017  
Czech: Host 2016  
Italian: Edizioni Piemme 2016  
Chinese: Beijing Publishing Group 2018



### Gully's Travels

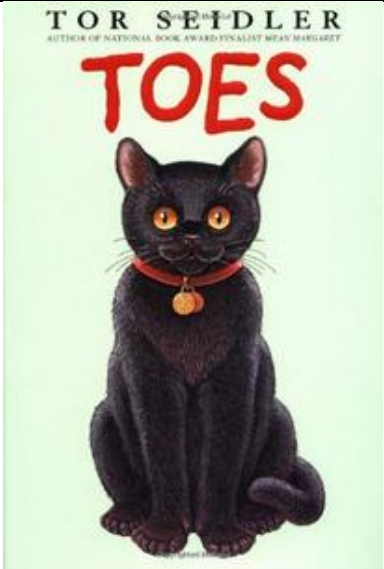
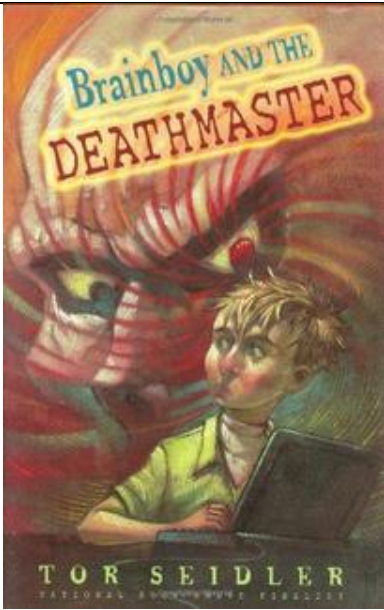
Tor Seidler, Author, Brock Cole, Illustrator, illus. by Brock Cole.  
Scholastic/di Capua \$16.95 (173p) ISBN 978-0-545-02506-5

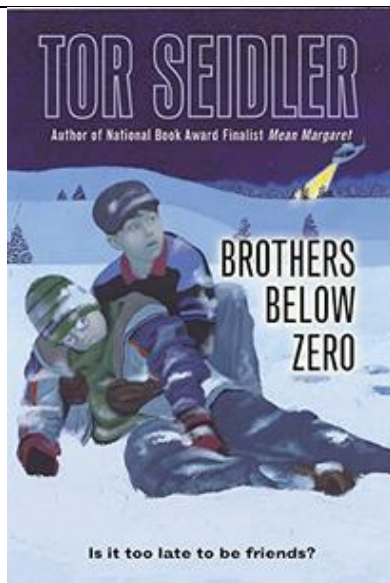
Gulliver, an affable but snobbish Lhasa apso, lives at a fashionable Manhattan address, enjoys opera and looks forward to yearly trips to Paris where he reconnects with Chloe, a Maltese with "eyes as black as raisins," while "his

GULLY'S TRAVELS (Scholastic 2008))

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French: Gallimard 2009

	<p><a href="#"><u>TOES</u></a>  Tor Seidler, Author, Eric Beddows, Illustrator , illus. by Eric Beddows.  HarperCollins/Geringer \$15.99 (164p) ISBN 978-0-06-054099-9</p> <p>Intermittently striking joyous and sad notes, Seidler's ultimately uplifting novel opens as three siblings arrive home from summer camp thrilled to find the four kittens that their beloved pet delivered to their home. A warm, unabashedly sentimental story that will particularly please young cat lovers. Ages 8-up.</p>	<p>TOES (HC 2004)</p> <p>Italian: Edizioni Piemme 2007</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>BRAINBOY AND THE DEATHMASTER</u></a>  Tor Seidler, Author . HarperCollins/Geringer \$16.99 (320p) ISBN 978-0-06-029181-5</p> <p>In Seidler's (Mean Margaret ) diverting book, 12-year-old orphan Darryl Kirby, a video game prodigy, discovers a sprawling new online game at the shelter where he is dumped. the language, invariably crisp and bright, makes for a quick read. As with Seidler's first book, The Dulcimer Boy , the core message—children do stand a chance against the cruelties of the world—always bears repeating. Ages 8-12.</p>	<p>BRAINBOY AND THE DEATHMASTER (HC 2003)</p> <p>German: Cecilie Dressler Verlag 2004;  Deutcher Taschenbuch Verlag 2007  Thai: Naamee 2007</p>



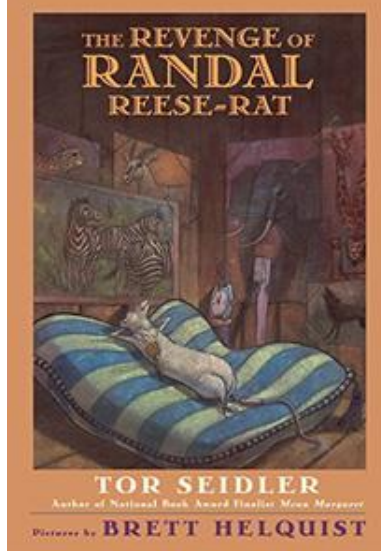
### [BROTHERS BELOW ZERO](#)

Tor Seidler, Author, Peter McCarty, Illustrator . HarperTrophy \$5.99 (137p) ISBN 978-0-06-440936-0

A seventh grader is outshone by his younger brother at everything until he finds an unrecognized talent, which his brother ruins—leading him to run away into the frigid Vermont countryside. Ages 8-12. (Feb.)

BROTHERS BELOW ZERO (HC 2002)

Spanish: Editorial Everest 2004



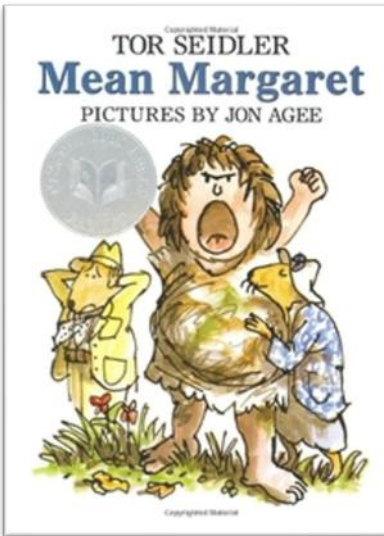
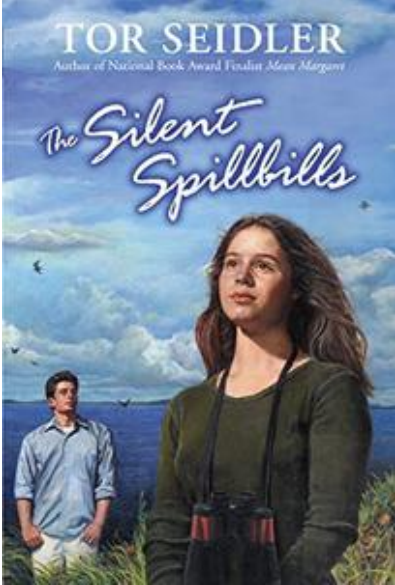
### [THE REVENGE OF RANDAL REESE-RAT](#)

Tor Seidler, Author, Brett Helquist, Illustrator , illus. by Brett Helquist. HarperTrophy \$5.99 (231p) ISBN 978-0-06-050867-8

When an arsonist sets a fire in the home of Monty (the hero of A Rat's Tale ) and his fetching bride on their wedding night, Randal Reese-Rat is the prime suspect. Ages 8-12. (June)

THE REVENGE OF RANDAL REESE-RAT (FSG 2001)

Italian: Edizioni Piemme 2003

	<p><a href="#"><u>Mean Margaret</u></a>  Tor Seidler, Author, Jon Agee, Illustrator HarperCollins \$15.99 (176p)  ISBN 978-0-06-205090-8</p> <p>NATIONAL BOOK AWARD finalist</p> <p>This witty novel about a cranky toddler and her adoptive parents slyly reverses the people-pets dynamic as it comments on modern relationships. In an era of so many definitions of "family," this perceptive story zeroes in on one model formed of cooperation and friendship. Ages 5-up.</p>	<p>MEAN MARGARET (HC 1997)</p> <p>Italian: Arnoldo Mondadori Editore 2000  German: Verlag Sauerlander 2001  Danish: Forlaget Carlsen 1999  Korean: Nonjang Publishing Co. 2006  Chinese: Yunnan Publishing Group 2015</p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>THE SILENT SPILLBILLS</u></a>  Tor Seidler, Author . HarperTrophy \$5.99 (224p) ISBN 978-0-06-052106-6</p> <p>A 13-year-old who is extremely self-conscious about her stuttering problem and has trouble fitting into her new school crusades to save a flock of rare diving birds called Spillbills. "A highly imaginative novel that offers suspense and humor"</p>	<p>THE SILENT SPILLBILLS (HC 1998)</p> <p>German: C Bertelsmann 2000</p>



### [The Wainscott Weasel](#)

Tor Seidler, Author, Fred Marcellino, Illustrator Michael Di Capua Books  
\$14.99 (194p) ISBN 978-0-06-205911-6

"A dry wit inspires [Seidler's] characterizations," said PW in a starred review of this story about an animal community on Long Island, adding that "Marcellino enhances and even extends the beguiling ambiance with his exceptionally expressive art."

THE WAINSCOTT WEASEL (HC 1993)

French: Gallimard 1994

Danish: Forlaget Carlsen 1995

Swedish: Bonnier Carlsen 1995

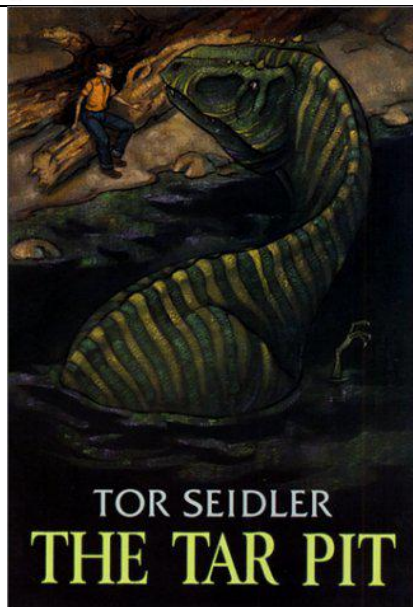
Norwegian: Gyldendal Norsk Forlag 1995

Dutch: Ploegsma 1995

Korean: Nonjang 2006

English: Catnip 2009

Chinese: Beijing Publishing Group Ltd 2015



Unpopular Edward Small, Jr. believes that his only friend, an imaginary dinosaur named Alexander, lives in a nearby tar pit, but what the "tar pit" really contains is the seed of a great adventure that changes Edward's life forever. "The pacing is sure and deft; Edward's many problems aren't resolved artificially, all at once, but gradually, one by one." -- *New York Times Book Review*

THE TAR PIT (FSG 1987 & HC 2001)

Swedish: Tidens Forlag 1989

British: Gollancz 1988

Danish: Tellerup 1989

French: Gallimard Jeunesse 1992

Dutch: Ploegsma 1989

Italian: Emme Editione 1995



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Author of National Book Award Finalist *Mean Margarets*  
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### A RAT'S TALE

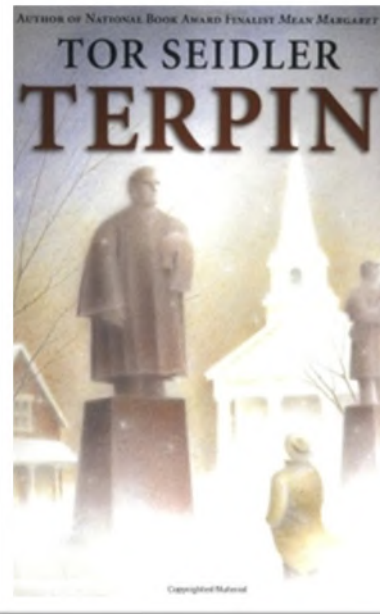
Tor Seidler, Author, Fred Marcellino, Illustrator , illus. by Fred Marcellino. HarperTrophy \$5.99 (192p) ISBN 978-0-06-440779-3

. Ages 8-12. (Dec.)

"Beautifully told, Seidler's fantasy never falters; it's a love story, a coming of age tale and a grand adventure," praised PW in a boxed review

A RAT'S TALE (FSG 1986)

French: Editions Gallimard 1989  
British: Gollancz 1987; Puffin (Penguin) 1990  
German: Verlag Friedrich Oetinger 1988; Thienemann 1997  
Thai: Amarin Pocketbook 2005  
Chinese: Taiwan Interminds Publishing 2001; Macmillan Century Editions 2015  
Korean: Nonjang 2003  
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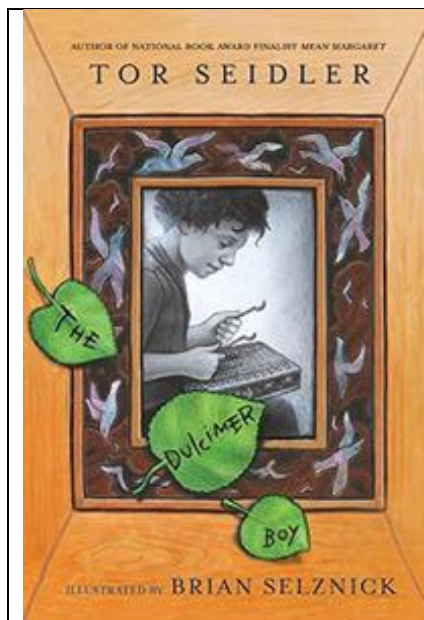
### TERPIN

Tor Seidler, Author, Peter McCarty, Illustrator . HarperTrophy \$5.99 (112p) ISBN 978-0-06-443755-4

Terpin Taft tells a little white lie that he believes contributes to a tragedy, and thus he vows always to tell the truth. Ages 8-12. (Jan.)

TERPIN (FSG 1982 & HC 2001)

Dutch: Ploegsma 1990  
British: Andre Deutsch 1984  
Italian: Mondadori 1999



## [THE DULCIMER BOY](#)

Tor Seidler, Author, Brian Selznick, Illustrator , illus. by Brian Selznick.  
HarperTrophy \$6.99 (160p) ISBN 978-0-06-441048-9

This reissue of the 1979 tale of two orphaned boys left on their uncle's doorstep is now accompanied by elegant half-tone illustrations by Selznick. PW called it "a handsome presentation of this eloquent tale of finding one's place in the world"...

THE DULCIMER BOY (original edition, Viking 1979)

Dutch: Ploegsma 1990

British: Jonathan Cape 1981

New edition of THE DULCIMER BOY (HC 2003)

Japanese: Poplar 2004