

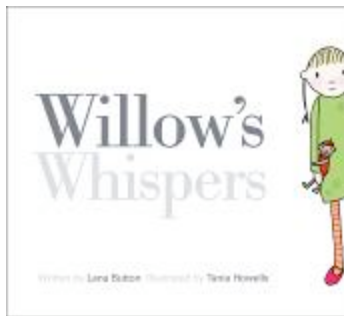
**Kate Walker & Company's DEWEY DIVA BEST BETS**  
Children's Selection Spring 2010



🍁 **C'Mere Boy!**

by Sharon Jennings, illustrated by Ashley Spires **Kids Can Press Children's Fiction**  
978-1-554534-40-1 \$18.95 HC 32pp February Ages 3-7

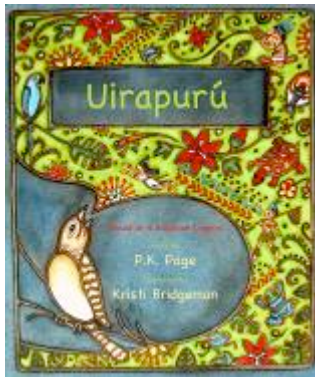
Dog wants his very own boy. Though Mama warns him that a boy takes a lot of work, Dog is determined to find the perfect boy for him. Dog's search takes him from the pooch spa to the mall to the park, but none of the boys smell quite right. Finally, in an unexpected place, a promising-looking boy appears. Will Dog be able to train him? C'Mere Boy is a funny and fetching twist on the traditional "boy wants dog" story.



🍁 **Willow's Whispers**

by Lana Button, illustrated by Tania Howells **Kids Can Press Children's Fiction**  
978-1-554532-80-3 \$18.95 HC 32pp February Ages 3-7

When Willow speaks, her words slip out as soft and as shy as a secret. At school, her barely audible whisper causes her no end of troubles. But Willow is as resourceful as she is quiet, and she fashions a magic microphone from items she finds in the recycling bin. But Willow's clever invention is only a temporary solution. How will this quiet little girl make herself heard?



🍁 **Uirapurú**

by P.K. Page, illustrated by Kristi Bridgeman **Oolichan Books Children's Fiction**  
978-0-889822-64-1 \$19.95 HC 32pp May Ages 4-6

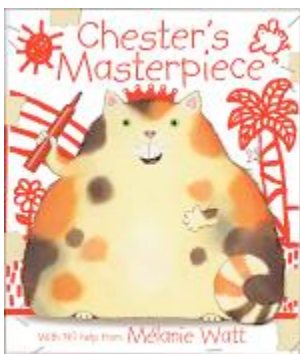
Deep in the rain forests of Brazil lives the Uirapurú, a bird renowned in legend for having the most beautiful and the strangest song in all the world. Those who hear the Uirapurú's song can never forget it. Many go in search of the bird and many never return. In her version of the legend, P.K. Page tells the story of a group of mischievous boys who set off into the forest to catch the bird with nets and bows and arrows. In her tale of mystery and transformation, P.K. Page creates a story as beautiful and as haunting as the song of the bird about which she writes.



**Thumbelina**

illustrated by Sylvia Long **Chronicle Children's Fiction**  
978-0-8118552-2-8 \$17.99 HC 58pp April Ages 4-8

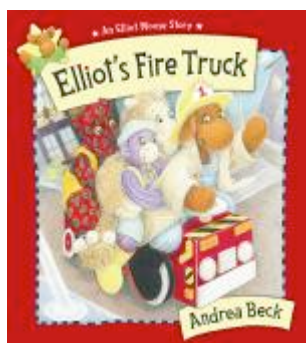
From best-selling artist Sylvia Long comes an exquisite version of Hans Christian Andersen's beloved tale about a thumb-size girl and her larger-than-life adventures. Jewel-toned paintings depict the story's settings from light and airy meadows to Mole's dark and dismal underground home while whimsical details bring the classic cast of characters to life and make this story-time favourite a visual feast.



## 🍁 Chester's Masterpiece

by *Mélanie Watt* **Kids Can Press Children's Fiction**  
978-1-554535-66-8 \$18.95 HC 32pp March Ages 4-8

Chester's finally ready to create his own masterpiece – he just needs to get pesky writer-illustrator Mélanie Watt out of the way. Chester's solo attempts at storytelling are messy, to say the least, but he's determined to do it alone. But where's his story going? After several alternative (but always unhappy) endings, Chester is confronted by a problem he never bargained for. A wry comment on the creative process and how good stories are constructed, this is the most uproarious Chester book yet.



## 🍁 Elliot's Fire Truck

by *Andrea Beck* **Orca Books Children's Fiction**  
978-1-554691-43-2 \$19.95 HC 32pp April Ages 4-8

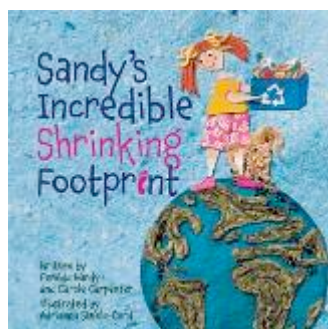
Elliot Moose is on the loose once more. As he jumps aboard his bright red fire truck and takes off to the next rescue, he feels courageous. All his friends want to ride on the truck and be firefighters too. Nobody wants to be rescued. One by one, Elliot's friends climb aboard until there is no more room on the truck. When suddenly they all need a rescue for real, it is his two youngest and smallest friends who save the day. This lively new addition to the Elliot Moose series is a charming tale of friendship and fair play.



## 🍁 Silas' Seven Grandparents

by *Anita Horrocks*, illustrated by *Helen Flook* **Orca Books Children's Fiction**  
978-1-554691-43-2 \$19.95 HC 32pp April Ages 4-8

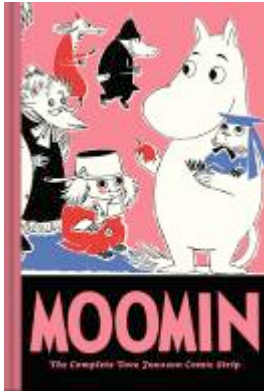
Most of the time, Silas loves having seven grandparents. Each of them has something unique and valuable to offer. They take him to amusement parks, museums, dog shows and camping. When Silas' parents go away on a business trip, all seven grandparents invite Silas to stay with them. However, one Silas can't be with seven different grandparents at once. How can he choose one without hurting the others' feelings? But Silas comes up with an especially good idea that makes everyone feel included and happy.



## 🍁 Sandy's Incredible Shrinking Footprint

by *Femida Handy & Carole Carpenter*, illustrated by *Adrianna Steele-Card* **Second Story Press Children's Fiction** 978-1-897187-69-2 \$15.95 HC 24pp March Ages 5-9

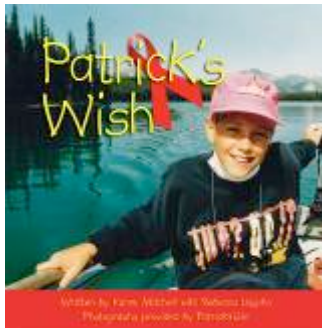
A young girl learns that her footprint is more than the mark she leaves in the sand. This book introduces young children to the concept of their eco-footprint and the impact of what they consume on the environment. After being angered by garbage at the beach, Sandy meets The Garbage Lady, who explains to Sandy that everyone has an ecological footprint – the mark they leave on the world – and that it is their responsibility to shrink it. The book ends with a list of everyday actions we can all do to shrink our footprint.



## Moomin Volume Five

by *Tove Jansson Drawn & Quarterly Children's Graphic Novel*  
978-1-897299-94-4 \$21.95 HC 88pp May Ages 7-10

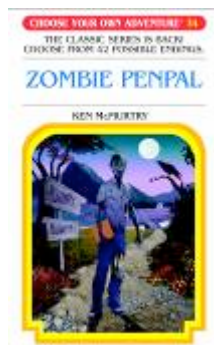
The first "Moomin Winter" sees more unwanted guests especially the curious and secret spilling Nibbling sending the Moomin household into a tizzy of secrecy and closed doors. In *Moomin Under Sail*, the Moomins find themselves without a new adventure until Too-Ticky's compass gives them the idea to build a boat and head to sea. Finally, we meet the *Fuddler in Fuddler's Courtship*. Mymble captures poor Fuddler's heart and his bumbling drives her straight into the arms of Dr. Hatter, local psychiatrist. The Moomin family does not fare well under the gaze of someone trained in correcting odd behaviour.



## Patrick's Wish

by *Karen Mitchell and Rebecca Upjohn Second Story Press Biography*  
978-1-897187-70-8 \$7.95 PB 24pp March Ages 7-10

This is the true story of Patrick, who was born with hemophilia and contracted HIV through a tainted blood transfusion when he was seven. Illustrated with photographs taken throughout his life, Patrick's Wish tells the story of a boy who embraced hope and laughter until his last day. His wish to fight HIV and AIDS through education continues to inspire young people through his family's foundation, Patrick4Life. Patrick had one wish, to raise awareness and find a cure. This compelling story is aimed at making his wish come true.



## Choose Your Own Adventure: Zombie Penpal

by *Ken McMurty Chooseco Publishers Children's Fiction*  
978-1933390345 \$7.99 PB 144pp May Ages 7-10

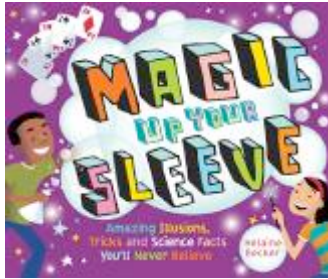
You sign up for a penpal through a program at school. When your friends start receiving interesting letters from kids your age from around the globe, you're disappointed to receive strange messages that don't make sense. Eventually you start to think your penpal is funny – just a little bit different. Then you receive a message: your penpal is coming to visit. And he's not a normal kid after all. He's a zombie.



## Home Team

by *Eric Walters, Jerome Williams and Johnnie Williams III Orca Books Fiction*  
978-1-554692-18-7 \$7.95 PB 144pp April Ages 8-11

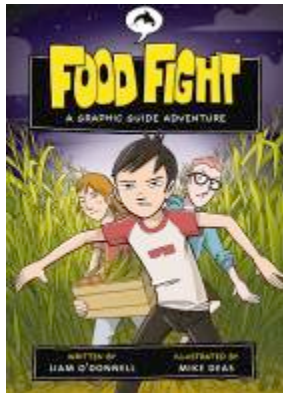
In the tenth installment of the bestselling Eric Walters basketball series, Nick, Kia and their teammates embark on a letter writing campaign to persuade the Toronto Raptors community relations department to send one or more of the players to visit Clark Boulevard Elementary School. Unfortunately they are too late in applying and the team's school program has already been set for the year. But Nick and Kia do not give up easily and their efforts become increasingly dramatic until Nick finally comes up with an idea that the team will be unable to ignore.



## 🍁 Magic Up Your Sleeve

by Helaine Becker, illustrated by Claudia Dávila **OwlKids Books Science**  
978-1-897349-76-2 \$12.95 PB 64pp March Ages 8-12

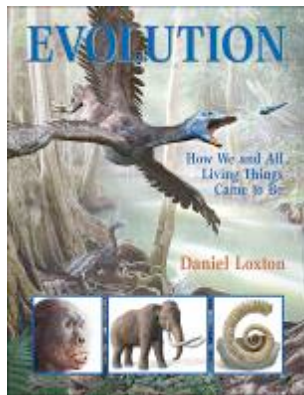
The world of science is often described as magical -- but is magic itself scientific? You bet! Using dozens of activities, Becker shows how the world of magic manipulates simple scientific principles of illusion and perception to leave audiences baffled. Each mystifying trick has been tested and is clearly explained to provide quick results using a handful of common household materials. A bonus "Art of Performance" appendix includes everything kids need to know to put on a magic show.



## 🍁 Food Fight – A Graphic Guide to Adventure

by Liam O'Donnell, illustrated by Mike Deas **Orca Books Children's Graphic Novel**  
978-1-554690-67-1 \$9.95 PB 64pp April Ages 8-12

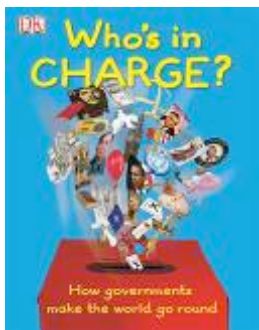
While Devin and Nadia spend summer vacation at a university camp for little kids—Nadia as a counsellor and Devin as an unwilling participant—their mother's research project is vandalized and her motives are questioned. Devin and Nadia stumble upon shady characters, corporate conspiracy and a plot to take over the nation's food supply with genetically modified fertilizer. Mixing action and suspense with information on the agricultural system and the intricacies of the food supply, Food Fight is another gripping instalment in the Graphic Guide Adventure series.



## 🍁 Evolution – How We and All Living Things Came to Be

by Daniel Loxton **Kids Can Press Science**  
978-1-554534-30-2 \$19.95 HC 56pp February Ages 8-13

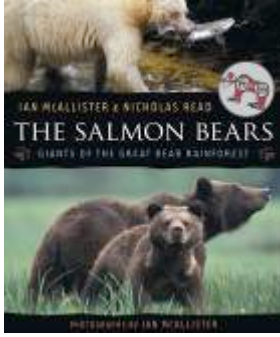
Evolution is the process that created the terrible teeth of *Tyrannosaurus rex* and the complex human brain, clever enough to understand the working of nature. Young readers will learn Darwin studied nature and developed now-famous concepts of natural selection and survival of the fittest. Can something as complex and wonderful as the natural world be explained by a simple theory? The answer is yes, and now *Evolution* explains how in a way that makes it easy to understand.



## Who's In Charge – How Governments Make the World Go Round

**Dorling Kindersely Social Studies**  
978-0-756662-78-3 \$19.99 HC 96pp June Ages 8+

From famous leaders to great speeches, mighty empires and coups d'état, this is a completely new way of looking at government and ruling bodies. Packed with information on the evolving notions of citizenship, rights, power, and elections, along with eye-opening trivia facts about politics and power, this entertaining reference book investigates the world's political systems and presents them in an easy-to-follow manner.



## **The Salmon Bears – Giants of the Great Bear Rainforest**

by Ian McAllister and Nicholas Read *Orca Books Nature*  
978-1-554692057 \$18.95 PB 96pp April Ages 8+

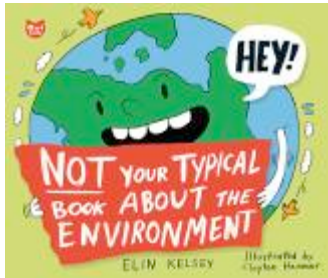
Extensively illustrated with Ian McAllister's magnificent photographs, *The Salmon Bears* explores the delicate balance that exists between the grizzly, black and spirit bears that inhabit the last great wilderness along the central coast of British Columbia and their natural environment. Key to this relationship are the salmon that are born in the rivers each spring, who then go out to sea as juveniles and return as adults to spawn and die, completing a cycle of life that ensures the survival of not only their own species but also virtually every other plant and animal in the rainforest.



## **The Midnight Curse**

by L.M. Falcone *Kids Can Press Young Adult Fiction*  
978-1-554533-59-6 \$10.95 PB 208pp March Ages 9-12

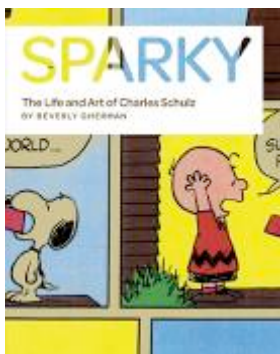
Lacey and her twin brother, Charlie, are visiting England to find out if they inherited anything from their reclusive uncle Jonathan, but before long, Charlie realizes he might not have inherited anything but the family curse. It's a bad one — he'll shrivel up and die unless someone ventures to the attic to face a malevolent spirit. Curse removal is a complicated game involving a gothic cast of shifty characters. The twins sure have stirred things up, and the clock is ticking on Charlie's curse. Can they finish what they started?



## **Not Your Typical Book About the Environment**

by Elin Kelsey, illustrated by Clayton Hanmer *OwlKids Books Environmental Studies* 978-1-897349-84-7 \$12.95 PB 64pp March Ages 9-12

We live in a time of heightened environmental awareness, and this knowledge is creating a generation of kids with feelings of eco-anxiety – the world is doomed, isn't it? Maybe not. *Not Your Typical Book about the Environment* aims to allay kids' fears by showing them what a remarkable time they live in: smart technologies, innovative ideas, and a growing commitment to alternative lifestyles are exploding around the world. This book shows how this time of crisis can instead be seen as a time of great opportunity!



## **Sparky: The Life and Art of Charles Schulz**

by Beverly Gherman *Chronicle Biography*  
978-0-811867-90-0 \$16.99 HC 128pp June Ages 9+

As the artist behind the beloved Peanuts comic strip for more than 50 years, Charles Schulz created a colourful cast of characters that continues to bring humour and comfort to millions of readers. In this book, renowned children's biographer Beverly Gherman traces both the life events that shaped Schulz's art and the various ways in which art influenced his life in return. The artistic elements of Schulz's work are brought to life in a colourful layout and thoroughly explored in an enchanting text.



## The Last Superhero

by Kristin Butcher **Napoleon Publishing Children's Fiction**  
978-1-926607-01-6 \$9.95 PB 144pp April Ages 9+

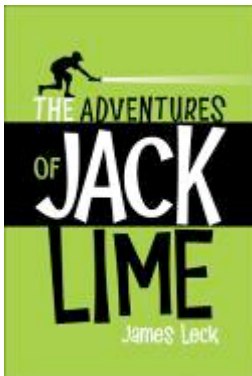
When Jas, a Grade Seven boy who is putting all his energy into completing the artwork for an adventure comic he hopes will be his ticket into an elite summer art program, meets Wren, an eccentric, crusading classmate, his efforts are derailed. Initially, Jas has no interest in getting involved, but circumstances and Wren's overpowering personality keep drawing him in until there is no going back. Eventually Wren becomes the target of bullies, then, because of Jas's inadvertent interference, the bullies turn their attention to him. They destroy his comic and his chances of getting into art school. What can Jas and Wren do to end the bullies' reign of terror?



## Watch This Space - Designing, Defending and Sharing Public Spaces

by Hadley Dyer, illustrated by Marc Ngui **Kids Can Press Social Studies**  
978-1-554532-93-3 \$19.95 HC 80pp March Ages 10-14

This unique and timely book introduces youth to what public space is, why it is important and how best to use it. It also underscores the need to create, preserve and protect public space. Readers will learn what makes successful public spaces work, the ins and outs of sharing and designing them, the issues surrounding teenagers in public spaces, and much more. *Watch This Space* answers the question, Why is public space important? It's important because it belongs to all of us.



## The Adventures of Jack Lime

by James Leck **Kids Can Press Young Adult Fiction**  
978-1-554533-65-7 \$10.95 PB 128pp February Ages 10-14

Meet Jack Lime, private investigator, who solves problems for his fellow Iona High students. Whether he's tracking down a missing banana-seat bike or a kidnapped hamster, or cracking open a trivia tournament betting ring, Lime will follow every lead. Readers will identify with this funny, cynical sleuth who has the makings of a top-notch PI, though his personal life frequently goes awry. In these three stand-alone detective stories, readers will immerse themselves in an offbeat fictional world populated with eccentric characters where everything is not as it seems.



## Think Again

by JonArno Lawson, illustrated by Julie Morstad **Kids Can Press Poetry**  
978-1-554534-23-4 \$18.95 HC 64pp March Ages 10+

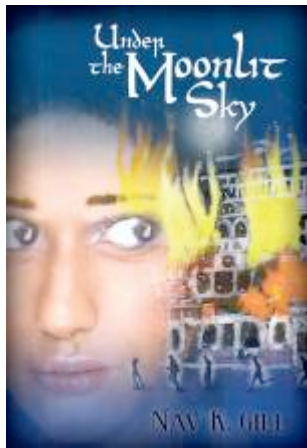
These quietly beautiful and surprisingly humorous four-line poems reveal the many aspects of first love — the longing, the frustration and the joy. The poet writes not from a single point of view but instead embraces the duality of first love, alternating between the perspectives of a boy and a girl. The poems and revealing illustrations by Julie Morstad combine to inspire young readers to think ... and think again.



## 🍁 Out of Darkness – The Jeff Healey Story

by *Cindy Watson* **Dundurn Press** *Biography*  
978-1-554887064 \$19.99 PB 176pp August Ages 12+

In this up-close and personal account, loaded with never-before-seen photographs, memorabilia, and intimate recollections of family, friends, and fellow musicians, we discover this unique music icon's dynamic career, which saw him collaborate with everyone from George Harrison and Eric Clapton to B.B. King and Stevie Ray Vaughan. From Jeff's lonely start one snowy night at St. Joseph's Hospital in Toronto to his untimely end in the same building, we come away with a potent message of empowerment and a renewed sense of hope.



## 🍁 Under the Moonlit Sky

by *Nav K. Gill* **Napoleon Publishing** *Children's Fiction*  
978-1-894917-99-5 \$15.95 PB 288pp Ages 14+

It's 1984 in British Columbia, and life is just getting exciting for the young and beautiful Esha. However, one day changes everything, and in the blink of an eye, she is forced to step up and fulfill her father's last wish, taking her thousands of miles away to India. Staying with relatives she has never met, forced to follow traditions she has denied her whole life, and fighting the temptations of an unlikely love interest, Esha must now confront her new reality. Yet as she comes to understand her heritage, she also becomes a victim of the highly unstable political climate in Delhi. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has just been assassinated and political tensions rise. Esha must fight to survive the three days of brutal chaos that erupts throughout Delhi in the aftermath of the prime minister's assassination.



## The Space Between Trees

by *Katie Williams* **Chronicle** *Young Adult Fiction*  
978-0-811871-75-4 \$16.99 HC 256pp June

Not your everyday coming-of-age novel. This story was supposed to be about Evie; how she hasn't made a friend in years, how she tends to stretch the truth (especially about her so-called relationship with college drop-out Jonah Luks), and how she finally comes into her own once she learns to just be herself, but it isn't. Because when her classmate Elizabeth 'Zabet' McCabe's murdered body is found in the woods, everything changes and Evie's life is never the same again.



## **Black Bottle Man**

by Craig Russel *Great Plains Young Adult Fiction*  
978-1-894283-99-1 \$14.95 PB 185pp April

It's 1927. Rembrandt is the only child in the tiny community of Three Farms and his two aunts grow desperate for babies of their own. Hope and Hell arrive in a mysterious black bottle, and on a moonless night a dark spell is cast. Soon after, a man wearing a black top-coat comes to visit. The devil seeks payment, and a dangerous wager is made. Until they can defeat him, Rembrandt, Pa, and Uncle Thompson must embark on the journey of their lives, for if they stay in one place for more than twelve days terrible things will happen. But when will they find a champion capable of defeating the Black Bottle Man?