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A stylized illustration of a young Black girl with her hair in two braids, each with a yellow and a red band. She is wearing round white-rimmed glasses and a yellow t-shirt. She is holding an open book, with white pages visible. The background is a warm yellow with stylized rays of light emanating from behind her head.

# Diverse books *for* kids and teens

## *Winter 2021*

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## Proud to Play

Canadian LGBTQ+ athletes who made history

Erin Silver

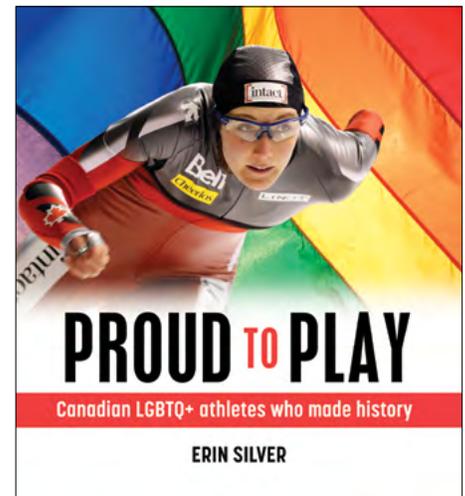
*Profiles of Canadian LGBTQ+ athletes who made the playing field more inclusive*

The 2018 Winter Olympics marked a milestone for LGBTQ+ athletes. Thirteen athletes out of 3,000 competitors were out and proud — nearly double the number who felt comfortable sharing their sexuality four years earlier at the Sochi Games. Many athletes stay closeted for their entire sports careers, often unable to compete at their highest ability because of the shame and self-doubt they feel in not being true to their orientation or identity. But coming out still means facing harassment from fans, teammates, opponents and the media, and a lack of sponsorship opportunities. While organizations like You Can Play, the Canadian Olympic Committee and Egale Canada have made progress in recent years in promoting inclusivity at the grassroots and elite sporting levels, there is still much work to be done to ensure all athletes feel safe being their authentic selves.

Athletes profiled include swimmer Mark Tewksbury, rhythmic gymnast Rose Cossar, professional hockey player Brock McGillis, speed skater Anastasia Bucsis, pairs figure skater Eric Radford, volleyball players Betty Baxter and Christopher Voth, hockey player Angela James and transgender hockey player Jessica Platt.

Generously illustrated with photographs and given context by an overview of the history of LGBTQ+ athletes in Canada, this book will make all young sports enthusiasts and competitors proud to play.

*ERIN SILVER has been writing professionally for almost 20 years. She has a degree in journalism and an MFA in Creative Nonfiction. Her work has appeared in Good Housekeeping, The Washington Post, Today's Parent, The Globe and Mail and many other national magazines and newspapers. She has also blogged for several media outlets including the Huffington Post. Erin's picture book, The Slap Shot, was named a finalist in the 2017 CANSCAIP Writing for Children Competition. She also won the bronze medal in the Common Deer Press Uncommon Quest Contest. Erin lives in Toronto, Ontario.*



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## Camping Craziest

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Max and his friends are on a camping trip at Camp Friendly Pines when he's stung by a wasp. Max gets a case of the Super Fidgets and devises a clever number game to distract himself.

Max finds that while it's not always easy being a kid — especially if you're a bit different — there is often humour, kindness and help in the most unexpected places.

*L. M. NICODEMO is an elementary school teacher who hopes that this series will mark the beginning of a long and joyful career in writing. She lives with her family in southwestern Ontario.*

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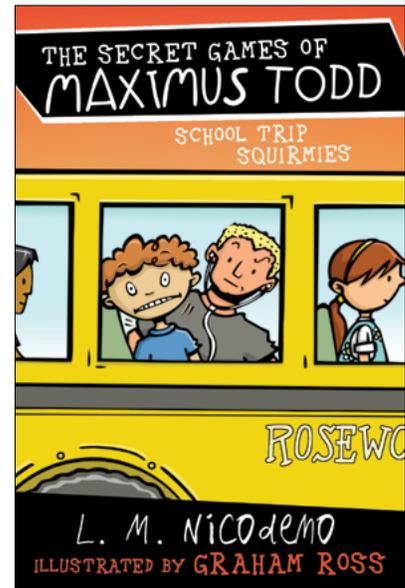
L. M. Nicodemo  
Illustrated by Graham Ross

Max gets a case of the Super Fidgets on a school trip to the art gallery. He decides to focus on the colour green to distract himself.

Max doesn't always have an easy time of it with his classmates, but his inventive ways of dealing with his super-energetic self will entertain every young reader.

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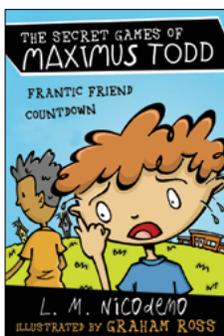
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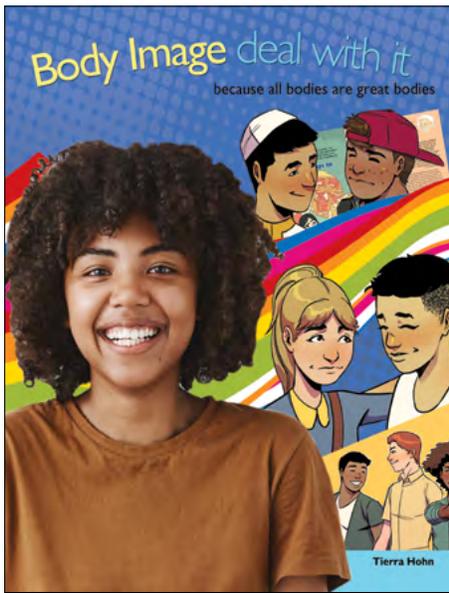
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## Body Image

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Tierra Hohn

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This accessible illustrated book offers information, quizzes, comics and real-life situations to help kids think critically about body image, how it influences how others see them and how they see themselves. Considered from the viewpoints of the Internalizer, who suffers from body-image issues, the Influencer, who perpetuates negative stereotypes and standards of body image and the Witness, with conflicts around body image, this issue is identified, examined and put into a context kids can use to navigate issues of shaming and self-esteem.

*TIERRA HOHN has a background in public health, public policy and mental health. She uses her personal experience with eating disorders to educate, advocate and support others who deal with body image issues. While in high school, Tierra founded Untouched Beauty, an organization that allowed her to organize and facilitate workshops around body image and mental health. Tierra lives and works in Toronto.*

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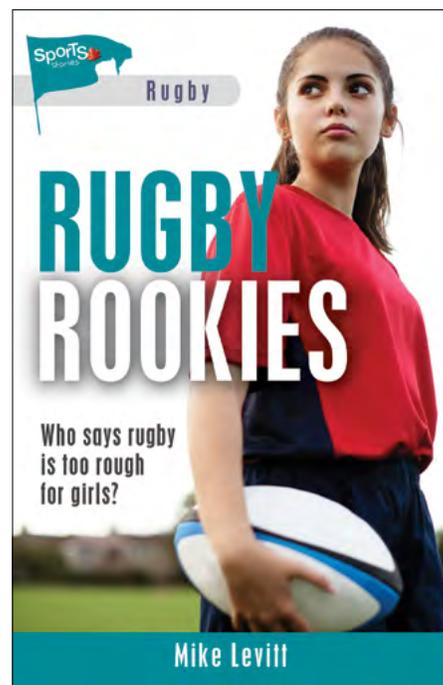
## Rugby Rookies

Mike Levitt

*Maddy has a lot to prove about girls playing rugby, even to herself*

Highlighting rugby, the fastest growing sport in America, this book tackles the issue of girls playing full-contact sports. Maddy and her friends are a small town group determined to form a girls' junior rugby team while they navigate learning both the rules of the game and the rules set out by the school board. The adults are concerned about the girls' safety and even Maddy worries that she is too small for the rough game. But the persistence of the diverse group of girls wins the day and the book becomes a celebration of the empowerment and self-esteem young girls get from participating in sports.

*MIKE LEVITT has played, coached and refereed high-school rugby. He wrote the curriculum for his school district's grade 11 rugby course, had a newspaper column in the Williams Lake Tribune, has had short stories published in British Columbia Magazine and is the author of the Lorimer Sports Stories novel Rugby Rivals. Mike works as a mental health clinician with the Lillooet Tribal Council. He lives in Kamloops, BC.*



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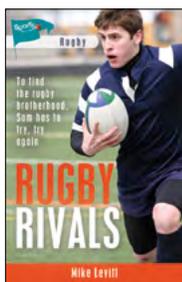
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David Starr

*Can Jazz move past her clumsiness and being teased about it to follow her basketball dreams?*

*Last Pick* shows how determination can help overcome obstacles — even bullying. Growing up with Developmental Coordination Disorder that left her clumsy in both movement and speech, Jazz was teased and never had the chance to play team sports. Now rid of her symptoms, Jazz is ready to play basketball at her Vancouver junior high, but the reappearance of an old bully makes her question herself and tempts her to let down the team that is counting on her. With a focus on ability and team loyalty, *Last Pick* emphasizes teamwork and countering bullying with fairness and forgiveness.

*DAVID STARR is the principal of Terry Fox Secondary School in Port Coquitlam, BC. He is the author of ten books, including the Sports Stories novel Empty Net, as well as Golden Goal and Golden Game in Lorimer's Soccer United: Team Refugee series of sports novels. David lives in Coquitlam, BC.*

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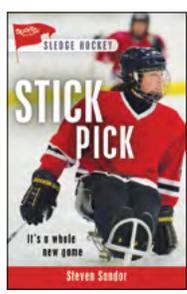
Themes: Disability, Teasing, Self-Esteem &  
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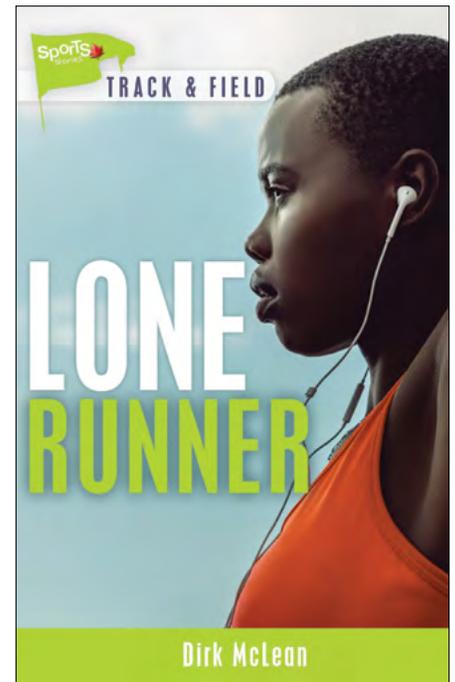
## Lone Runner

Dirk McLean

*Michaela promises herself to make the cross-country team, finish every race and never let her teammates down*

Set in a diverse neighbourhood in Scarborough, Ontario, this book follows Michaela as she goes from a solitary runner to an athlete who contributes to the success of her cross-country team. Discouraged by an incident at her mostly-white summer camp, Michaela comes into her own as part of her racially diverse school track team. Focusing on themes of persistence, friendship and overcoming rivalries, this book illuminates traits of connection, empathy and forgiveness.

*DIRK McLEAN is the author of children's picture books, the Sports Stories novel Not Out and Team Fugee and Tournament Fugee in Lorimer's Soccer United: Team Refugee series. He has also written radio drama and stage plays that have toured southern Ontario elementary schools. Dirk was born in Trinidad & Tobago and now lives and works in Toronto.*



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Themes: Confidence, Competition,  
Teamwork

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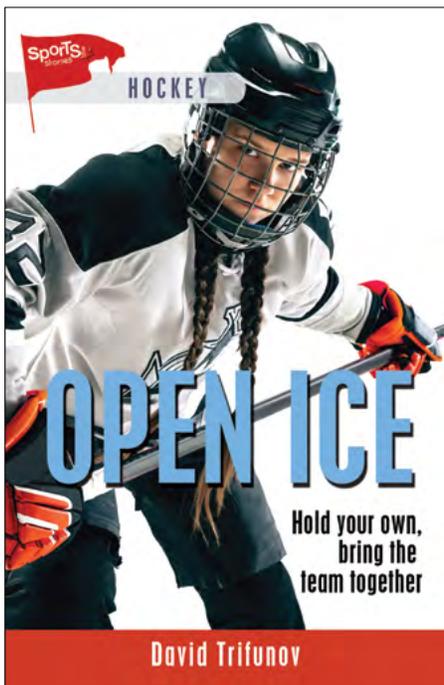
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Interest level: Ages 10–13

Reading level: Grade 3.0

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128 pages

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Themes: Confidence, Competition,

Gender Roles, Teamwork

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### Open Ice

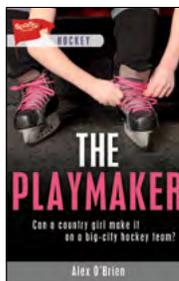
David Trifunov

*When boys and girls play on the same team, can Jillian hold her own?*

Set in a co-ed environment, *Open Ice* follows Vancouver, British Columbia, teens Jillian and Jacob, who must attempt to deal with their problems through communication, problem-solving and teamwork, not unlike the typical methods kids see when dealing with challenges. Touching on the sports-based — as opposed to social — pressures that discourage girls from continuing in team sports as they get older, *Open Ice* handles the issue of sexism in sports in a positive way.

*DAVID TRIFUNOV is an award-winning sportswriter whose previous titles for Lorimer Kids and Teens include Ice Time, Snow Soccer and Freerunner. He lives in Kelowna, British Columbia.*

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Jennifer Manuel

*Ana wants her band to make it big, but how far does she have to go to make it happen?*

The #MeToo movement has revealed the prevalence of sexual assault in society, especially as committed by powerful men. But it is an issue that also affects the lives of teen girls. This book tells the story of seventeen-year-old Ana Santos, who has ambitions to make it big in music and signs a contract with the owner of a music café without knowing there are sexual strings attached. It looks at the darker side of the music industry, including sexual harassment, lyrics that degrade and demean women and social media trolling as backlash for speaking up, all while presenting a strong, realistic main character who overcomes her feelings of shame to find a voice for herself and her music.

*JENNIFER MANUEL was the 2017 winner of the Ethel Wilson Fiction Prize and was named A Writer to Watch by the CBC in 2016. Jennifer has been a college, elementary and high-school teacher, plays goalie on a men's hockey team and also plays drums and produces music. Jennifer is author of Dressed to Play and Head to Head in the Lorimer Sports Stories series. This is her first YA novel. Jennifer lives in Duncan, British Columbia.*



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160 pages

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**epub: 978-1-4594-1589-8, \$8.95**

Themes: Sexual Abuse, Music, Sexism, Peer Pressure

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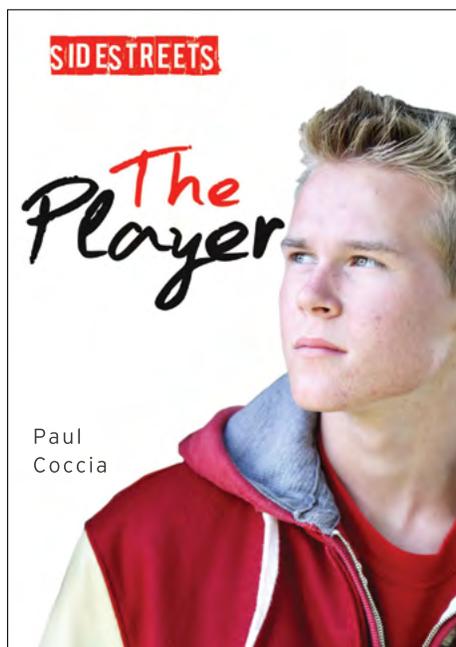
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Themes: LGBTQ, Dating & Sex, Gay &  
Lesbian Identity



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## The Player

Paul Coccia

*Cooper and Pesh see each other on the down-low, but are they ready to be openly out gay hockey players?*

Set in the traditionally homophobic world of amateur hockey, this book follows gay goalie Cooper in his struggle with his feelings for a teammate and coming out to his team. Cooper has been hooking up with teammate Pesh in secret, and has to play along when Pesh dates a girl and even tolerate locker-room homophobic talk. When Pesh outs Cooper online, trying to better his own chances at playing pro, Cooper chooses self-esteem and honesty over sex. With a strong and relatable main character, this book is a realistic, positive look at teen relationships — gay or straight.

*PAUL COCCIA has a specialist in English from U of T and a Masters in Creative Writing from UBC. He is author of the YA novel Cub. Paul lives in Toronto, Ontario.*

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## The Love Code

Mette Bach

*Can Astrid bury the past and find love in a room full of robot parts?*

Astrid is a teen living in Vancouver who has lost everything: her girlfriend to a guy and her social status when her parents lose their jobs. Determined to make her way into university, she joins a robotics club hoping to make contacts and win a scholarship, but also finds the love of her life. *The Love Code* tells the story of a relatable teen navigating the contemporary world of women working in STEM careers within a changing economy.

*METTE BACH is the author of the Lorimer SideStreets novels Femme and Killer Drop (named a Best Book for Kids and Teens by the Canadian Children's Book Centre) and the Real Love titles Love Is Love, You're You, Cinders and Charming. She has taught ESL to high-school students and currently works at a drop-in resource centre. Mette lives in Vancouver, British Columbia.*



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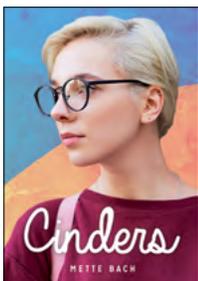
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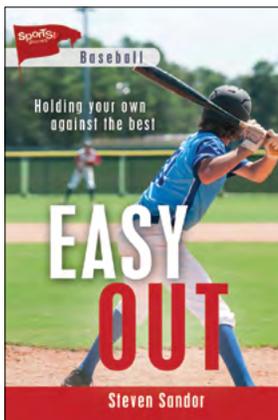
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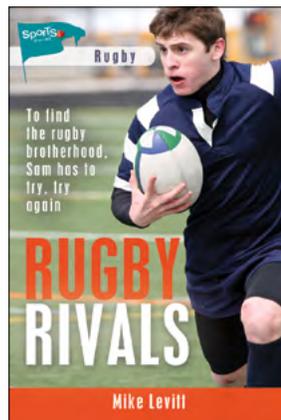
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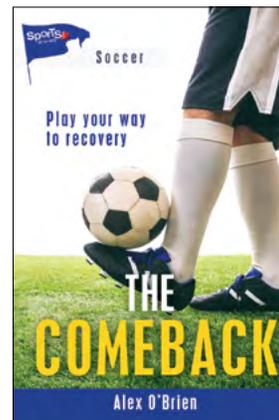
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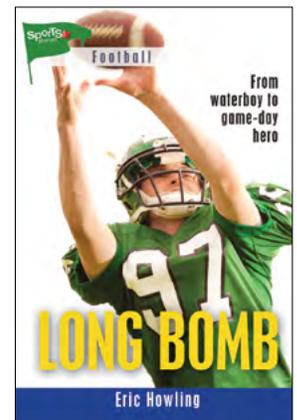
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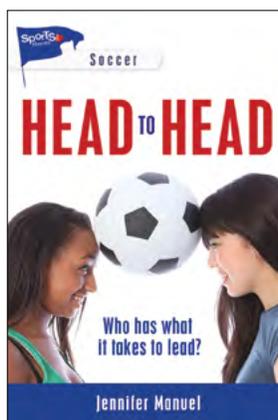


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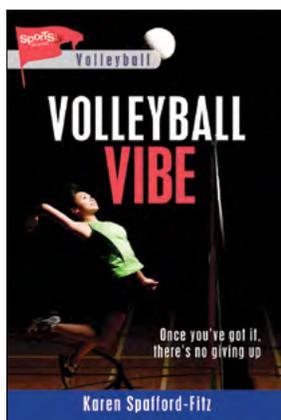


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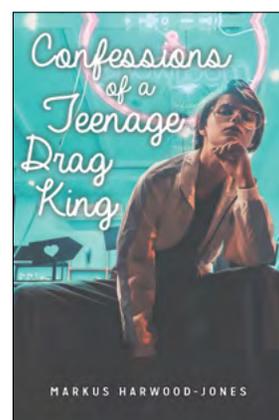
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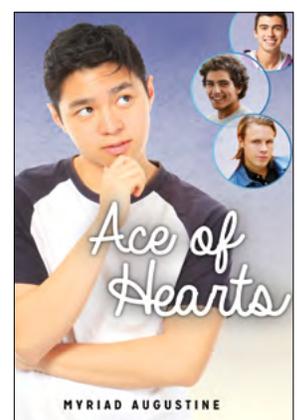
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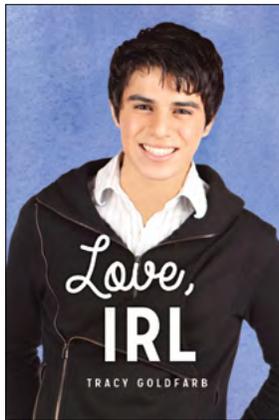


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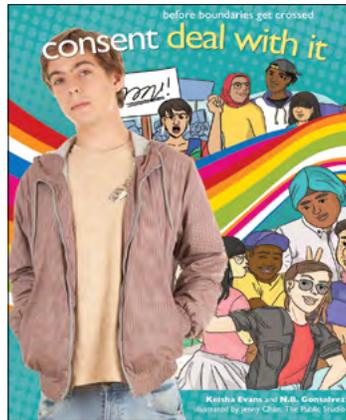
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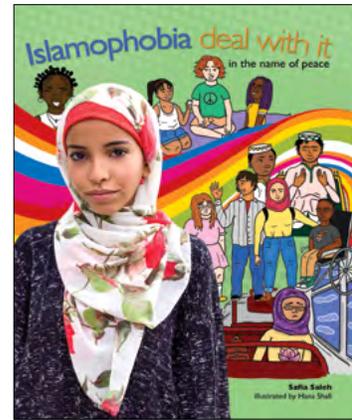


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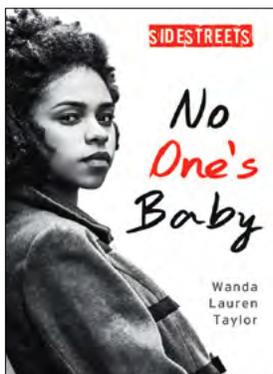


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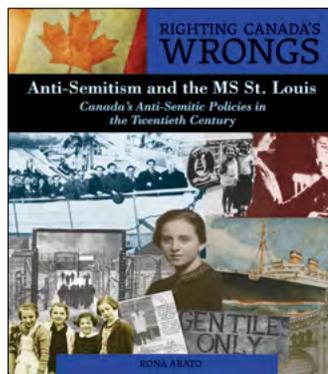
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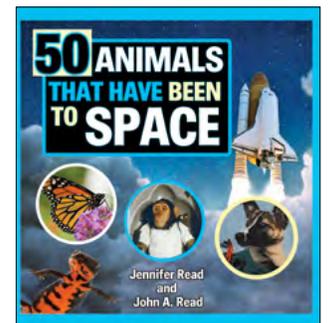


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