



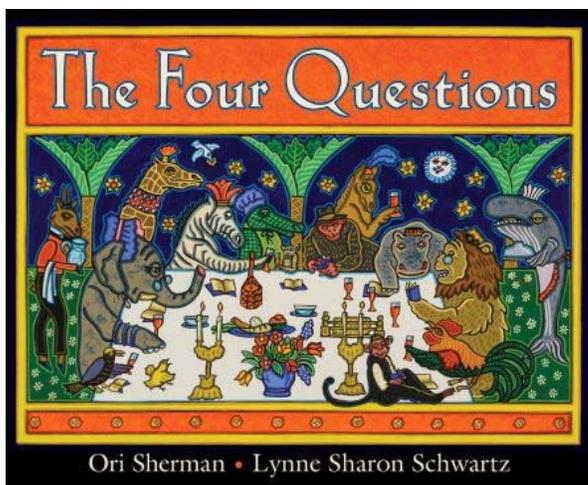
Raincoast Books

EARLY SPRING 2021

LEVINE QUERIDO

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The Four Questions

by Lynne Sharon Schwartz, illustrated by Ori Sherman

Why is this night different from all other nights?

Every year when families gather for the Passover holiday, the youngest child poses that question as part of the poetic Four Questions near the start of the Seder. The answers are no less than the story of a people bound in slavery, their suffering in a foreign land, and their ultimate liberation - the story of Passover.

Here the Four Questions are presented in breathtakingly luminous paintings by Ori Sherman. Whimsical animals parade through a unique format that can be read straight through in English or turned upside down to focus on the delicate Hebrew calligraphy and ingenious split-frame pictures. Each side of the Seder table can see its own variation of the richly colored scenes as elephants eat matzoh, monkeys dip herbs into water, and lions recline in newfound freedom. Author Lynne Sharon Schwartz answers the questions with refreshing clarity, providing insight into the symbols and rituals of the holiday.

Experience a glorious art book, a beautiful gift for the kids who find the afikomen, and a wonderful way to experience Passover and its unique celebration of freedom.

Author Bio

Lynne Sharon Schwartz is a celebrated author of novels, poems, short fiction, and criticism. Schwartz began her career with a series of short stories before publishing her first novel, the National Book Award-nominated *Rough Strife* (1980). She went on to publish works of memoir, poetry, and translation. Her other novels have included the award-nominated *Leaving Brooklyn* (1989) and *Disturbances in the Field* (1983). Her short fiction has appeared in the Best American Short Stories annual anthology series several times. In addition, her reviews and criticism have appeared in numerous magazines and newspapers. Schwartz lives in New York City, and is currently a faculty member of the Bennington Writing Seminars.

Levine Querido

On Sale: Jan 26/21

11 x 9 • 40 pages

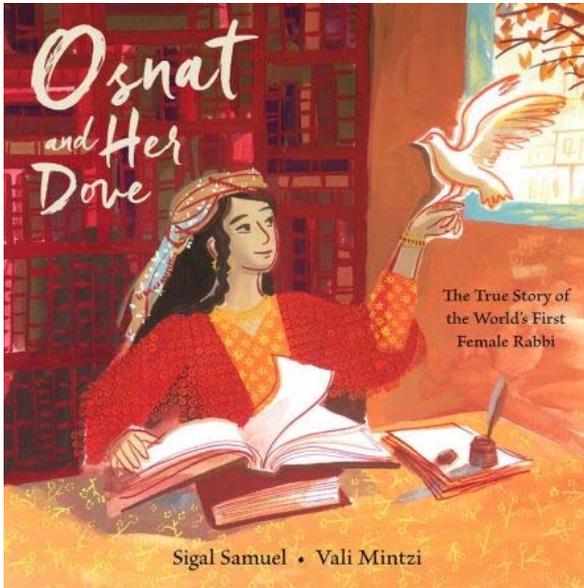
9781646140367 • \$24.99 • cl

Juvenile Nonfiction / Holidays & Celebrations /
Passover • Ages 4-8 years

Notes

Promotion





Osnat and Her Dove

The True Story of the World's First Female Rabbi
by Sigal Samuel, illustrated by Vali Mintzi

Osnat was born five hundred years ago - at a time when almost everyone believed in miracles. But very few believed that girls should learn to read.

Yet Osnat's father was a great scholar whose house was filled with books. And she convinced him to teach her. Then she in turn grew up to teach others, becoming a wise scholar in her own right, the world's first female rabbi!

Some say Osnat performed miracles - like healing a dove who had been shot by a hunter! Or saving a congregation from fire!

But perhaps her greatest feat was to be a light of inspiration for other girls and boys; to show that any person who can learn might find a path that none have walked before.

Author Bio

Sigal Samuel is an award-winning novelist and journalist. Currently a Staff Writer at Vox, she previously worked as Religion Editor at The Atlantic, Opinion Editor at the Forward, and Associate Editor at the Daily Beast. She earned her MFA in Creative Writing from the University of British Columbia. *The Mystics of Mile End*, her debut novel, was nominated for the International Dublin Literary Award and won the Canadian Jewish Literary Award and the Alberta Book Publishing Award. Sigal hails from an Iraqi Jewish family in Montreal, and now lives in Washington, DC.

Vali Mintzi is an illustrator of children's books, a graphic designer, and puppetry designer. She was born in Romania and she graduated from the Bezalel Academy of Art in Jerusalem where she lives and works. The New York Times praised her artwork for a picture book by Rita Jahan Foruz, saying: *The Girl With a Brave Heart* is strikingly enhanced by Vali Mintzi's exquisite naif illustrations, which seem a happy meeting of Gauguin and mid-career Matisse.

Levine Querido

On Sale: Feb 2/21

9 x 9 • 40 pages

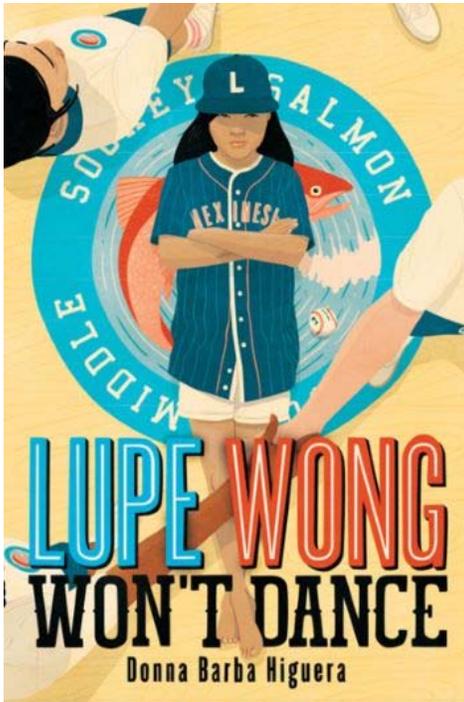
9781646140374 • \$24.99 • cl

Juvenile Fiction / Historical / Middle East • Ages 4-8 years

Notes

Promotion





Levine Querido

On Sale: Feb 9/21

5.63 x 8.13 • 272 pages

9781646140329 • \$14.99 • pb

Juvenile Fiction / Social / General • Ages 8-12 years

Notes

Promotion



LEVINE QUERIDO

Lupe Wong No Baila

(Lupe Wong Won't Dance Spanish Edition)

by Donna Barba Higuera, translated by Libia Brenda

Mis bermudas de gimnasio se meten en mi trasero como una marmota asustada.

No quieres leer un libro que comience así?

Lupe Wong quiere ser la primera lanzadora femenina en las Grandes Ligas.

Durante toda su infancia, ha defendido causas. Algunas dignas, como la expansión de las opciones de raza en los exámenes escolares, para que sean más allá de unas pocas posibilidades. Y otras menos, como quejarse al canal BBC sobre la duración entre temporadas de Doctor Who.

Lupe necesita un 100% como calificación en todas sus clases para conocer a su lanzador favorito, Fu Li Hernandez, quien es Mexi-Chino como ella. Que pasa cuando la música country llega al gimnasio? Seguramente no va a quedarse con los brazos cruzados.

Es rara la vez que el debut de un libro presente a un personaje tan memorable, con tanto humor y perspicacia emocional, como Lupe. Hasta los fanáticos del square dancing" estarán de acuerdo.

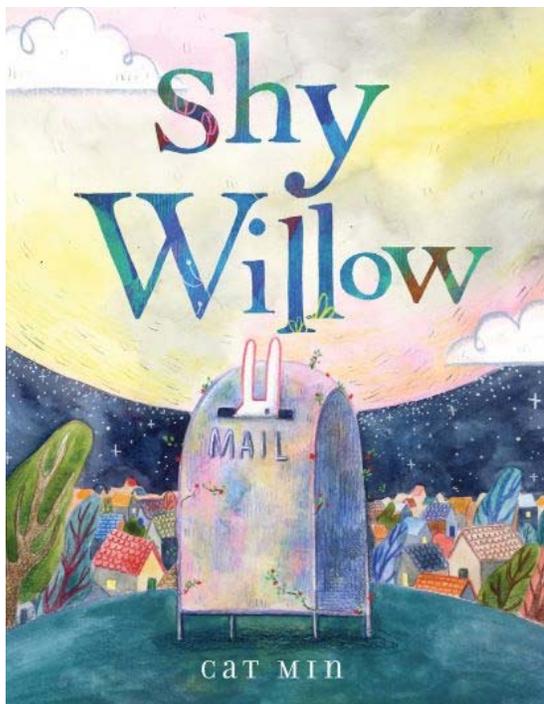
Author Bio

Donna Barba Higuera creció evadiendo los molestos polvos en los campos de petróleo del centro de California. Ha pasado toda su vida mezclando fábulas con sus experiencias para crear historias que llenan su imaginación. Ahora los combina escribiendo libros para niños y jóvenes.

Finalmente, Donna cambió el polvo del centro de California por las nieblas del Noroeste del Pacífico. Ella vive ahí con su esposo, cuatro hijos, tres perros, y dos ranas. Actualmente, ella está trabajando en el debut de su libro para niños y su próximo libro para jóvenes en la secundaria.

Puedes encontrarla en su página web www.dbhiguera.com.





Levine Querido
 On Sale: Feb 16/21
 8.5 x 11 • 48 pages
9781646140350 • \$24.99 • cl
 Juvenile Fiction / Animals / Rabbits • Ages 4-7 years

Notes

Promotion



Shy Willow

by Cat Min

Willow is shy. VERY shy.

Her home is in an abandoned mailbox, and she'd rather stay put. Outside kids scream and soccer balls collide, trees look like monsters, and rain is noisy in a scary kind of way. It's much nicer to stay inside, drawing. But then a young boy drops a letter in Willow's mailbox: it's a note to the moon asking for a special favor. Willow knows that if she doesn't brave the world outside, the letter will never be delivered, and the boy will be heartbroken. Should she try? Can she?

Cat Min delivers a breathtakingly illustrated story about shyness, the power of empathy, and what it means to make a friend.

Author Bio

Cat Min is an illustrator, animator, and writer. Cat grew up as a shy kid in Hong Kong, where she spent most of her childhood drawing and making comic books out of printer paper and staples with her best friend. She studied animation and film at New York University, Tisch School of the Arts, and completed the Illustration & Visual Storytelling Summer Residency Program at the School of Visual Arts in New York. She is also a member of SCBWI. Her (not so) guilty pleasures are: McDonald's french fries, sappy romance comics, mobile escape game apps, visual novels, and all things cheese.





Cuentos sagrados de America

(The SeaRinged World Spanish Edition)

by Maria Garcia Esperon, with David Bowles, illustrated by
Amanda Mijangos

Una coleccion de historias desde el borde de Argentina hasta Alaska

Quince mil anos antes de que los Europeos pisaran las Americas, la gente ya se habia propagado de punta a punta y de costa a costa. Como todos los humanos, estos Nativos Americanos buscaban comprender su lugar en el universo, la naturaleza de su relacion con lo divino, y el origen del mundo en el que habian emergido sus antepasados.

Las respuestas se encuentran en sus historias sagradas.

La autora Maria Garcia Esperon, la ilustradora Amanda Mijangos, y el traductor David Bowles nos han regalado un tesoro. Sus talentos han tejido esta coleccion de historias de naciones y culturas en nuestros dos continentes - el Mundo Rodeado del Mar, como lo llamaban los Aztecas - desde la orilla de Argentina hasta lo mas alto de Alaska.

La lista de Em Querido busca presentar los mejores libros traducidos de todo el mundo a una audiencia Estadounidense. Nos sentimos afortunados de traerte este libro en nuestra lista inaugural, con el deseo de que sea una verdadera

Author Bio

Maria Garcia Esperon nacio en la Ciudad de Mexico y ha ganado muchos premios, incluyendo el Premio a la Poesia Hispanoamericana para Ninos. En el 2016, su libro Dido Para Eneas, fue seleccionado en La Lista de Honor IBBY.

Amanda Mijangos nacio en la Ciudad de Mexico y es la fundadora del studio de ilustracion, Cuarto Para Las 3. Han sido varias veces en las que su trabajo ha sido reconocido con premios, y en el 2017, fue la ganadora del VIII Catalogo Iberoamericano de Ilustraciones.

David Bowles es un autor e ilustrador Mexicano-Americano del sur de Texas. Entre sus multiples libros galardonados se encuentran Feathered Serpent, Dark Heart of Sky: Myths of Mexico, y Me Dicen Guero, En el 2017, David fue incluido en el Texas Institute of Letters.

Levine Querido

On Sale: Feb 23/21

7.5 x 10.5 • 240 pages

9781646140336 • \$24.99 • pb

Juvenile Nonfiction / People & Places / Caribbean &
Latin America • Ages 8 and up

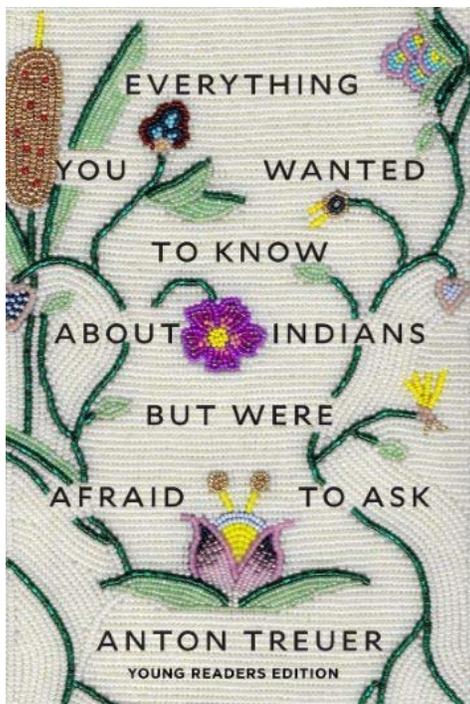
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Levine Querido

On Sale: Mar 2/21

272 pages

9781646140459 • \$26.99 • cl

YA NonFic / General • Ages 12-18 years

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Promotion



Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians But Were Afraid to Ask

Young Readers Edition

by Anton Treuer

From the acclaimed Ojibwe author and professor Anton Treuer comes an essential book of questions and answers for Native and non-Native young readers alike. Ranging from "Why is there such a fuss about nonnative people wearing Indian costumes for Halloween?" to "Why is it called a 'traditional Indian fry bread taco?'" to "What's it like for natives who don't look native?" to "Why are Indians so often imagined rather than understood?", and beyond, *Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians But Were Afraid to Ask (Young Readers Edition)* does exactly what its title says for young readers, in a style consistently thoughtful, personal, and engaging.

Author Bio

Dr. Anton Treuer (pronounced troy-er) is Professor of Ojibwe at Bemidji State University and author of 19 books. His equity, education, and cultural work has put him on a path of service around the region, the nation, and the world. He has a B.A. from Princeton University and a M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. He is Editor of the Oshkaabewis (pronounced o-shkaah-bay-wis) Native Journal, the only academic journal of the Ojibwe language. Dr. Treuer has presented all over the U.S. and Canada and in several foreign countries on *Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians But Were Afraid to Ask*, Cultural Competence & Equity, Strategies for Addressing the Achievement" Gap, and Tribal Sovereignty, History, Language, and Culture. He has sat on many organizational boards and has received more than 40 prestigious awards and fellowships, including ones from the American Philosophical Society, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Science Foundation, the MacArthur Foundation, the Bush Foundation, and the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation.

His published works include *Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians But Were Afraid to Ask*, *The Language Warrior's Manifesto: How to Keep Our Languages Alive No Matter the Odds*, *Warrior Nation: A History of the Red Lake Ojibwe* (Winner of Caroline Bancroft History Prize and the American Association of State and Local History Award of Merit), *Ojibwe in Minnesota* ("Minnesota's Best Read for 2010" by The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress), *The Assassination of Hole in the Day* (Award of Merit Winner from the American Association for State and Local History), *Atlas of Indian Nations*, *The Indian Wars: Battles, Bloodshed, and the Fight for Freedom on the American Frontier*, and *Awesiinyensag* ("Minnesota's Best Read for (...)



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The Immortal Boy

by Francisco Montana Ibanez, translated by David Bowles

Two intertwining stories of Bogota.

One, a family of five children, left to live on their own.

The other, a girl in an orphanage who will do anything to befriend the mysterious Immortal Boy.

How they weave together will never leave you.

Author Bio

Francisco Montana Ibanez is an award-winning author for children and a professor at the National University of Colombia (IIE). *The Immortal Boy* is his first book translated into English.

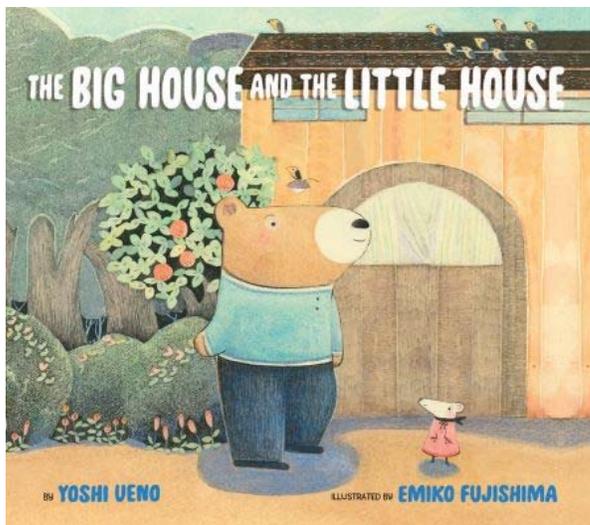
David Bowles is a Mexican American author and translator from South Texas. Among his multiple award-winning books are *Feathered Serpent*, *Dark Heart of Sky: Myths of Mexico*, and *They Call Me Guero*; he is also the translator of *The Sea-Ringed World: Sacred Stories of the Americas*. In 2017, David was inducted into the Texas Institute of Letters.

Levine Querido
On Sale: Mar 9/21
176 pages
9781646140442 • \$24.99 • cl
YA Fic / General • Ages 12-18 years

Notes

Promotion





The Big House and the Little House

by Yoshi Ueno, illustrated by Emiko Fujishima

Little Mouse and Big Bear live on opposite ends of the same road, and they both would like a friend. But every morning, Little Mouse and Big Bear pass by each other, unnoticed. Until one day, their eyes meet!

It's a little awkward at first—as most new friendships can be—but soon enough they're sipping warm tea together in Big Bear's cozy home, and making plans to meet again the following Sunday.

When a nasty storm blows into town will it wreck everything they've built?

This tale of friendship and bravery will warm your heart like a cookie and a warm drink shared with a friend.

Author Bio

Yoshi Ueno was born in Tokyo and graduated from Chuo University. After working as a children's book editor for more than 40 years, he turned to writing children's books. His books include: the Wampaku-dan (Naughty Three Kids) series, Akamaru-chan to Kuromaru-chan (*Red Dot and Black Dot*), Ton Ton Ton (*Knock, Knock, Knock*), and Futago no Donguri (*Twin Acorns*). He enjoys happy moments of watching Akira Kurosawa movies while his black cat rests on his knees, and loves to hike and play tennis. Yoshi is currently a director of the Japan Children's Writers Association.

Emiko Fujishima was born in the Akita prefecture of Japan and graduated from Kyoto Seika University, Faculty of Arts, with a major in Design. In 2006, her work was selected for Bologna Children's Book Fair, Illustrators Exhibition. Works she has illustrated include the Barber Luna series from KAISEI-SHA Co., Ltd. Emiko works as a part-time teacher of picture book making and manga at an art school. She lives in the Akita prefecture with a cat, surrounded by rice fields and rich nature, and loves to take walks in the fields and mountains.

Levine Querido

On Sale: Mar 9/21

9.25 x 8.25 • 48 pages

9781646140497 • \$24.99 • cl

Juvenile Fiction / Social / Friendship • Ages 4-7 years

Notes

Promotion

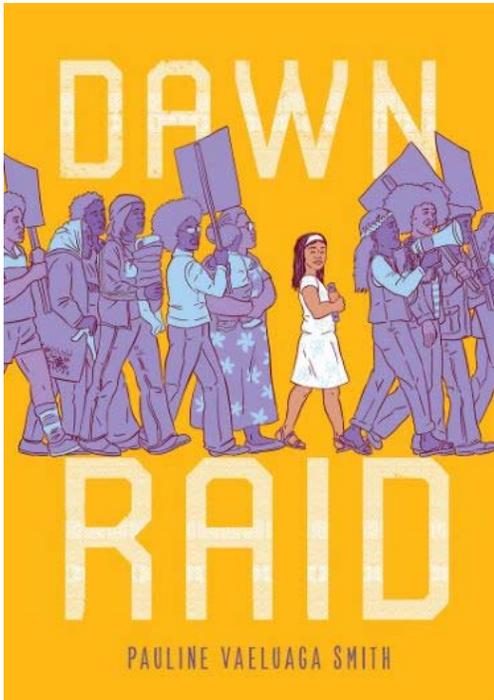


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Levine Querido

On Sale: Mar 15/21

5.63 x 8.13 • 224 pages

9781646140411 • \$24.99 • cl

Juvenile Fiction / Historical / General • Ages 8-12 years

Notes

Promotion



Dawn Raid

by Pauline Vaeluaga Smith, illustrated by Mat Hunkin

Imagine this: You're having an amazing family holiday, one where everyone is there and all 18 of you are squeezed into one house. All of sudden it's 4 o'clock in the morning and there's banging and yelling and screaming. The police are in the house pulling people out of bed . . . "

Sofia is like most 12-year-old girls in New Zealand. How is she going to earn enough money for those boots? WHY does she have to give that speech at school? Who is she going to be friends with this year?

It comes as a surprise to Sofia and her family when her big brother, Lenny, starts talking about protests, "overstayers", and injustices against Pacific Islanders by the government. Inspired by the Black Panthers in America, a group has formed called the Polynesian Panthers, who encourage immigrant and Indigenous families across New Zealand to stand up for their rights. Soon the whole family becomes involved in the movement.

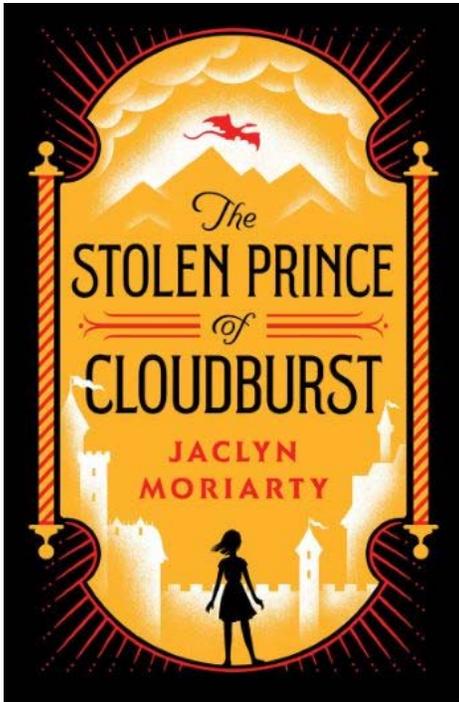
Told through Sofia's diary entries, with illustrations throughout, *Dawn Raid* is the story of one ordinary girl living in extraordinary times, learning how to stand up and fight.

Author Bio

Dawn Raid is the first book by Pauline Vaeluaga Smith, for which she received Best New Author at the New Zealand Book Awards and a NZ Storylines Notable Book Award. Pauline's heritage is Samoan, Tuvaluan, Scottish and Irish. Her work is heavily influenced by her experiences growing up in the 1970s, her roles as a teacher and university educator, her passion for civil rights and justice, and her deep interest in uplifting NZ Maori culture. She lives in a small seaside town at the bottom of the South Island of Aotearoa-New Zealand.

Mat Hunkin is an illustrator and comics artist from New Zealand. His day job is in the film industry.





Levine Querido

On Sale: Mar 16/21

9781646140763 • \$24.99 • cl

Juvenile Fiction / Science Fiction, Fantasy, Magic •

Ages 10-14 years

Notes

Promotion



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The Stolen Prince of Cloudburst

by Jaclyn Moriarty

Long ago, the little Prince of Cloudburst was stolen from the seashore by a Water Sprite. Now, ten years later, the prince has found his way home. The King and Queen are planning the biggest party in their Kingdom's history to welcome him.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the Kingdoms and Empires, Esther Mettlestone-Staranise is looking forward to another year at Katherine Valley Boarding School. But she arrives to find a number of strange and unsettling changes. For one, her new teacher is rumoured to be an Ogre. Two mysterious students have joined the school, and one of Esther's classmates is an undercover Spellbinder. Most disturbingly, the mountains surrounding the school - usually a delight of glaciers, teashops, lakes and Faeries - are now crowded with wicked Shadow Mages.

As secrets and dangers escalate, Esther must find the answers to several puzzles. Why is her teacher behaving so oddly? Which of Esther's classmates is the Spellbinder, and can they really protect the school from gathering hordes of Shadow Mages? Could the Stolen Prince of Cloudburst be connected?

How can Esther - who is not talented like her sisters, nor an adventurer like her cousin, but just Esther - save her family, her school and possibly her entire world?

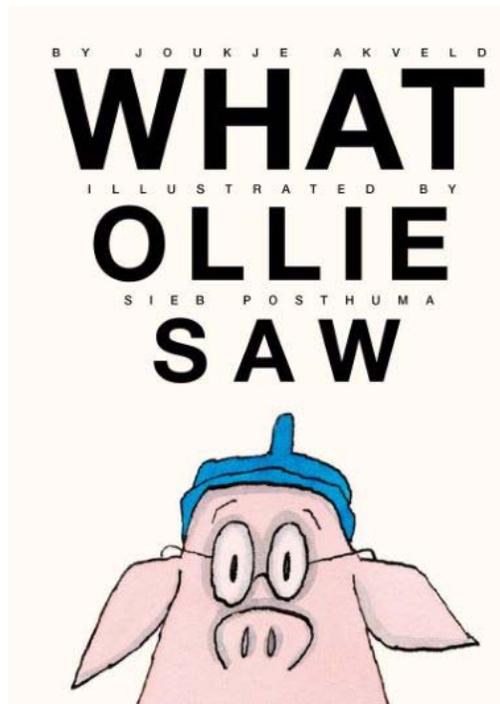
Author Bio

Jaclyn Moriarty is the bestselling author of novels for young adults including *Feeling Sorry for Celia*, *The Year of Secret Assignments*, and the *Colours of Madeleine* trilogy. She has been the recipient of the NSW Premier's Literary Award, the Queensland Literary Award, and the Aurealis Award for Fantasy. Jaclyn grew up in Sydney, lived in England, the United States, and Canada, and now lives in Sydney again. She is very fond of chocolate, blueberries, ice-skating and sleep.



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Levine Querido
 On Sale: Apr 6/21
 5.5 x 8 • 56 pages
9781646140398 • \$21.99 • board book
 Juvenile Fiction / Animals / Pigs • Ages 5-9 years

Notes

Promotion



What Ollie Saw

by Joukje Akveld, illustrated by Sieb Posthuma, translated by Bill Nagelkerke

Ollie doesn't see things the same way everybody else does (and he certainly doesn't see things the same way his older sister does). Instead of cars in traffic, Ollie sees a circus parade. Instead of cows grazing in a field, Ollie sees deadly bison with sharp horns and hooves. And at school, instead of letters on the board, Ollie sees birds with pointy beaks, and fish with flapping tails in the big blue sea.

Ollie knows he doesn't need glasses, because he likes the world better the way he sees it. But will his parents and bossy sister see things his way?

Author Bio

Joukje Akveld studied Dutch and has worked for various publishing houses. As a journalist, she writes about children's books and theatre for newspapers and magazines, while also writing her own books.

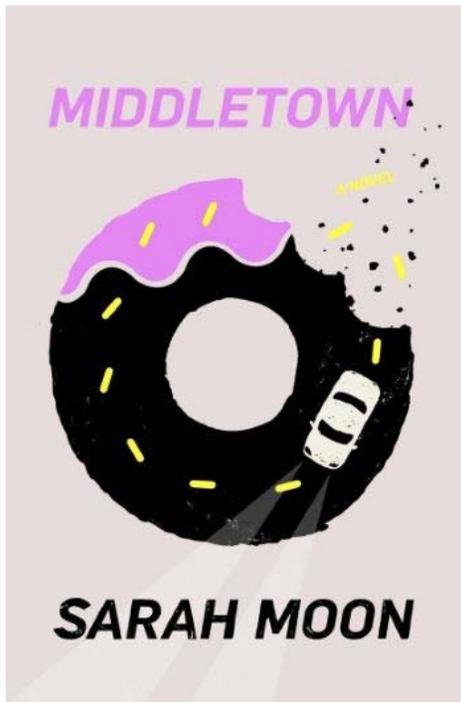
Sieb Posthuma was an award-winning Dutch illustrator whose books have been published around the world. His work has been adapted into television shows, theater, opera, and shown in numerous expositions.

Bill Nagelkerke is a prolific children's writer, translator, and former librarian. His stories, poems and plays have appeared in many New Zealand anthologies. In 2013 Nagelkerke was awarded the Storylines Margaret Mahy Medal and Lecture Award in recognition of his dedicated contribution to children's literature and literacy in New Zealand.



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Middletown

by Sarah Moon

Scholastic/Levine has acquired Sarah Moon's middle grade novel *Middletown*. The story follows eighth-grader Eli, who's in love with her closest girl friend. Eli's life descends into chaos, however, when her older sister dupes social services into letting them live on their own after their mother is sent to court-ordered rehab.

Publication is scheduled for 2020.

Author Bio

Sarah Moon is a teacher, writer, and translator. She lives and works in Brooklyn, New York, with her wife, Jasmine, and their dog, Otis. She is the coeditor of *The Letter Q*, a young adult anthology.

Levine Querido

On Sale: Apr 6/21

5.5 x 8.25 • 256 pages

9781646140428 • \$24.99 • cl

Juvenile Fiction / Family / Orphans & Foster Homes •

Ages 8-12 years

Notes

Promotion





Alien Nation by Sandro Bassi

A wordless wonder of a picture book, reminiscent of David Wiesner and Chris Van Allsburg. An unforgettable subway ride in an alien world filled with truths of our own.

Author Bio

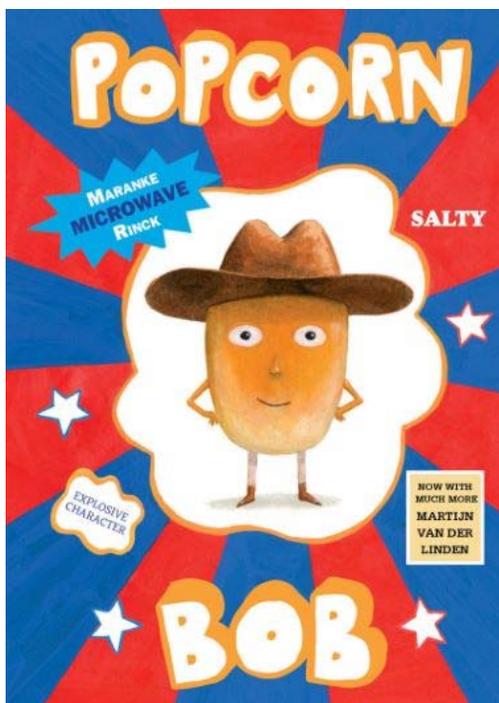
Sandro Bassi is an illustrator from Venezuela whose work was a 2019 Bologna Children's Book Fair Illustrator Show selection. Alien Nation is his first book.

Levine Querido
On Sale: Apr 13/21
7.16 x 10.38 • 56 pages
9781646140381 • \$24.99 • cl
Juvenile Fiction / General • Ages 8-99 years

Notes

Promotion





Levine Querido
 On Sale: Apr 20/21
 5.5 x 8 • 152 pages
 9781646140404 • \$21.99 • board book
 Juvenile Fiction / Readers / Intermediate • Ages 7-12
 years

Notes

Promotion



Popcorn Bob

by Maranke Rinck, illustrated by Martijn van der Linden,
 translated by Nancy Forest-Flier

Ellis loves popcorn. No, she REALLY loves popcorn. It's serious.

So when her school and her dads ban all snack foods-INCLUDING POPCORN-Ellis won't listen. But when she tries to quietly sneak her favorite salty snack, one kernel refuses to pop. LOUDLY. Soon, the kernel has sprouted a face, arms, and legs! He's alive, his name is Popcorn Bob, and he is NOT in a good mood. He is HANGRY.

Will Ellis be able to keep Bob a secret until she can get rid of him? (And after a few days with him, will she still want to?)

Author Bio

Maranke Rinck is an award-winning children's book author who seeks to make reading and writing fun for the young and old. She often works with her husband, illustrator Martijn van der Linden. With their three children they live in a former butcher shop in Rotterdam. You will not find sausages and meatballs in their house anymore, though; the cold stores are full of manuscripts, drawings and paintings.

Martijn van der Linden is a Dutch illustrator of children's books. He has won multiple awards including the certificate of honor (IBBY), the Golden Parent's Choice Award, and the Goldfinch award for the picture book *I Feel a Foot!* In 2016 he won the Dutch national award for the best Children's book (the Woutertje Pieterse award) for his book *Vote for the Okapi*. His books have been translated into over 12 languages. Martijn works from his home in Rotterdam where he lives with his wife, children's book writer Maranke Rinck, and their three children. Maranke and Martijn have created several picture books together.

Nancy Forest-Flier is an American-born translator, editor, and writer living and working in the Netherlands. She has translated several adult and children's novels from Dutch to English, her writing has appeared in many British and American museums, and she has translated for numerous Dutch museums and institutes including the Anne Frank House. She has six children, ten grandchildren, and one cat.



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