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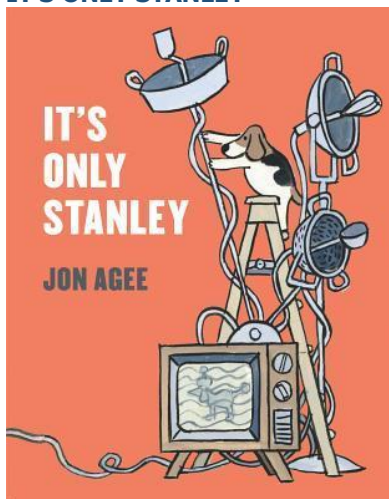
Noteworthy Books for Children and Teens

2016

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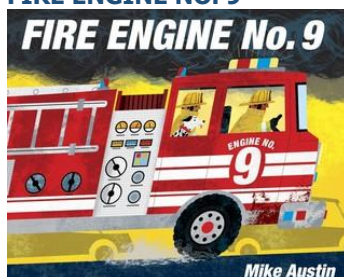
UP TO SEVEN

IT'S ONLY STANLEY



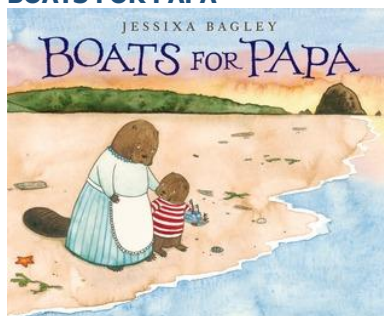
By: Jon Agee
Penguin (Dial/Random House)
9780803739079: \$17.99, 2015
Stanley the beagle keeps his family awake at night with his noisy tinkering. The cartoon style illustrations and hilarious conclusion makes this silly picture book an experience the whole family will enjoy.

FIRE ENGINE NO. 9



By: Mike Austin
Penguin (Random House)
9780553510950: \$16.99, 2015
Firefighters jump into Fire Engine No. 9 and race to battle a blaze. Dynamic words, bold text and vibrant illustrations convey action, energy and danger.

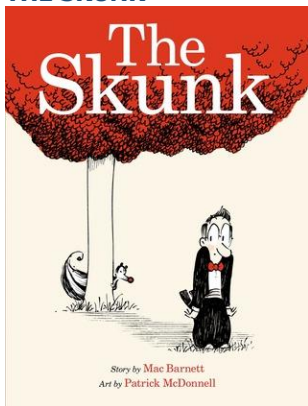
BOATS FOR PAPA



By: Jessixa Bagley
Macmillan (Neal Porter/Roaring Brook)
9781626720398: \$17.99, 2015
The boats that Buckley sends out to sea for his Papa reach someone else who loves Buckley, too.

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THE SKUNK



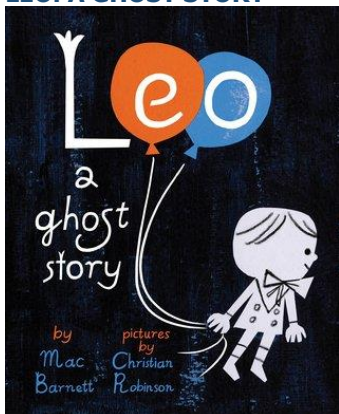
By: Mac Barnett

Illustrated by: Patrick McDonnell
Macmillan (Roaring Brook)

9781596439665: \$17.99, 2015

What is a man to do when a skunk appears on his doorstep? Follow the man's journey as he escapes the skunk's clutches only to search for him once again.

LEO: A GHOST STORY



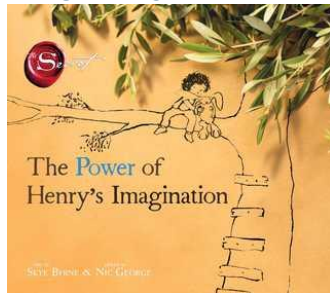
By: Mac Barnett

Illustrated by: Christian Robinson
Chronicle

9781452131566: \$16.99, 2015

When Leo the ghost has to leave the house of his long-ago childhood behind he makes a new friend in the city.

THE POWER OF HENRY'S IMAGINATION



By: Skye Byrne

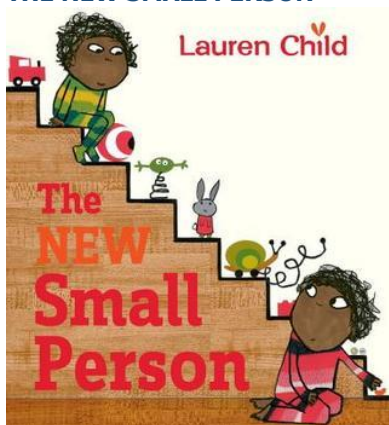
Illustrated by: Nic George
Abrams

9781481406260: \$22.99, 2015

After Henry's stuffed rabbit disappears, his grandfather suggests pretending it's still there. Clothespin crocodiles, saltshaker snow, and sparkling gem collages contrast with outlined characters on butcher paper as Henry's imagination learns to see.

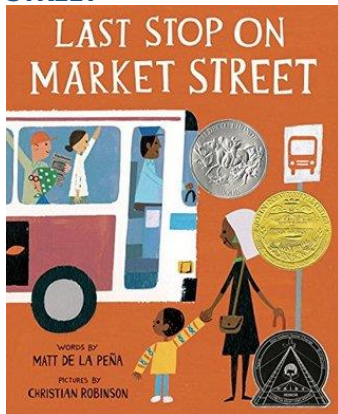
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THE NEW SMALL PERSON



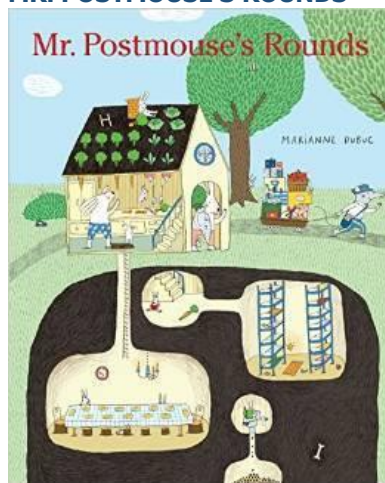
By: Lauren Child
Candlewick
9780763678104: \$17.99, 2015
Elmore Green's idyllic life as an only child changes overnight when the new small person arrives. The child's perspective is perfectly captured with expressive, child centered illustrations and large, flowing text.

LAST STOP ON MARKET STREET



By: Matt De La Peña
Illustrated by: Christian Robinson
Penguin (Putnam)
9780399257742: \$16.99, 2015
CJ's Sunday afternoon—
accompanying his grandmother
through the city to serve at a soup
kitchen—turns to happiness when
he sees beauty through his Nana's
eyes.

MR. POSTMOUSE'S ROUNDS



By: Marianne Dubuc
Kids Can Press
9781771385725: \$14.64, 2015
Readers follow a "post-mouse"
through his daily deliveries to a
variety of animals (real and
imaginary), each with its own
unique home and habitat shown in
highly detailed illustrations.

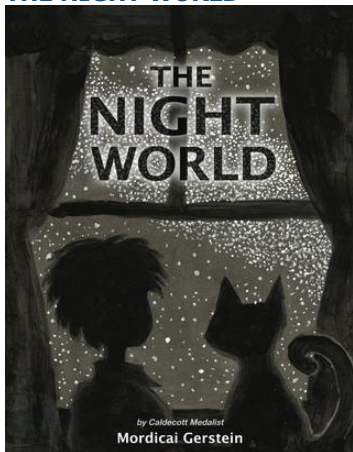
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DRUM DREAM GIRL: HOW ONE GIRL'S COURAGE CHANGED MUSIC



By: Margarita Engle
Illustrated by: Rafael Lopez
Houghton Mifflin
9780544102293: \$16.00, 2015
A young girl in Cuba dreams of drumming, something "only boys do," and makes her musical dreams real. Inspired by the life of Millo Zaldarriaga. Colorful, whimsical illustrations bring Cuba and its culture to life.

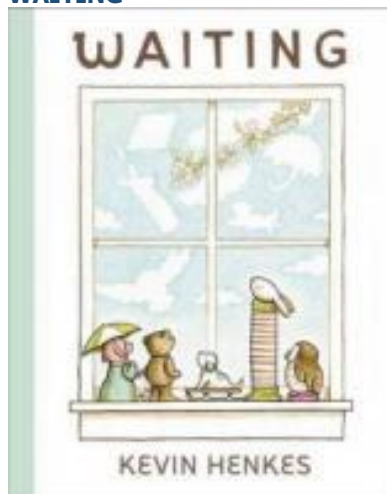
THE NIGHT WORLD



By: Mordecai Gerstein
Little, Brown
9780316188227: \$18.00, 2015
A child and a cat slip out of the

house in the shadows before dawn and hear the chorus of animals who gather to witness the splendid rising of the sun.

WAITING



By: Kevin Henkes
HarperCollins (Greenwillow)
9780062368430: \$17.99, 2015
Five toys wait on the windowsill, but what are they waiting for? Finely crafted watercolor and colored pencil illustrations depict a charming exploration of a part of childhood that is often difficult

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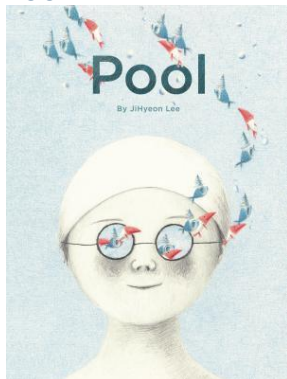
SIDEWALK FLOWERS



Sidewalk Flowers
JonArno Lawson Sydney Smith

By: JonArno Lawson
Illustrated by: Sydney Smith
Groundwood
9781554984312: \$16.95, 2015
A purpose-driven dad walks city sidewalks with his daughter in this wordless graphic novel. She meanders about picking wildflowers, but readers will see she's just as intentional as her dad. Brilliant use of black and white—and color.

POOL



By: JiHyeon Lee
Chronicle
9781452142944: \$16.99, 2015
In this wordless book, a child dives beneath a raucous crowd overflowing a pool to explore a silent underwater world filled with mesmerizing creatures that range from warmly whimsical to coolly creepy. Delightfully illustrated in graphite and pastels.

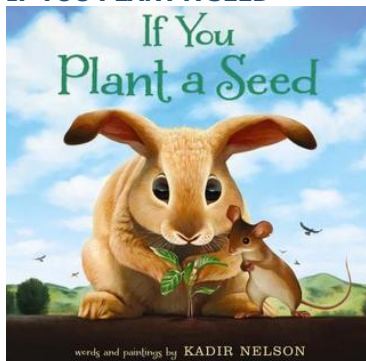
MIRACLE ON 133RD STREET



By: Sonia Manzano
Illustrated by: Marjorie Priceman
Abrams
9780689878879: \$17.99, 2015
The scent of a holiday roast converts disgruntled neighbors into a celebratory group. Readers of all ages will enjoy the transformation.

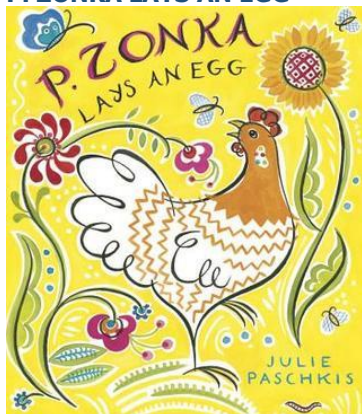
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IF YOU PLANT A SEED



By: Kadir Nelson
HarperCollins
9780062298898: \$18.99, 2015
A mouse and a rabbit garden together but several birds want to share in the harvest in this simple fable about cooperation. The lush and exuberant full page paintings of crops and animals are outstanding.

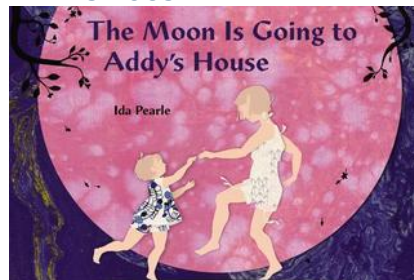
P. ZONKA LAYS AN EGG



By: Julie Paschkis
Peachtree
9781561458196: \$16.95, 2015
What good is a hen that doesn't

lay eggs? P. Zonka is as original as her name and follows her own muse. A brightly illustrated book that celebrates individuality and the artistic spirit.

THE MOON IS GOING TO ADDY'S HOUSE



By: Ida Pearle
Penguin (Dial/Random House)
9780803740549: \$17.99, 2015
Beautiful illustrations and a comforting bedtime story capture a child's fascination with the moon and will have children dreaming about dancing with the moon.

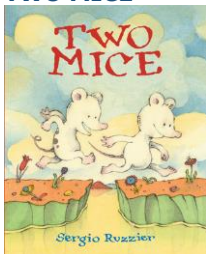
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WAIT



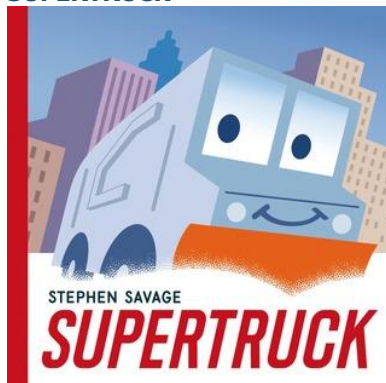
By: Antoinette Portis
Macmillan (Roaring Brook)
9781596439214: \$16.99, 2015
A mother and preschooler have different preferred paces while walking to the bus. Readers will find much to explore with the child in rich charcoal, ink, pencil and digitally colored scenes. The tension between "Hurry!" and "Wait!" finally leads to "Yes!"

TWO MICE



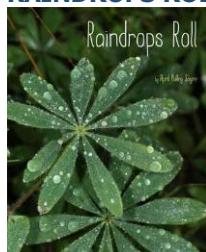
By: Sergio Ruzzier
HMH (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)
9780544302099: \$12.99, 2015
Count up from one to three and then back down in this delightful adventure for beginning readers.

SUPERTRUCK



By: Stephen Savage Macmillan (Neal Porter/Roaring Brook)
9781596438217: \$12.99, 2015
A humble garbage truck takes becomes a superhero to clear the streets in a city brought to a halt in a blizzard. Simple text and precise illustrations make this perfect for beginning readers.

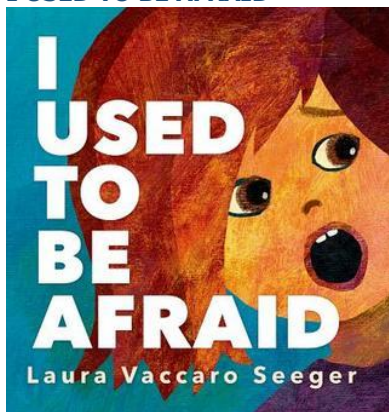
RAINDROPS ROLL



By: April Pulley Sayre
Simon & Schuster (Beach Lane/Atheneum)
9781481420648: \$17.99, 2015
Poetic text and expert photography simply and eloquently illuminate the science of rain.

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I USED TO BE AFRAID



By: Laura Vaccaro Seeger
Macmillan (Neal Porter/Roaring
Brook)

9781596436312: \$17.99, 2015
Bright, bold illustrations and subtle
cut-outs show a young girl
overcoming her fears. A surprise
ending lets the reader know that it
is okay to be afraid sometimes.

LENNY & LUCY



• LENNY & LUCY •
Written by PHILIP C. STEAD Illustrated by ERIN E. STEAD



By: Philip C. Stead
Illustrated by: Erin E. Stead
Macmillan (Neal Porter/Roaring
Brook)
9781596439320: \$17.99, 2015
Moving to a new home is not easy

for Peter and his dog, Harold. This
story of friendship, fear and
loneliness is told beautifully with
striking illustrations and only the
words that are necessary

YOU NEST HERE WITH ME



By: Jane Yolen and Heidi E. Y.
Stemple

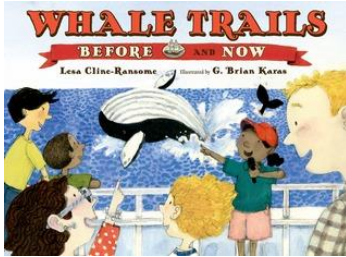
Illustrated by: Melissa Sweet
Boyd's Mills

9781590789230: \$16.95, 2015
A child is tucked into bed, hearing
about the cozy places birds nest,
reassured of her own safe nest. A
goodnight book of comforting,
rhyming text and illustrations of
cuddling birds.

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SEVEN TO TEN

WHALE TRAILS: BEFORE AND NOW



By: Lesa Cline-Ransome

Illustrated by: G. Brian Karas

Macmillan (Henry Holt)

9780805096422: \$17.99, 2015

A young girl of color, the first mate on her family's sightseeing boat, explains the exciting and diverse history of human pursuit of whales—hunting in the past and watching in the present. Includes plenty of facts and detailed drawings.

GEORGE



By: Alex Gino

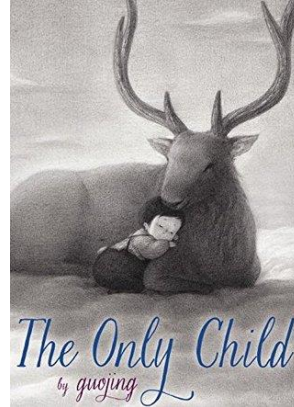
Scholastic Press

9780545812542: \$16.99, 2015

Fourth-grader Melissa is a girl, but her family, friends, and school community know her as George, a boy. The third-person narrator's

use of feminine pronouns throughout lends a tone of authenticity and compassion to Melissa's coming out experience.

THE ONLY CHILD



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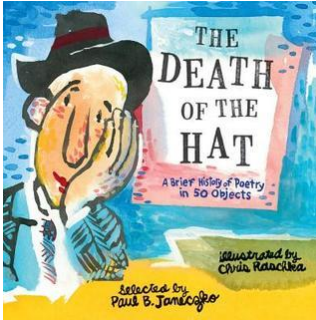
Penguin (Schwartz & Wade/Random House)

9780553497045: \$19.99, 2015

A young Chinese child is guided by a deer, transported through clouds to the Arctic and into the belly of a whale before returning home in this wordless adventure in soft pencil drawings and graphic panels.

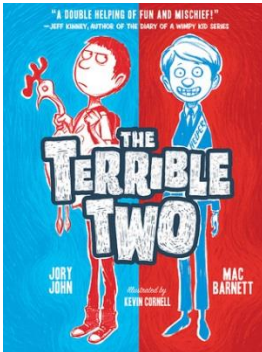
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THE DEATH OF THE HAT: A BRIEF HISTORY OF POETRY IN 50 OBJECTS



By: Paul B. Janeczko
Illustrated by: Chris Raschka
Candlewick
9780763669638: \$17.99, 2015
Watercolor illustrations accompany fifty poems from across history and around the world that describe and celebrate familiar, tangible things and the intangible but lasting effect of poetry.

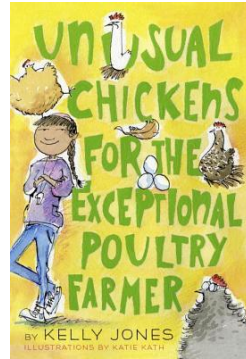
THE TERRIBLE TWO



By: Jory John and Mac Barnett
Illustrated by: Kevin Cornell
Abrams (Amulet)
9781419714917: \$13.95, 2015
Miles Murphy moves to the “cow capital” of the country and hates that his lifelong efforts to be the

best prankster in school may be threatened by Niles Sparks who already owns the title. Lively cartoons enhance the telling.

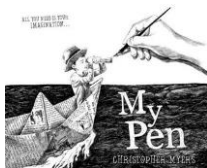
UNUSUAL CHICKENS FOR THE EXCEPTIONAL POULTRY FARMER



By: Kelly Jones
Illustrated by: Katie Kath
Penguin (Knopf/ Random House)
9780385755528: \$16.99, 2015
When Sophie’s non-farmer parents move to a farm, Sophie triumphs in dealing with chickens, racial issues, economic stress, and her own self awareness with humor and panache.

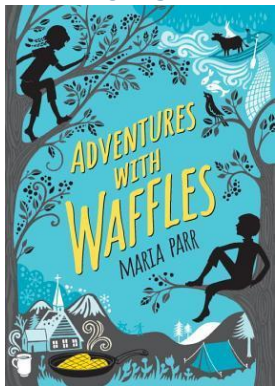
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MY PEN



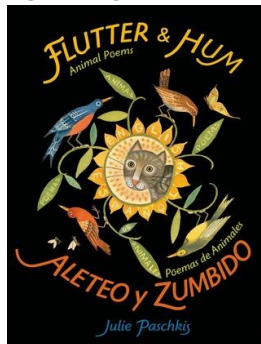
By: Christopher Myers
Disney (Hyperion)
9781423103714: \$16.99, 2015
A sketchbook of dramatic pen and ink illustrations comes alive as a young boy whose boundless imagination invites readers to let their own imaginations run wild.

ADVENTURES WITH WAFFLES



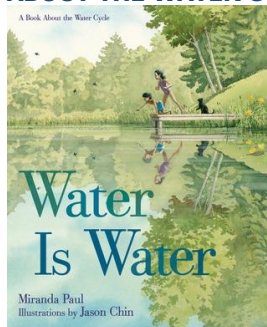
By: Maria Parr
translated by Guy Puzey
Illustrated by: Kate Forrester
Candlewick
9780763672812: \$15.99, 2015
Lena is so bold, daring and exciting that Trille will follow her anywhere even if it's onto a boat with a cow or sledding down an icy hill with a chicken.

FLUTTER AND HUM / ALETEO Y ZUMBIDO



By: Julie Paschke
Macmillan (Henry Holt)
9781627791038: \$14.20, 2015
14 playful poems about animals appear side by side in English and Spanish. These are not always direct translations, but have similar senses and are connected and surrounded by boldly colored gouache illustrations.

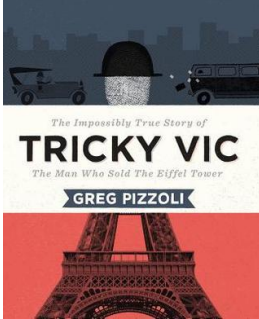
WATER IS WATER: A BOOK ABOUT THE WATER CYCLE



By: Miranda Paul
Illustrated by: Jason Chin
Abrams
9781596439849: \$17.99, 2015
Luminous paintings show a biracial family and kids of all sorts enjoying the forms water takes throughout the year, while a well-crafted rhyming text highlights facts about states of water and the water cycle.

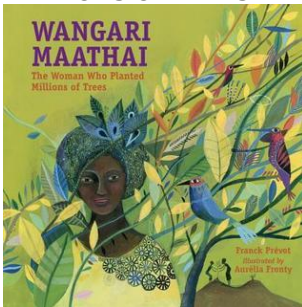
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TRICKY VIC: THE IMPOSSIBLY TRUE STORY OF THE MAN WHO SOLD THE EIFFEL TOWER



By: Greg Pizzoli
Penguin (Viking)
9780670016525: \$17.99, 2015
Count Victor Lustig swindled aristocrats with plots including a fake auction of the Eiffel Tower's metal. Clever mixed-media artwork evokes the gangster 1920s and '30s, and side panels highlight facts and topics for further reading.

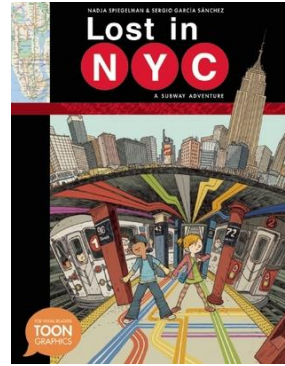
WANGARI MAATHAI: THE WOMAN WHO PLANTED MILLIONS OF TREES



By: Franck Prévot
Illustrated by: Aurélia Fronty
Charlesbridge
9781580896269: \$17.95, 2015
Dramatic, stylized artwork depicts the ecological and political

contributions of Nobel Peace Prize winner Wangari Maathai, whose tree-planting initiatives were rooted in the sociopolitical atmosphere of colonial and newly independent Kenya.

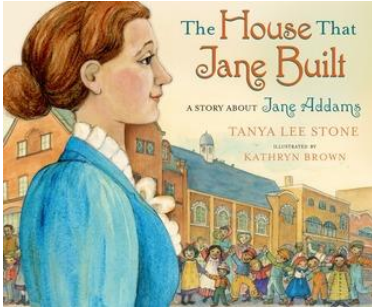
LOST IN NYC: A SUBWAY ADVENTURE



By: Nadia Spiegelman
Illustrated by: Sergio García Sánchez
TOON Books
9781935179818: \$16.95, 2015
In graphic novel format, the author and illustrator cleverly weave facts about the New York subway with a story about making new friends. Detailed illustrations packed with people and buildings convey the frenetic pace and scale of the city.

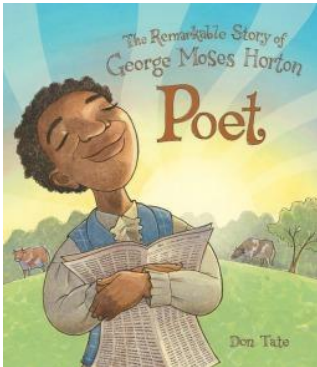
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THE HOUSE THAT JANE BUILT: A STORY ABOUT JANE ADDAMS



By: Tanya Lee Stone
Illustrated by: Kathryn Brown
Macmillan (Christy Ottaviano/Holt)
9780805090499: \$17.99, 2015
Jane Addams wanted to "to fix the world" and she grew up to win a Nobel Peace Prize trying to help the poor with food, clothes and education. Pen and ink illustrations tell her story.

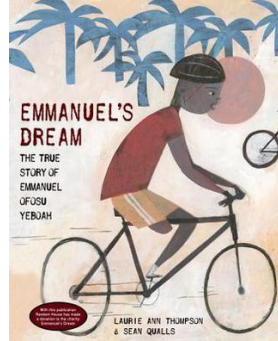
POET: THE REMARKABLE STORY OF GEORGE MOSES HORTON



By: Don Tate
Peachtree
9781561458257: \$16.95, 2015
Mixed media artwork with simple lines and soft colors perfectly illustrates the extraordinary story of

George Moses Horton, a slave in North Carolina, who taught himself to read and write poetry.

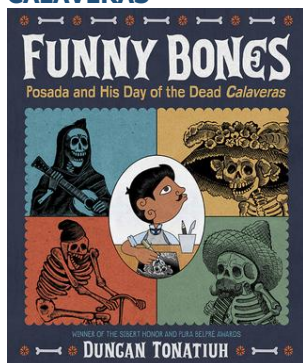
EMMANUEL'S DREAM: THE TRUE STORY OF EMMANUEL OFOSU YEBOAH



By: Laurie Ann Thompson
Illustrated by: Sean Qualls
Penguin (Schwartz & Wade/Random House)
9780449817445: \$17.99, 2015
With one leg deformed, Emmanuel learned to ride a bicycle and rode to collect money for the disabled.

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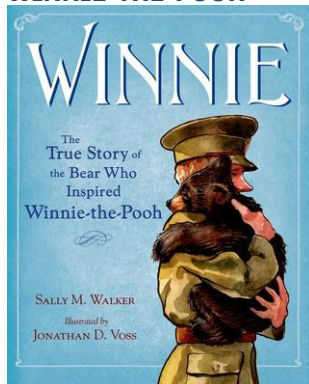
FUNNY BONES: POSADA AND HIS DAY OF THE DEAD CALAVERAS



By: Duncan Tonatiuh
Abrams

9781419716478: \$18.95, 2015
Over a hundred years ago, Mexican printmaker José Posada popularized the calaveras—skull images—now popular around the world. The illustrations mix Tonatiuh's signature style inspired by ancient Mexican art with original Posada prints.

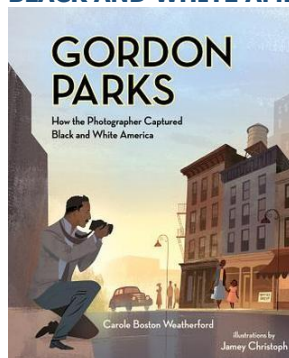
WINNIE: THE TRUE STORY OF THE BEAR WHO INSPIRED WINNIE-THE-POOH



By: Sally M. Walker
Illustrated by: Jonathan D. Voss

Macmillan (Henry Holt)
9780805097153: \$17.99, 2015
Nostalgic watercolor illustrations and photographs accompany this straightforward biography of the orphaned bear cub, Winnie, purchased in Ontario by a World War I soldier from Winnipeg and left at the London Zoo.

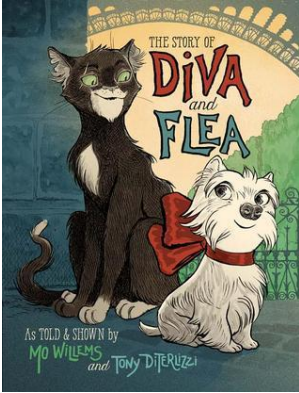
GORDON PARKS: HOW THE PHOTOGRAPHER CAPTURED BLACK AND WHITE AMERICA



By: Carole Boston Weatherford
Illustrated by: Jamey Christoph
Albert Whitman
9780807530177: \$16.99, 2015
Although his white teacher had no faith in her students, Parks taught himself photography and became one of the leading recorders of American life.

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THE STORY OF DIVA AND FLEA



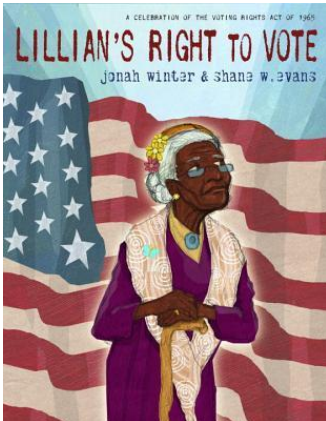
By: Mo Willems

Illustrated by: Tony DiTerlizzi
Abrams

9781484722848: \$14.99, 2015

A charming story of an unlikely friendship between Diva, a small and settled dog, and Flea, a wandering alley cat. Each learns to venture from their comfort zone to experience and share their worlds. DiTerlizzi's elegant illustrations beautifully capture the look and feel of Paris.

LILLIAN'S RIGHT TO VOTE



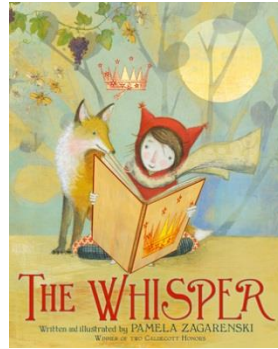
By: Jonah Winter

Illustrated by: Shane W. Evans
Penguin (Schwartz & Wade/Random House)

9780385390286: \$17.99, 2015

Vivid mixed media illustrations in bold colors portray Lillian, a very old but very determined lady, and her metaphorical walk through the history of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as she slowly climbs the steep hill to the courthouse to vote.

THE WHISPER



By: Pamela Zagarenski

Houghton Mifflin

9780544416864: \$17.99, 2015

A young reader overcomes the disappointment she feels upon discovering a special book from her teacher is wordless when a "whisper" tells her to imagine the words. Beautiful mixed media artwork sparks the imagination and magic of story.

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TEN TO FOURTEEN

WHY'D THEY WEAR THAT? FASHION AS THE MIRROR OF HISTORY



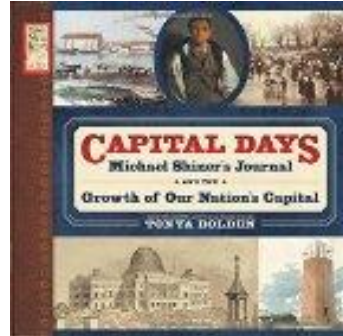
By: Sarah Albee
National Geographic
9781426319198: \$19.99, 2015
Albee's chronological history of fashion covers several thousand years as well as cultures and civilizations around the world to show how clothing, armor and footwear reflect not only fashion but the economic and political circumstances of the wearers.

FINDING SERENDIPITY



By: Angelica Banks
Illustrated by: Stevie Lewis
Macmillan (Henry Holt)
9781627791540: \$16.99, 2015
When her mother goes missing, Tuesday McGillicutty and her dog Baxter follow a thread to the magical place where stories come alive. There they find adventure, friendship and the truth about Baxter.

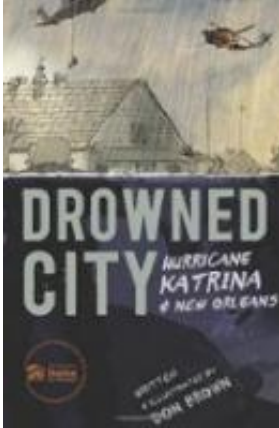
CAPITAL DAYS: MICHAEL SHINER'S JOURNAL AND THE GROWTH OF OUR NATION'S CAPITAL



By: Tonya Bolden
Abrams
9781419707339: \$21.95, 2015
In the 1800's shipbuilder and slave Michael Shiner bought his freedom and educated himself. His journal gives us a unique perspective of Washington, D.C.'s history to 1880 and gives readers a view of the events and attitudes of the times.

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DROWNED CITY: HURRICANE KATRINA & NEW ORLEANS



By: Don Brown
HMH (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)
9780544157774: \$18.99, 2015
With monstrous winds and water, Hurricane Katrina overwhelmed New Orleans, flooding the whole city. Don Brown's realistic art captures the story of panic and incompetence but also of courage and heroism as it happens.

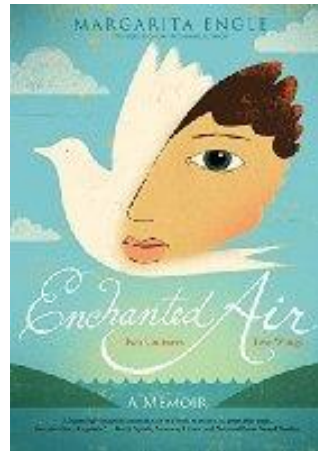
STELLA BY STARLIGHT



By: Sharon Draper

Simon & Schuster (Atheneum)
9781442494978: \$16.99, 2015
Stella recounts an emotional family journey during the Depression as her father attempts to vote for the first time in their Klan-threatened North Carolina segregated town.

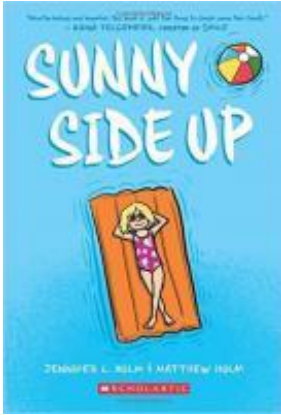
ENCHANTED AIR: TWO CULTURES, TWO WINGS: A MEMOIR



By: Margarita Engle
Abrams
9781481435222: \$17.99, 2015
A sensory-rich poetic memoir of a girl raised between two countries conveys the author's love of Cuba and her heartbreak when the revolution and its aftermath put an end to her regular summer visits.

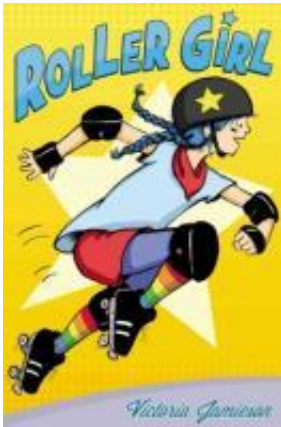
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SUNNY SIDE UP



By: Jennifer Holm
Illustrated by: Matthew Holm
Abrams
9780545741651: \$23.99, 2015
A summer in Florida should mean Disney World; instead Sunny gets boring errands with her grandfather far from her troubled family. Hopeful and humorous graphic historical fiction with a 1970s setting.

ROLLER GIRL



By: Victoria Jamieson

Penguin (Dial/Random House)
9780525429678: \$20.99, 2015
When twelve-year-old Astrid ditches ballet and her best friend to try roller derby, her relationships and ego take the real hits. A bright graphic novel debut by a derby skater about adolescence and emerging independence.

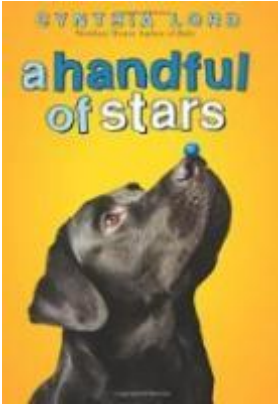
THE CURIOUS WORLD OF CALPURNIA TATE



By: Jacqueline Kelly
Macmillan (Henry Holt)
9780805097443: \$16.99, 2015
Callie Vee's interest in animals and science, encouraged by her grandfather, is put to use when she helps save the rescued assortment of creatures brought home by her younger brother. A lively, stand-alone sequel to *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate* (2009).

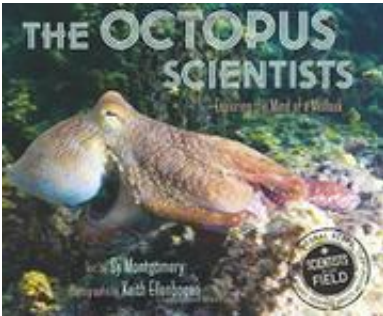
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A HANDFUL OF STARS



By: Cynthia Lord
Scholastic (Chicken House)
9780545700276: \$16.99, 2015
Lily's aging dog wanders onto the blueberry farm where Salma's family works each summer, and the girls make quick friends. Both girls know loss and work together to navigate life's changes toward an optimistic future.

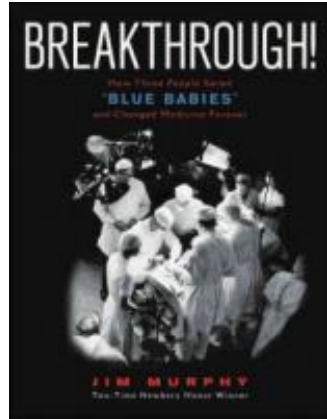
THE OCTOPUS SCIENTISTS



By: Sy Montgomery
Illustrated by: Keith Ellenbogen
HMH (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)
9780544232709: \$18.99, 2015
Amazingly intelligent octopuses have personalities that charm psychologist Jennifer Mather and

her team in French Polynesia as the scientists strive to learn more about the octopuses' habits and emotions. A fascinating and well laid out book with gorgeous color photos.

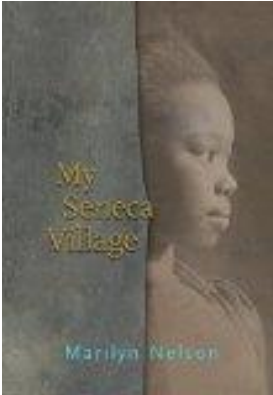
BREAKTHROUGH!: HOW THREE PEOPLE SAVED "BLUE BABIES" AND CHANGED MEDICINE FOREVER



By: Jim Murphy
HMH (Clarion)
9780547821832: \$18.99, 2015
The story of three medical innovators who are given the recognition they deserve: Dr. Alfred Blalock, a renowned surgeon along with Vivien Thomas, a largely self-taught African-American lab assistant and Dr. Helen Taussing, a pediatrician, whose work saved babies with heart defects from certain death. Thomas faced racial prejudice, and Taussing faced sexism in the world of 1944.

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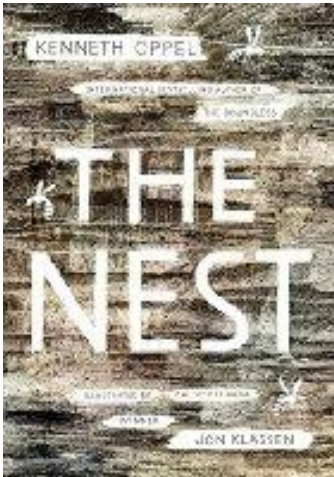
MY SENECA VILLAGE



By: Marilyn Nelson
Namelos

9781608981960: \$21.95, 2015
Exquisitely crafted vignettes about the 19th century community of African-American property owners in Manhattan. These fictional poems paint rich portraits based on real citizens from a lost moment of American history.

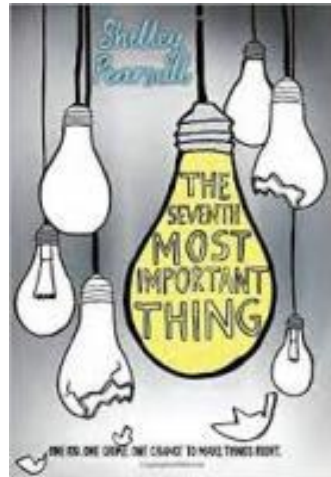
THE NEST



By: Kenneth Opper
Simon & Schuster

9781481432320: \$16.99| 2015
Steve's baby brother is unwell, and an eerie wasp-like creature promises to ease Steve's anxieties. This chilling tale will grips brave readers with its palpable tension; hazy graphite illustrations enhance our unease as the story builds to frenzied conflict.

THE SEVENTH MOST IMPORTANT THING



By: Shelley Pearsall
Penguin (Knopf/ Random House)
978-0553497281: \$16.99, 2015
In 1963 Washington D.C. Arthur Owens is angry and confused as he struggles to come to terms with the death of his dad and his community service with the local Junk Man. Inspired by the work of American folk artist James Hampton.

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I AM PRINCESS X



By: Cherie Priest
Scholastic (Arthur A. Levine)
9780545620857: \$18.99, 2015
Mini-chapters in comic format propel this mystery-thriller towards the heart pounding climax as May pursues graffiti featuring a katana-wielding heroine she and her long lost best friend dreamt up in fifth grade.

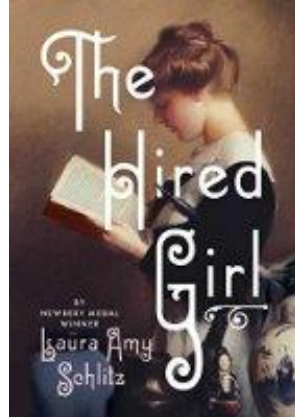
THE BLACKTHORN KEY



By: Kevin Sands
Simon & Schuster (Aladdin Mix)

9781481446518: \$17.99, 2015
Join Christopher, an apothecary apprentice in 1665, as he seeks to solve the murder of his master and bringing an evil cult to justice.

THE HIRED GIRL



By: Laura Amy Schlitz
Candlewick
9780763678180: \$17.99, 2015
Joan's thoughtful confessions in her diary reveal the struggles of a young farm girl working for a well-off household and her encounters with religion, romance, and friendship. A warm coming-of-age story, often funny, and filled with historical details of 1911 Baltimore.

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THE MARVELS



By: Brian Selznick
Abrams

9780545448680: \$32.99, 2015

Two stories present a journey through time. The first, about a shipwreck survivor and five generations of flourishing actors, is told through drawings. The second, told in prose, tells of a runaway who arrives at his uncle's puzzling London house—more museum than home—and begins to piece the mysteries together.

GOODBYE STRANGER



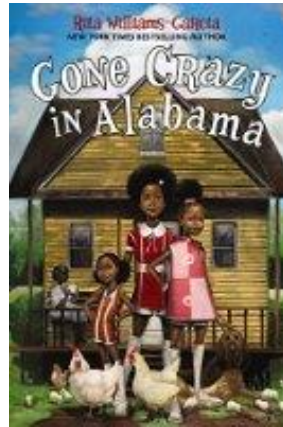
By: Rebecca Stead

Penguin (Wendy Lamb/Random House)

9780385743174: \$16.99, 2015

Seventh grade brings changes and challenges including family breakups, cell phone photography, and changing friendships. Three stories intertwine with humor and drama.

GONE CRAZY IN ALABAMA



By: Rita Williams-Garcia
HarperCollins (Amistad)

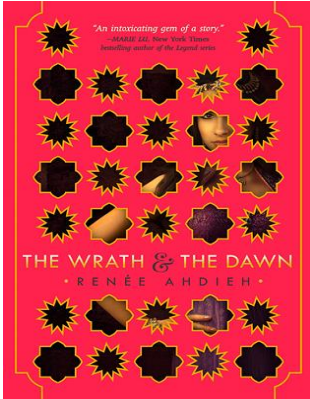
9780062215871: \$17.89, 2015

The Gaither sisters are traveling again, this time to visit Big Ma. Big sister Delphine narrates a story of family bonds tested through history in a voice that is sassy and responsible. A spot-on end to a remarkable trilogy.

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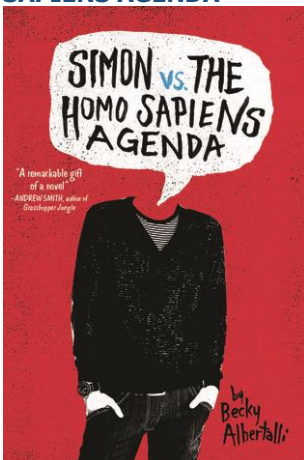
FOURTEEN AND UP

THE WRATH AND THE DAWN



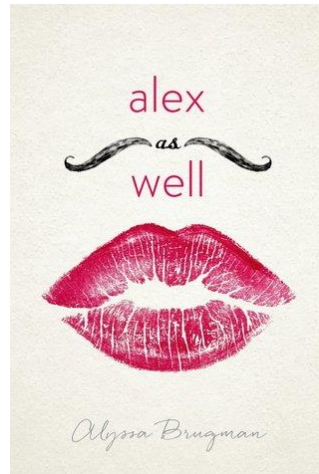
By: Renee Ahdieh
Penguin (Putnam) 9780399171611:
\$17.99, 2015
In an exquisite retelling of *One Thousand and One Nights*, Shahrzad volunteers to be the murderous Khalid's next bride in order to enact revenge for his murder of her best friend.

SIMON VS. THE HOMO SAPIENS AGENDA



By: Becky Albertalli
HarperCollins (Balzer + Bray)
9780062348678: \$17.99, 2015
Simon forgets to log off the school computer one day, unintentionally revealing his secret email romance and his so-far undeclared sexual orientation. An aggravating, funny and poignant story of self-discovery...and love.

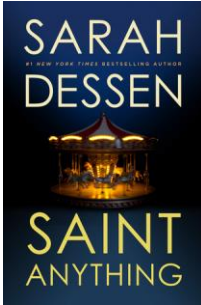
ALEX AS WELL



By: Alyssa Brugman
Macmillan (Henry Holt)
9781627790147: \$16.99, 2015
Alex, intersexed and raised as a boy, quits taking her meds in order to claim to her female side. The result: chaos within herself, her family and her school—and destructive sabotage by her mother. Alex's voice will draw readers into her pain, struggles and hope.

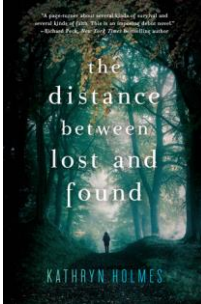
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SAINT ANYTHING



By: Sarah Dessen
Penguin (Viking)
9780451474704: \$19.99, 2015
Sydney's golden-boy brother has a serious run-in with the law, which fractures the family's dynamic. She finds respite with her new friend Layla and her family in this thoughtful novel from a perennial favorite.

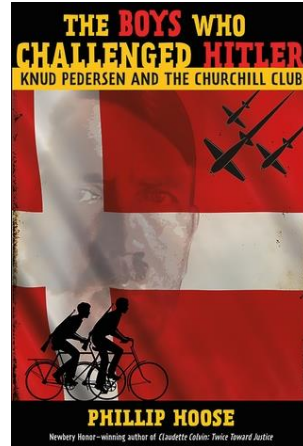
THE DISTANCE BETWEEN LOST AND FOUND



By: Kathryn Holmes
HarperCollins (Harper Teen)
9780062317261: \$17.99, 2015
Hallelujah (Hallie) reluctantly attends a church-sponsored spring camp where Luke, the pastor's son is a bullying liar. When Hallie and fellow campers are separated from the group and must find their way

to safety in the wilderness their attention turns to survival.

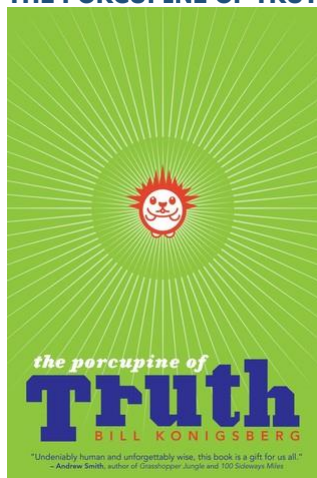
THE BOYS WHO CHALLENGED HITLER: KNUD PEDERSEN AND THE CHURCHILL CLUB



By: Phillip Hoose
Macmillan (Farrar, Straus & Giroux)
9780374300227: \$19.99, 2015
Knud Pedersen was a leader of the teenage resistance movement against the Nazi occupation of Denmark during WWII. Pedersen's own words from hours of interviews along with other primary sources offers readers a clear understanding of this little-told aspect of history.

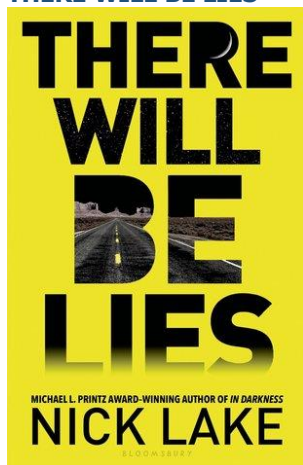
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THE PORCUPINE OF TRUTH



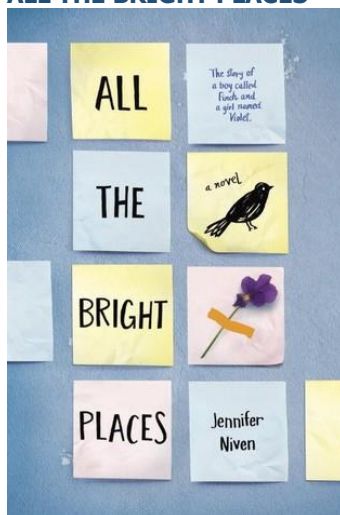
By: Bill Konigsberg
Scholastic (Arthur A. Levine)
9780545648936: \$17.99, 2015
Carson's summer away from New York in rural Montana, where his estranged father is dying, and on the road to discover family secrets with his new friend Aisha, offers laughs, tears and suspense.

THERE WILL BE LIES



By: Nick Lake
Bloomsbury
9781619634404: \$17.99, 2015
Just before Shelby is hit by a car a coyote tells her that there will be two lies, followed by the truth, which will be the hardest of all. A riveting combination of suspense and folklore.

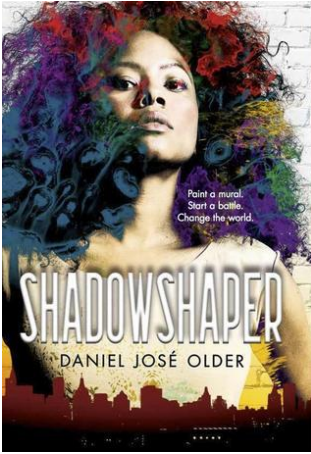
ALL THE BRIGHT PLACES



By: Jennifer Niven
Penguin (Anchor/Knopf/Random)
9780385755887: \$17.99, 2015
Violet Markey meets Theodore Finch at the top of their school's bell tower the day they were both planning on jumping off in this heartbreaking story about love, friendship and the powerful effects of mental illness.

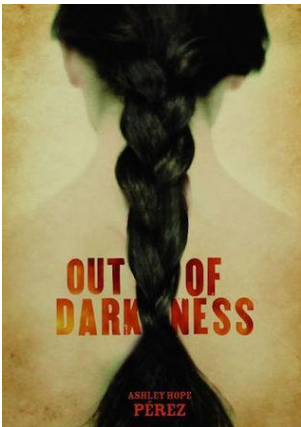
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SHADOWSHAPER



By: Daniel Jose Older
Scholastic (Arthur A. Levine)
9780545591614: \$17.99, 2015
Sierra has to come to grips with her own supernatural abilities and the magic in her Puerto Rican heritage when her community is targeted by an outsider seeking to steal the power and use their spiritual strength against them.

OUT OF DARKNESS



By: Ashley Hope Perez

Lerner (Carolrhoda)
9781467742023: \$18.99, 2015
A Mexican girl and an African American boy find love and acceptance with each other amidst the racism and other forces that seek to define them in 1937 East Texas.

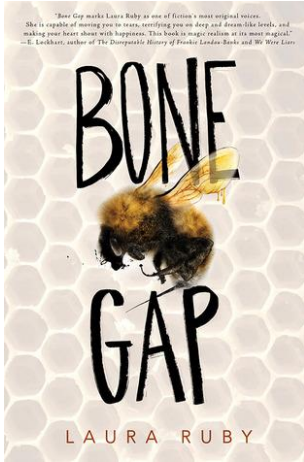
THE BOY IN THE BLACK SUIT



By: Jason Reynolds
Simon & Schuster (Atheneum)
9781442459502: \$17.99, 2015
Matt's desperate attempt to handle his grief after the death of his mother, leads him to take an unlikely afterschool job in a funeral home, where he tries to make sense of his own feelings as he observes the mourning of others.

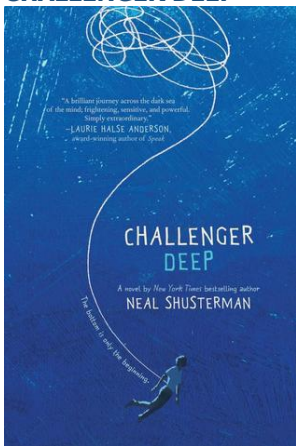
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BONE GAP



By: Laura Ruby
HarperCollins (Balzer + Bray)
9780062317605: \$17.99, 2015
Finn is the only witness to the abduction of his brother's girlfriend, but he can't properly describe the man who took her. Finn, already an outsider, becomes determined to find her in this strange, tense fantasy.

CHALLENGER DEEP



By: Neal Schusterman
HarperCollins
9780061134111: \$17.99, 2015
Caden goes to school and has a family, but he also lives on a pirate ship and is in danger. This stunning, rewarding book gives the reader a glimpse through the eyes of a boy suffering from mental illness.

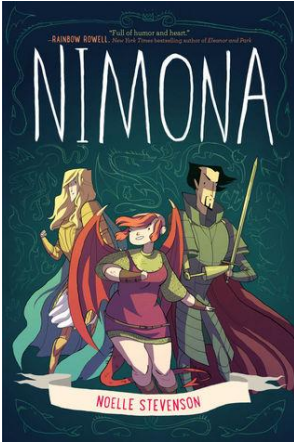
X: A NOVEL



By: Ilyasah Shabazz and Kekla Magoon
Candlewick
9780763669676: \$16.99, 2015
This vivid depiction of Malcolm X's life as a child and young adult follows him from the Great Depression to post World War II Harlem, as he moved from Lansing, Michigan, to Boston, Harlem and then returned to Boston, and prison.

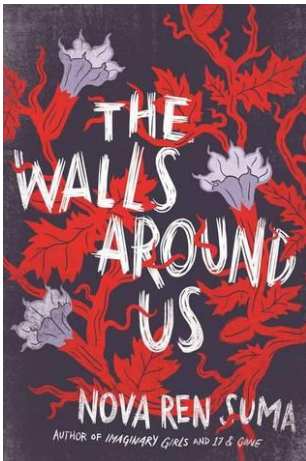
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NIMONA



By: Noelle Stevenson
HarperCollins (Harper Teen)
9780062278234: \$17.99, 2015
In a full-color webcomic turned graphic novel an energetic young shapeshifting villain joins on as sidekick for the misunderstood Lord Blackheart as they attempt to stick it to the corrupt Institution of Law Enforcement and Heroics.

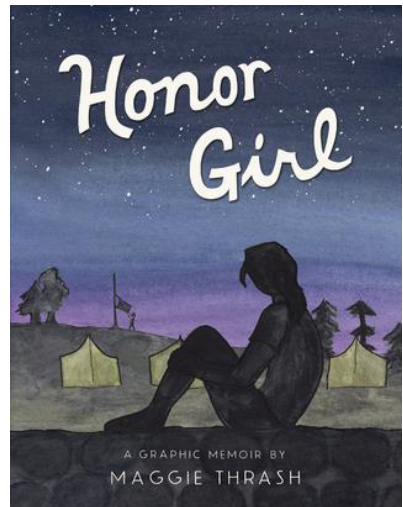
THE WALLS AROUND US



By: Nova Ren Suma

Workman (Algonquin)
9781616203726: \$17.95, 2015
Amber, locked up in a juvenile detention center, meets Ori, who was convicted of a murder she may not have committed in this examination of justice and class rendered in eerie, otherworldly prose with a touch of magical realism.

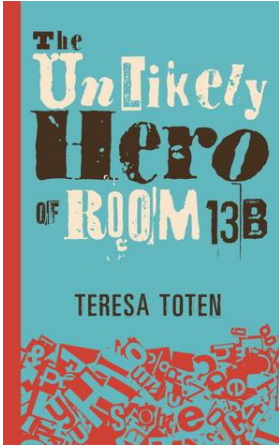
HONOR GIRL: A GRAPHIC MEMOIR



By: Maggie Thrash
Candlewick
9780763673826: \$19.99, 2015
As a young teen at a summer camp for well-to-do girls Maggie didn't expect to win the rifle badge, but she expected even less to fall for her female counsellor.

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THE UNLIKELY HERO OF ROOM 13B



By: Teresa Toten
Penguin (Delacorte /Random House)
9780553507867: \$17.99, 2015
When Robyn, a fellow OCD sufferer, joins Adam's support group, there is an immediate attraction. Despite the humor and levity that pervades this novel, Adam's OCD is spiraling out of control, and his desire to fix everyone's issues may backfire spectacularly.

HOLD TIGHT, DON'T LET GO



By: Laura Rose Wagner
Abrams
9781419712043: \$17.95, 2015
Life changes dramatically for cousins Magdalie and Nadine after the 2010 Haitian earthquake, with the loss of their Manman and their home in an emotional story of loss, change, survival and hope.

WE ALL LOOKED UP



By: Tommy Wallach
Simon & Schuster(BFYR)
9781481418775: \$17.99, 2015
Four very different characters find their lives intertwined in unexpected ways as an asteroid appears in the sky (and may be heading to a collision with the earth).

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EVERYTHING, EVERYTHING



By: Nicola Yoon

Abrams

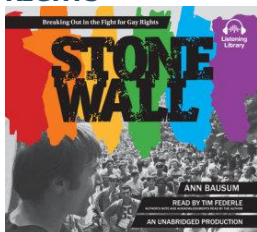
9780553496642: \$18.99, 2015

Falling in love with the boy next door sounds like a cliché but when you are Madeline, a girl “allergic to everything”, it becomes more complicated than that. Suddenly, Madeleine wants a life beyond the one she and her mother have fashioned.

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AUDIOBOOKS

STONEWALL: BREAKING OUT IN THE FIGHT FOR GAY RIGHTS

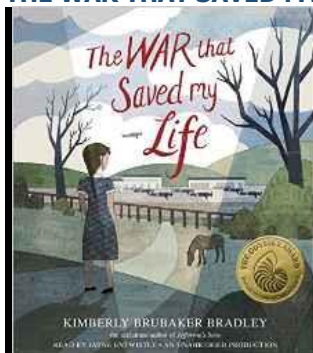


By: Ann Bausum
Narrator: Tim Federle
Penguin (Listening Library/Random House)

9781101925621: \$27.00, 2015

In June 1969 the Stonewall bar in New York's Greenwich Village was once again targeted by the police in an effort to harass the LGBT community. The ensuing riots marked the beginning of the coordinated push for LGBT rights. Federle's narration brings alive the zeitgeist of the era masterfully.

THE WAR THAT SAVED MY LIFE



By: Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
Narrator: Jayne Entwistle
Abrams

9780553556513: \$40.00, 2015

only knows her family's one room London flat and the occasional glimpse of the outside world through her window. When Hitler threatens to bomb London, she flees with her younger brother Jamie to the county. Entwistle moves brilliantly between regional and class dialects, emotions and actions, drawing the listener into the widening world of Ada and her brother.

THESE SHALLOW GRAVES



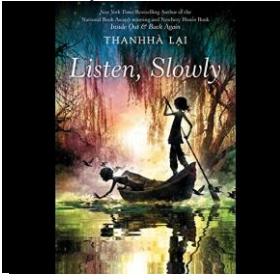
By: Jennifer Donnelly
Narrator: Kim Bubbs
Penguin (Listening Library/Random House)

9781101916247: \$60.00, 2015

Jo Montfort is a young woman in the 1890's who has it all—until her father is found dead of an apparent suicide. An unforgettable combination of romance, mystery, adventure and historical fiction, impeccably paced by Bubbs.

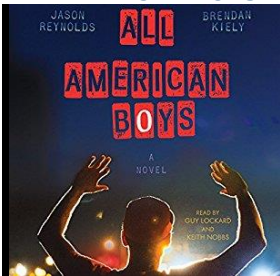
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LISTEN, SLOWLY



By: Thanhha Lai
Narrator: Lulu Lam
Blackstone Audio
9781481533218: \$29.99, 2015
Mai must accompany her grandmother to Viet Nam in search of information about the grandfather who disappeared in the Vietnam War. Alternately poignant and funny, we follow Mai as she discovers the beauty of Viet Nam and rediscovers the power found in her grandmother's stories. Lam embodies Mai maturing personality, grandmother's lyrical stories, and expertly weaves Vietnamese and English languages.

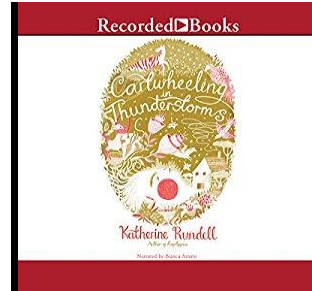
ALL AMERICAN BOYS



By: Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely
Narrator: Guy Lockard
Simon & Schuster
9781442398689: \$29.99, 2015
African-American teen Rashad is

accused of shoplifting and beaten by a white police officer his best friend Quinn, who is white, doesn't know how to react. He saw what happened, but does he have all the facts? Powerfully narrated in the voices of Rashad and Quinn.

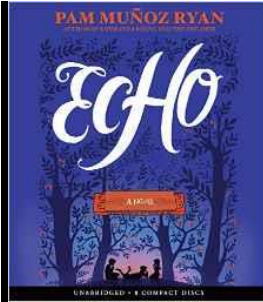
CARTWHEELING IN THUNDERSTORMS



By: Katherine Rundell
Narrator: Bianca Amato
Recorded Books
9781490664347: \$60.00, 2015
Will has grown up in Zimbabwe out in the bush with as much freedom as a child could want. With her mother already gone, her father's death wreaks havoc on her life and she is sent from Zimbabwe for London and a boarding school. Unhappy from the start, Will runs away to find a way to go back home. Bianca Amato brilliantly brings the strong-willed Will alive to listeners with all of the love she has in Zimbabwe and the unhappiness she finds in London.

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ECHO

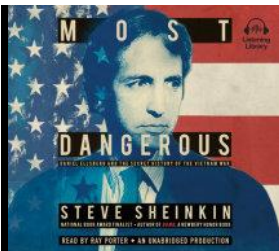


By: Pam Muñoz Ryan
Narrator: Mark Bramhall
Abrams

9780545788366: \$39.99, 2015

A harmonica connects three main stories set in Germany, Pennsylvania, and California during the WWII era. Music figures largely in the story and the audiobook format allows the music to be fully integrated. This audiobook takes an already strong novel to an even higher level.

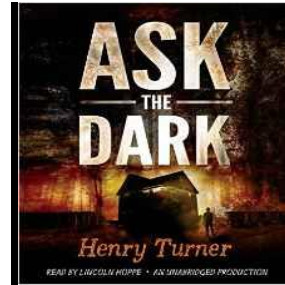
MOST DANGEROUS: DANIEL ELLSBERG AND THE SECRET HISTORY OF THE VIETNAM WAR



By: Steve Sheinkin
Narrator: Ray Porter
Penguin (Random House)
9780553552775: \$45.00, 2015
Daniel Ellsberg, a Pentagon employee, grew disillusioned with what he was learning about the US

involvement in the Vietnam War. The government was hiding the awful truth from the American public. Once he discovered Robert McNamara's treatise on what was really happening in Vietnam, Ellsberg must decide whether he should leak the document to the press. What he decides will change the course of history. Porter's purposeful tone throughout the narration affords the gravitas this spectacular non-fiction deserves.

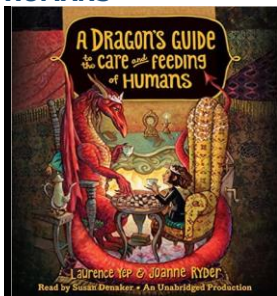
ASK THE DARK



By: Henry Turner
Narrator: Lincoln Hoppe
Abrams
9781101891384: \$35.00, 2015
When a young man's body is found by the river and a boy disappears, Billy Zeets, a troublemaker with a kind heart decides to investigate. Hoppe's narration of this riveting and suspenseful story is mesmerizing.

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A DRAGON'S GUIDE TO THE CARE AND FEEDING OF HUMANS



By: Laurence Yep and Joanne Ryder

Narrator: Susan Denaker

Abrams

9781101891582: \$30.00, 2015

The voice of curmudgeonly dragon Miss Drake is outstanding in this wonderful tale of magic, loss, and friendship. Despite different assumptions, Miss Drake thinks she has a new pet human while Winnie thinks she has a new pet dragon, a friendship is forged. Winnie is a talented artist whose drawings magically crawl off the page into an unsuspecting San Francisco. Will the two friends be able to corral the creatures? A great family listen.

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