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[Words with Wings](#) Penguin

A love letter from an Indigenous mother to her new baby Drawing from Indigenous creation stories and traditional teachings and illustrated in dazzling watercolors, *I Sang You Down from the Stars* is a tribute to the bond between mother and child. The narrator gathers gifts for a medicine bundle in anticipation of her baby's birth; a fluffy white eagle plume, bunches of cedar and sage, a quilted star blanket, and a small stone from the river. When the baby arrives, the mother shares the bundle with her child and reveals the importance of each item inside. But when her family comes to meet the new arrival, she realizes the baby arrived with gifts of its own and that the baby is also a sacred bundle: a baby bundle. Writing in simple, lyrical text, author Tasha Spillett-Sumner draws from her cultural heritage in order to celebrate Indigenous traditions and the universal nature of a mother's love.

[Locomotion](#) Astra Publishing House

When quiet sixth-grader Minnie gets a new language arts teacher who makes her think and ask hard questions, she is inspired to stand up for what she believes in.

[This Is Our Rainbow](#) Pushkin Children's Books

Drita, My Homegirl Penguin

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In this kids biography, discover the inspiring story of Nelson Mandela, who became the first black president of South Africa after spending 27 years in prison. In 1964, Nelson Mandela was sentenced to a lifetime in jail. His crime? Attempting to overthrow a government that openly discriminated against its black citizens. After spending 27 years behind bars, Mandela was released, allowing him to continue his struggle for equality in South Africa—and to become the country's first black president. In this biography book for kids ages 8-11, learn all about Mandela's incredible life, his fight against apartheid, and how he helped bring peace to his nation.

[Jazmin's Notebook](#) Delacorte Press

Get ready to roar with this updated edition of DK's beloved *Big Book of Dinosaurs*. Dinosaurs fascinate young children, and this colorful catalog of those mysterious creatures from the past will keep even toddlers entertained for hours. Children will love spotting and learning to name all the different dinosaurs—from the fierce, meat-eating Tyrannosaurus and the long-necked, plant-eating Diplodocus to the armor-plated Stegosaurus and the tiny, hen-sized Compsognathus.

*Twas The Night Before Thanksgiving* Abrams

The perfect graduation gift for future entrepreneurs! Part biography, part business how-to, and fully empowering, this book shows that you're never too young to dream BIG! With colorful portraits, fun interviews and DIY tips, *Girls Who Run the World* features the success stories of 31 leading ladies today of companies like Rent the Runway, PopSugar, and Soul Cycle. Girls run biotech companies. Girls run online fashion sites. Girls run environmental enterprises. They are creative. They are inventive. They mean business. Girls run the world. This collection gives girls of all ages the tools they need to follow their passions, turn ideas into reality and break barriers in the business world. INCLUDES: Jenn Hyman, Rent the Runway Sara Blakely, Spanx Emma McIlroy, Wildfang Katrina Lake, Stitch Fix Natasha Case, Coolhaus Diane Campbell, The Candy Store Kara Goldin, Hint Water Anne Wojcicki, 23andMe Rachel Haurwitz, Caribou Bioscience Nina Tandon, EpiBone Jessica Matthews, Uncharted Power Jane Chen, Embrace Emily N ú ñ ez Cavness, Sword & Plough Hannah Lavon, Pals Leslie Blodgett, Bare Escentuals/Bare Minerals Katia Beauchamp, Birchbox Emily Weiss, Glossier Christina Stembel, Farmgirl Flowers Mariam Naficy, Minted Maci Peterson, On Second Thought Stephanie Lampkin, Blendoor Sarah Leary, Nextdoor Amber Venz, RewardStyle Lisa Sugar, Pop Sugar Beatriz Acevedo, MiTu network Julie Rice and

Elizabeth Cutler, Soul Cycle Suzy Batiz, Poo-Pourri Tina Sharkey, Brandless Jesse Genet, Lumi Tracy Young, Plan Grid

[DKfindout! Energy](#) Delacorte Press

Return to L. Frank Baum's wonderful world of Oz with this illustrated children's book series. The Scarecrow, tiny Trot from California, and Benny (a living stone statue from Boston) encounter High Boy, whose telescopic legs and airy personality make him in every way the Giant Horse of Oz! High Boy himself is on an expedition with Herby the Medicine Man and little Prince Philador of the spectacular Ozure Isles, whose home has been threatened with utter destruction by a terrifying monster sea serpent. They all come together in a thrilling episode of Ozian history—which includes the discovery of the enchanted past of the wonderful Good Witch of the North, the very first person Dorothy met when she arrived from Kansas many years before. Praise for the Oz series "Where the young stay young and the old grow young forever—these books are for readers of all ages." —Ray Bradbury "The land of Oz has managed to fascinate each new generation. . . . The Oz books continue to exert their spell . . . and those who read [them] are often made what they were not—imaginative, tolerant, alert to wonders." —Gore Vidal

"I was raised with the Oz books, and their enchantment, humor and excitement remain with me. They are still a joy and a treasure. I welcome this Oz revival." —Stephen R. Donaldson

[No Talking](#) Harper Collins

Fourth grader Sara í Gonzalez can do anything. She can bake, dance, and run her own cupcake business. But when Sara í's grandparents are forced to move, even Sara í's not sure what to do. So she hatches a super-awesome plan with her younger sisters and cousin to buy back the house. Will Sara í find a way to save the day?

[I Lived on Butterfly Hill](#) Owlkids

"When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she's not a boy. She knows she's a girl. George thinks she'll have to keep this a secret forever. Then her teacher announces that their class play is going to be Charlotte's Web. George really, really, REALLY wants to play Charlotte. But the teacher says she can't even try out for the part . . . because she's a boy. With the help of her best friend, Kelly, George comes up with a plan. Not just so she can be Charlotte -- but so everyone can know who she is, once and for all"-- Drita, My Homegirl Knopf Books for Young Readers In this Coretta Scott King Author Honor Book, Children's Literature Legacy Award-winner Nikki Grimes explores though her celebrated poetry how a supportive teacher can be the key to unlocking a dreamer's imaginative power through creative writing. Gabby's world is filled with daydreams. However, what began as an escape from her parents' arguments has now taken over her life. But with the help of a new teacher, 'Gabby the dreamer' might just become 'Gabby the writer' and the words that once carried her away might allow her to soar. Written in vivid, accessible poems, this remarkable verse novel is a celebration of imagination, of friendship, of one girl's indomitable spirit, and of a teacher's ability to reach out and change a life. Coretta Scott King Author Honor book NCTE Notable Children's Books in the English Language Arts Kirkus Reviews Best Book [Giant Horse of Oz \(The Wonderful Oz Books, #22\)](#) Little, Brown Books for Young Readers The first LGBTQA+ anthology for middle-graders featuring stories for every letter of the acronym, including realistic, fantasy, and sci-fi stories by authors like Justina Ireland, Marieke Nijkamp, Alex Gino, and more! A boyband fandom becomes a conduit to coming out. A former bully becomes a first-kiss prospect. One nonbinary kid searches for an inclusive athletic community after quitting gymnastics. Another nonbinary kid, who happens to be a pirate, makes a wish that comes true—but not how they thought it would. A tween girl navigates a crush on her friend's mom. A young witch turns herself into a puppy to win over a new neighbor. A trans girl empowers her online bestie to come out. From wind-breathing dragons to first crushes, *This Is Our Rainbow*

features story after story of joyful, proud LGBTQA+ representation. You will fall in love with this insightful, poignant anthology of queer fantasy, historical, and contemporary stories from authors including: Eric Bell, Lisa Jenn Bigelow, Ashley Herring Blake, Lisa Bunker, Alex Gino, Justina Ireland, Shing Yin Khor, Katherine Locke, Mariama J. Lockington, Nicole Melleby, Marieke Nijkamp, Claribel A. Ortega, Mark Oshiro, Molly Knox Ostertag, Aisa Salazar, and AJ Sass.

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Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama. [Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great](#) Bloomsbury Publishing USA

Finalist for the National Book Award When Lonnie was seven years old, his parents died in a fire. Now he's eleven, and he still misses them terribly. And he misses his little sister, Lili, who was put into a different foster home because "not a lot of people want boys—not foster boys that ain't babies." But Lonnie hasn't given up. His foster mother, Miss Edna, is growing on him. She's already raised two sons and she seems to know what makes them tick. And his teacher, Ms. Marcus, is showing him ways to put his jumbled feelings on paper. Told entirely through Lonnie's poetry, we see his heartbreak over his lost family, his thoughtful perspective on the world around him, and most of all his love for Lili and his determination to one day put at least half of their family back together. Jacqueline Woodson's poignant story of love, loss, and hope is lyrically written and enormously accessible.

[Paper Wishes](#) Harper Collins

Returning to the beach cottage—a cottage named Scallop—where she has always celebrated her birthday is a special occasion for Alice Rice. Who will see the first dolphin this time? The first pelican? What will have changed? Stayed the same? And will this be the year she finally finds a junonia shell? Alice's friends are all returning, too. And she's certain her parents have the best party planned for her. Alice can't wait. If Alice is lucky, everything will be absolutely perfect. Will Alice be lucky?

[DK Life Stories Nelson Mandela](#) Penguin

School children on a field trip to Mack Nugget's farm save the lives of eight turkeys in this poem based on "The Night Before Christmas."

[Let Sleeping Dogs Lie](#) Penguin

When ten-year-old Drita and her family, refugees from Kosovo, move to New York, Drita is teased about not speaking English well, but after a popular student named Maxine is forced to learn about Kosovo as a punishment for teasing Drita, the two girls bond.

Simon and Schuster

It's 1888 and Bertha Benz's husband, Karl, has invented the prototype Benz motorwagen. But the German government declares the vehicle illegal, and the church calls it the devil's work. Unbeknownst to her husband, Bertha steals away with her two sons and drives nearly one hundred miles to prove just how amazing the motorwagen is. Bertha's mechanical savvy gets the boys to Grandma's house safely, and the remarkable mother/son road trip reduces global concern about moving vehicles.

[There Is a Tribe of Kids](#) Delacorte Press

Inspired by her brooding grandmother to strive for excellence in all things, resourceful 11-year-old Annie lies to her social worker and invents imaginative stories about her murdered father, until an escaped fugitive takes her family hostage, upending everything she thought she knew about herself, her family and their past. A first novel.

[My Name Is Not Isabella](#) Penguin

ALA Best Book for Young Adults · School Library Journal Best Book · Publishers Weekly Best Book · IRA/CBC Children's Choice · NCTE Notable Children's Book in the Language Arts A Vietnamese girl plants six lima beans in a Cleveland vacant lot. Looking down on the immigrant-filled neighborhood, a Romanian woman watches suspiciously. A school janitor gets involved, then a Guatemalan family. Then muscle-bound Curtis, trying to win back Lateesha. Pregnant Maricela. Amir from India. A sense of community sprouts and spreads. Newbery-winning author Paul Fleischman uses thirteen speakers to bring to life a community garden's founding and first year. The book's short length, diverse cast, and suitability for adults as well as children have led it to be used in countless one-book reads in schools and in cities across the country. Seedfolks has been drawn upon to teach tolerance, read in ESL classes, promoted by urban gardeners, and performed in schools and on stages from South Africa to Broadway. The book's many tributaries—from the author's immigrant grandfather to

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his adoption of two brothers from Mexico—are detailed in his forthcoming memoir, *No Map, Great Trip: A Young Writer's Road to Page One*. "The size of this slim volume belies the profound message of hope it contains."

—Christian Science Monitor And don't miss *Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices*, the Newbery Medal-winning poetry collection!

**Bertha Takes a Drive** Penguin

A unique novel comprised of a cycle of beautiful and mysterious fantasy folk tales which combine to tell an unforgettable story. This is a book like no other: a magical tapestry of folk tales, woven together to build a world that is as strange yet familiar as a half-remembered dream. It is an old world, a world of enchanted corn dollies and wild dances in poppy fields, a world of tricksters, lovers and fools.

Through this world, Greychild must journey in search of his mother: from the village of Brunt Boggart, down the treacherous Pedlar Man's track, all the way to distant Arleccra, a city of treasures and temptation. If you follow him, a part of you will never come back.