



Buzzworthy Announcements

March 2024

Reviews

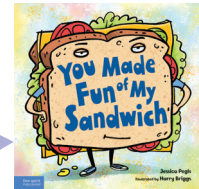


Dear Dad: Love, Nelson
by Margaret McBride
9781631986819

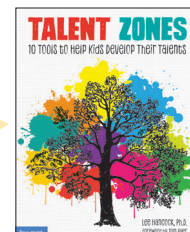
"Unreservedly recommended."
— Children's Bookwatch,
Midwest Book Review

You Made Fun of My Sandwich
by Jessica Pegis
9798765922538

"A delightful and heartwarming story that addresses the theme of teasing and the importance of understanding others."
—Kid's Picture Book Review



"*Talent Zones* provides a new perspective on developing talent and a growing a healthy frame of mind in children that leads to confidence and success."
— MiddleWeb



Talent Zones
by Lee Hancock
9781631986239

Awards

Dear Dad, Love Nelson (9781631986819) won the 2023 Black Kidlit People's Choice Award

Blurbs/Endorsements

Praise for *Hello, Beech Tree!* (9798885540377)

"Hello, Beech Tree! is the heartwarming story of how a community's love for their beech tree brings them together in collective activism. Come along with the Beech Class to witness the magic of what happens when young people unite in a fight to keep their community spaces beautiful, green, and joyful!" —Sagda Khalil, cofounder of indigenius teaching and learning

"A gentle, richly illustrated story that expresses to kids how the bonds we form with the natural world can deepen our notion of community and empower us to change things for the better." —Brian Muldoon, Brooklyn Public Library Children's Librarian

Features & Articles

Kara Ball, author of *50 Strategies for Teaching STEAM Skills* (9798885543392), wrote an article for MiddleWeb on [using failure as a tool to empower kids' learning](#). (February 5)

Pioneer Press featured *You Made Fun of My Sandwich* (9798765922538) and the *Everyday Adventures of Molly and Dyslexia* (*Molly's Great Discovery*, 9798885540254; *Molly Tells the World*, 9798885540285; *Molly Finds a Way*, 9798885540315) series [in their February 18th roundup of new books](#).

Rasha Hamid, author of *How to Bird* (9798885540346), wrote about [freedom dreaming in nonfiction writing](#). (February 7)

Updates & Highlights

Sometimes When I'm Worried (9781631987373) by Deborah Serani made the [CCBC Choices 2024 list, a best-of-the-year list](#) created by the librarians of the Cooperative Children's Book Center. (February 26)

New and upcoming 2024 Free Spirit Publishing titles can be found in the Publishers Weekly [spring 2024 children's preview issue](#) (February 5) and in the [fall 2024 children's sneak previews](#) (February 8).

Dominique's Thrifted Treasures (9798765924860) was included in the Black Children's Books and Author roundup of February 2024 children's and YA new releases. (January 19)

Mélina Mangal, author *Jayden's Impossible Garden* (9781631985904) and *Jayden's Secret Ingredient* (9781631986024), and Sarah Warren, another Minnesota children's book author, were part of [the Writer to Writer series, talking about their work](#). (January 31)

Interviews

Dragons on the Inside (And Other Big Feelings) (9781631985409) author Valerine Coulman was interviewed in [her local newspaper about her book being an Oregon Book Awards finalist](#). (January 28)

Mélina Mangal, author of *Jayden's Impossible Garden* (9781631985904) and *Jayden's Secret Ingredient* (9781631986024), was interviewed on [The Brown Bookshelf as a 28 Days Later day 12 honoree](#). (February 12)



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Events

February 28:

- Krista Weltner, author and illustrator of *Molly's Great Discovery* (9798885540254), school visit at Dallas Academy, Dallas, Texas.
- Krista Weltner, author and illustrator of *Molly's Great Discovery* (9798885540254), storytime and signing at B&N Prestonwood in Dallas, Texas.

February 29:

- Krista Weltner, author and illustrator of *Molly's Great Discovery* (9798885540254), school visit at St. James Episcopal School, Dallas, Texas.

March 1:

- Gabriella Aldeman, *Paula's Patches* (9781631987335), school visit at Freedom Hill Elementary, Fairfax, VA.

March 2:

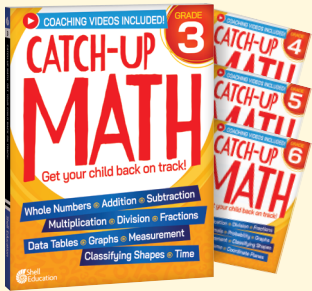
- *How to Bird* (9798885540346), storywalk at Audubon Center at Debs Park, Los Angeles, CA.

Influencers



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Now Available



Catch-Up Math

Grade 3	9798765971550
Grade 4	9798765970133
Grade 5	9798765970140
Grade 6	9798765970157



Quiet Violet Finds Her Voice (Hard Cover)
9798765924839

Noteworthy Backlist

May is Mental Health Awareness Month and in recognition of this important month, we've compiled [a catalog](#) of our titles that explore mental health themes in unique and realistic ways. Utilize our titles to create a compassionate and supportive world for those struggling with mental health.

Mental Health Titles for Year-Round Care



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