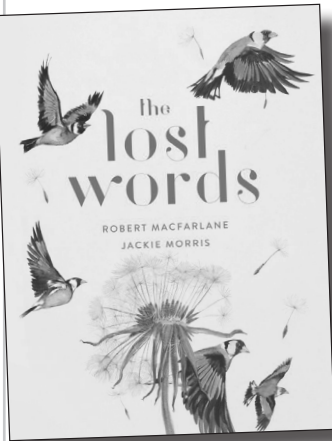




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In Celebration of Words

You can delete all of the vowels in a word and still get your message across in a phone text, but that's like eating junk food: the flavor is there, but the nourishment is negligible. I love the luxury of full words piecing together any type of narrative and, yes, I use punctuation in texts. I understand that the Oxford Junior Dictionary occasionally needs to cull some words to make way for newer trending words, but to think that the OJD

culled forty nature-related words to be replaced by modern tech words hurts my heart.

I would much rather know the definition of *otter* than the definition of *voice-mail*. I have no interest in learning the definition of *chat-room*, but I certainly want to know what a *conker* is. I want to revel in the glorious paintings of *kingfisher* and *wren*. Happily, Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris have devised a "spell book" of twenty discarded nature words. The goal is to bring them back to the forefront of our daily discourse using acrostic poetry and beautiful paintings. I plan to share this book with everyone I know, chant the nature spells, and keep the words circulating in my lexicon forever.

Words lost, words reclaimed,
words celebrated!

Collette, 2018

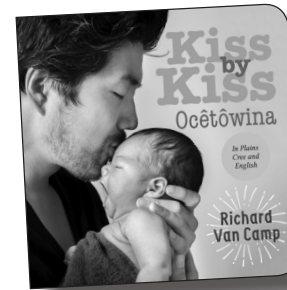
The annual Wild Rumpus Buyer's Guide is dedicated to our beloved Tom Braun, the creative visionary whose wit and intellect graced our guides and our store until Alzheimer's stole away his every word.



The Lost Words: A Spell Book by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris,
House of Anansi Press, \$35.00

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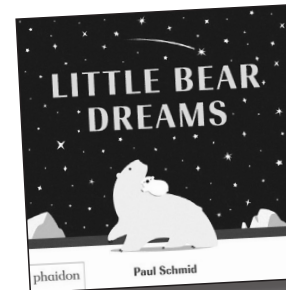


Kiss by Kiss/Ocêtwina
by Richard Van Camp,
Orca Book Publishers, \$9.95

Adorable babies sharing kisses with a rich range of family members sure does make for a beautiful board book. Count to ten with these small smoochers as they snuggle up with siblings, parents, and grands alike in a bilingual Plains Cree and English format. **Kristen**

Who Eats What? by Stephanie Babin, illustrated by Kiko, Twirl, \$12.99

Starting off in familiar places like the home and garden, then traveling to the jungle and savannah, we find out the answers to one of nature's most pressing questions: who eats what? With its bright illustrations and fun pull-tabs, little minds and hands will be delighted by this beautifully designed, engaging book. **Hannah**



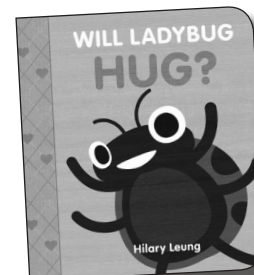
Little Bear Dreams by Paul Schmid,
Phaidon Press, \$17.95

Leave it to two adorable polar bears to make wintry landscapes cozy and inviting. Cuddle up with your favorite little human and discover the world of opposite delights making up little bear's dreams: hot chocolate and cold pizza, straight horizons and curly moustaches. Sure to be a bedtime favorite! **Kristen**

Will Bear Share?, Will Ladybug Hug?, and Will Sheep Sleep?

by Hilary Leung, Cartwheel Books, \$7.99 each

Some baby books pose rhetorical questions with very predictable answers. These board books dare to add an element of uncertainty! What about the toothbrush scene? The ice cream dropped on the floor? Questions of ethics and/or hygiene may arise. Each of the three titles in Leung's eye-catching series provides ample inspiration for baby's first philosophical exploration. **Collette**



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First Laugh—Welcome Baby!

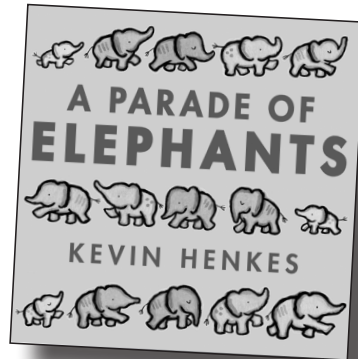
by Rose Ann Tahe and Nancy Bo Flood,
illustrated by Jonathan Nelson, Charlesbridge,
\$16.99

Bear with me—I'm a brand new Grandma. Craving books that depict babies and their grandparents, I discovered a gem in this story about a modern Navajo family. Love is expressed on every radiant page as each family member (including a

Grandma) attempts to elicit a giggle, which will trigger the joyful First Laugh Celebration formally welcoming the baby into the community. Many similar global traditions are listed in the end notes, creating a culturally-rich gift perfect for anyone wishing to welcome a new baby. **Carmelle**

A Parade of Elephants by Kevin Henkes,
Greenwillow Books, \$18.99

What could be so entrancing about one, two, three, four, five elephants marching? From front to back cover, nestled between endpapers of day and night, boldly lined but softly colored elephants play with words and spatial concepts just until their story is done. Round and round they go over page spreads—there is no fanfare to this parade, just careful craft to usher you sweetly into bedtime. Look to the stars trumpeted across the night sky; the reasons to love Kevin Henkes's newest picture book are infinite. **Jesse**

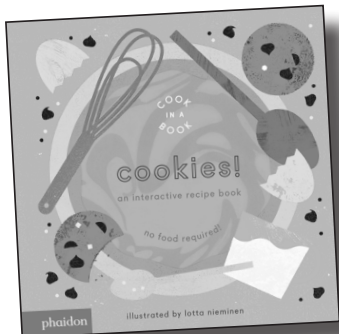


Cookies!: An Interactive Recipe Book

by Lotta Nieminen, Phaidon Press, \$16.95

It's here! The fourth in the delightful Cook in a Book series! A risk-free way to "cook" with your little one while following a simple recipe that can be used in real life, too. Pull on tabs to crack an egg or remove a cookie sheet from the oven, spin wheels to mix, and more! This book gives you a surprisingly realistic experience, while still charming readers with its whimsical illustrations and creative

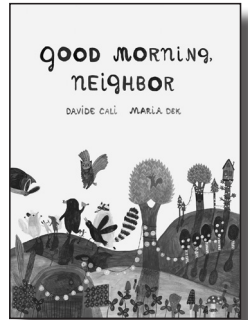
interactive elements. A fun gift for both aspiring little bakers and their grown-up counterparts! **Heather**



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Good Morning, Neighbor by Davide Cali and
Maria Dek, Princeton Architectural Press, \$17.95

It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood when an idea hatches in the mind of mouse. This idea needs an egg, but he doesn't have one. There are many "Good morning, neighbor," greetings with much sharing, adding, pitching in, and providing of ingredients. This is a joyous group of woodland friends! When it's time to eat cake, however, mouse is left out. "You didn't put in anything," said the other animals. Hmmm--just think about that. Any idea? Cali's tale and Maria Dek's artwork serve up the perfect recipe for sharing, with just a pinch of silliness on the side. **Ellen**



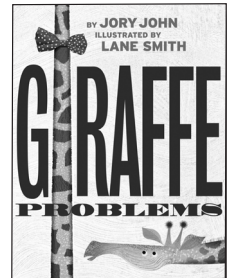
A Big Mooncake for Little Star by Grace Lin,
Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, \$17.99

Little Star loves the big, delicious mooncake she baked with her mama and placed in the sky to cool. But when she wakes from her sleep, what happens when she can't resist flying up for a little nibble? With illustrations as cozy and atmospheric as the night sky, Grace Lin creates

an immersive modern myth that explains the phases of the moon. **Kara**

Giraffe Problems by Jory John, illustrated by Lane Smith,
Random House Books for Young Readers, \$17.99

Edward the giraffe has a problem. It's a big problem. A loooooong problem. A spotted, hairy, not-easily-camouflaged problem. He's convinced that everyone around him sees it as a problem too, and he desperately wishes his problem would just go away. It's only when he meets a new friend with a different perspective and a longing for bananas that Edward realizes his problem might not be a problem after all. **Kristen**



Waiting for Goliath by Antje Damm, Gecko Press, \$16.99



How long would you wait for someone? Seasons pass and Bear waits faithfully at the bus stop. Robin casts doubt but Bear is not discouraged. The unmistakable "faint noise like a hand sliding slowly across paper" harkens the arrival of Goliath. Who is coming? And what could be sweeter than patiently passing the time until a best friend arrives? The scene is set; Damm's diorama-style images take friendship to new dimensions. So worth the wait. **Jesse**



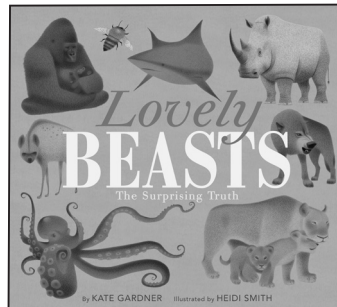
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Thank You, Omu! by Oge Mora,
Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, \$18.99

Omu (AH-moo, the Igbo word for 'queen') has made a delicious red stew to have for her evening meal. Oh, what a wonderful stew, so full of love and flavor! A stew so rich creates a marvelous aroma—but it's not just Omu who is anticipating this comforting treat. The smell has wafted down to the street, and soon—KNOCK KNOCK! One by one, dozens of neighbors come by Omu's door to get a taste of the marvelous red stew. Omu's generous heart gets the best of her, and soon her pot is as empty as her stomach. What is Omu to do? This is a beautiful tale of generosity, community, and the joy surrounding food. The ending is sure to warm your heart, just like a delicious bowl of Omu's rich red stew. **Heather**

Lovely Beasts: The Surprising Truth by Kate Gardner,
illustrated by Heidi Smith, Balzar + Bray, \$17.99

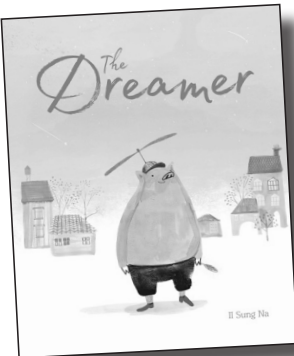
The animal world is often typecast: spiders are creepy, porcupines are prickly, and gorillas are fierce. But each of these beasts has other sides, too. Gorillas, for instance, enjoy napping and are gentle parents to their young. As we learn more about each creature, its illustration changes from a stark, black-and-white image to one with subtle colors and nuance. The message of this book is clear, but it's welcome and, indeed, lovely. **Katie**



The Dreamer by Il Sung Na, Chronicle Books, \$16.99

There once was a pig who loved to watch the birds. Day after day, he dreams of flying, and begins to create his own inventions to soar through the air, but to no avail. Pig soon learns that asking for help not only brings in valuable input, but also joyous community around a good idea. Will Pig be able to get his dream off the ground? Il Sung Na's soft illustrations give this book a true dream-like quality, as Pig works hard developing his idea over and over again, with

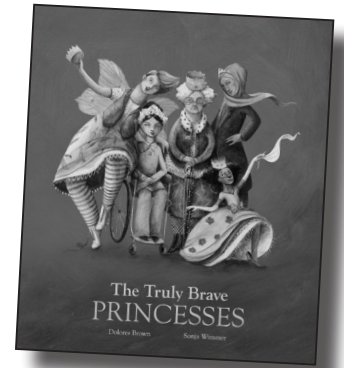
help from his friends. It celebrates the fact that, even if you have lofty and complicated dreams, sometimes the most simple of pastimes, like watching the birds, can be the most fulfilling. And—by the end of this book—who knows? Maybe pigs really will fly. **Heather**



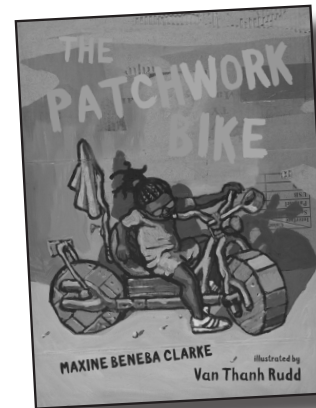
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The Truly Brave Princesses
by Dolores Brown and Sonja Wimmer,
Nubeocho, \$17.95

Skeptics, do not fret: finally, there are princesses all of us can look up to. Brown reconstructs our narrow definition of what it means to be a princess, proposing a new narrative of heroism. With the help of Wimmer's fluid and soulful illustrations, we meet a myriad of genuine role models, from firefighting gardeners to supermarket cashiers, all of whom fight their battles day by day. This gem is one of a kind in elegance and diversity. **Beth**



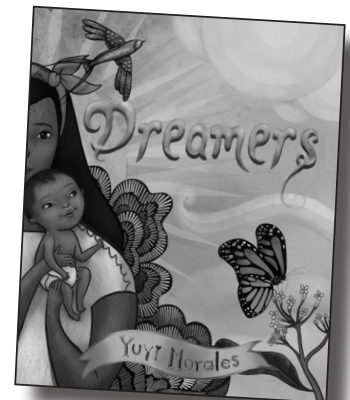
The Patchwork Bike by Maxine Beneba Clarke,
illustrated by Van Thanh Rudd, Candlewick Press,
\$15.99



At the edge of the no-go desert, under the stretching-out sky, imagination abounds. A dynamic girl's voice rings with pride and exuberance about the best thing in the village. Gather your crazy brothers and all you can find to build a bike from scratch. Clarke and Rudd collaborate on a world of possibility where you can only cheer for these engineers as they cruise bumpetty bump over sand hills, right through their mud-for-walls home and past their fed-up mum! Thick swaths painted over cardboard boxes vault you right into the homestyle fun of these spirited kids. **Jesse**

Dreamers by Yuyi Morales, Neal Porter Books, \$18.99

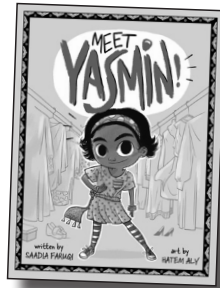
Bold and captivating. Morales vividly shares the story of her journey with her son from Mexico to the United States. Leaving her heart and language behind, she struggles to find a sense of home, until they stumble upon the place that conquers all fear: the public library. Five-time Pura Belpré winner Yuyi Morales vibrantly captures the pure wonder of discovery, saturating each word and image with a purpose. Your heart will soar as you realize this feeling of joy exists in all of us when we read. **Beth**



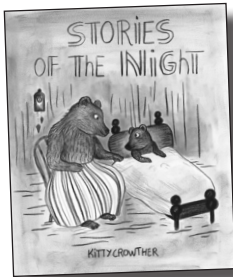
beginning readers

Meet Yasmin! by Saadia Faruqi, illustrated by Hatem Aly, Picture Window Books, \$5.95

Meet your new favorite second grader! Whether she's visiting the farmer's market with her mama or creating a fashion show with her nani, Yasmin is an adventurer and a problem solver. Hatem Aly's lively illustrations perfectly capture Yasmin's exuberant personality at school and at home with her family. Be sure to add this charmer to your beginning reader's bookshelf! **Katie**



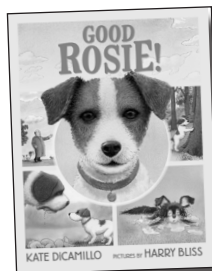
Stories of the Night by Kitty Crowther, Gecko Press, \$17.99



"Choose a star to lead you into tomorrow," Mother Bear whispers. But first Little Bear asks please, please, please for her to tell the three stories—their bedtime ritual. In the gloaming, an exquisite pink hue is cast over a nacreous fairy tale forest. The Night Guardian with her gong in hand, Zhora, the little girl with a sword, and Bo, the man in the big coat, are stars of their own cozy tales rendered with a dreamy moiré effect. Snuggle in with a bedtime book for the ages. **Jesse**

Ivy + Bean: One Big Happy Family by Annie Barrows and Sophie Blackall, Chronicle Books, \$14.99

After a dreadfully long five-year hiatus, Ivy and Bean are back! When Ivy is convinced that she must be spoiled (as are all only children, according to a classmate), she takes steps to become unspoiled. Giving away all of her clothes and her best headband just gets her in trouble, and she's not ready to part with her toys, so there's only one solution: a baby sister! Hilarious attempts to procure one make for an entertaining story for both new readers and the adults in their lives. **Drew**



Good Rosie! by Kate DiCamillo, illustrated by Harry Bliss, Candlewick Press, \$16.95

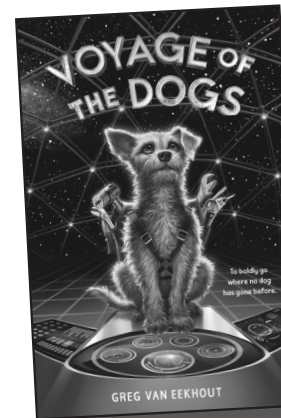
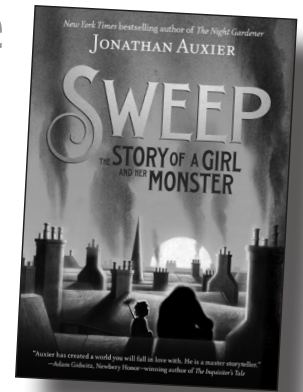
Rosie and George live a charmed life, measured out in poached eggs (George) and kibble in a big silver bowl (Rosie). When George goes out on a limb and proposes "something new," it means the dog park. Rosie is in turns slightly afraid, slightly growly, incredibly plucky, then a bit encouraged towards friendly cooperation as she learns how to make friends and have a great time

in the dog park. Spare language and exquisite cartoon panels propel the nine chapters, perfect for an emerging reader. BTW, George might make a friend or two as well. You be the judge. **Collette**

intermediate

Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster by Jonathan Auxier, Amulet Books, \$18.99

All chimney-climber Nan Sparrow has left of her beloved guardian, the Sweep, is a small lump of coal that has mysteriously stayed warm for the past six years. When she is caught in a life-threatening situation at the wrong end of a chimney fire, the coal roars to life and reveals itself to be a Golem, a legendary protector from Jewish folklore. Together, Nan and her monster create a life for themselves in an abandoned mansion, surviving the harsh realities of Victorian London. Exuberantly joyful and deeply bittersweet, *Sweep* is a tribute to the power of friendship and family. **Hannah**



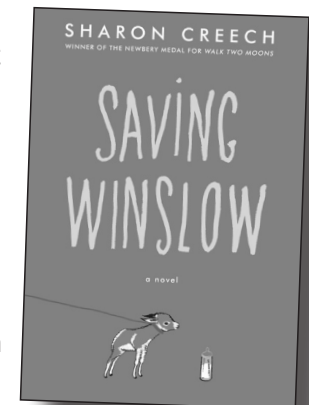
Voyage of the Dogs by Greg van Eekhout, HarperCollins, \$16.99

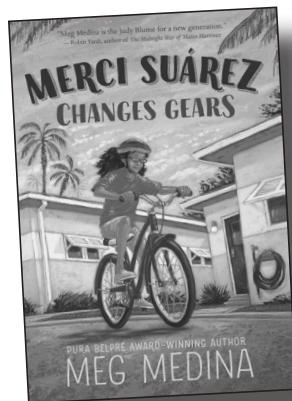
Lopside, Champion, Bug, and Daisy are a talented crew of canines. When their expedition to another solar system goes awry and they are separated from their humans, the Barkonauts must use their combined skills and strengths to stay calm and complete their mission. At turns funny, heartwarming, wise, and so suspenseful I tried to read with my eyes closed, this thrilling space adventure keeps you turning pages until Lopside and friends are safe at last.

Good dogs! **Katie**

Saving Winslow by Sharon Creech, HarperCollins, \$16.99

A story to melt the hearts of even non-animal-loving readers! Life at home hasn't been as bright since Louie's big brother left to join the Army. But when a newborn mini donkey arrives, things change. Louie has always had a soft spot for small animals in need of help, but hasn't always had the best of luck. He is determined to nurse Winslow back to health, despite the doubts of friends and family. Possessed with unwavering optimism, unfaltering faith in others, and a big heart, Louie is an inspiration and example to all in this heartwarming story. **Stacy**





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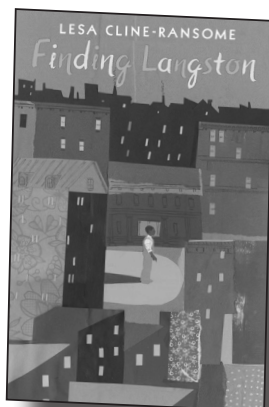
Merci Suárez Changes Gears by Meg Medina, Candlewick Press, \$16.99

Merci Suárez knows there is no manual for navigating the changes that come with starting sixth grade. New teachers and classes are daunting, and who knows what it means when a boy says he “maybe likes” someone? In the past Merci always depended on her extended family for guidance, but this year her beloved grandfather’s erratic behavior signals changes at home that leave Merci more confused than ever.

This powerful coming-of-age story celebrating the strength of family rings true. **Kristen**

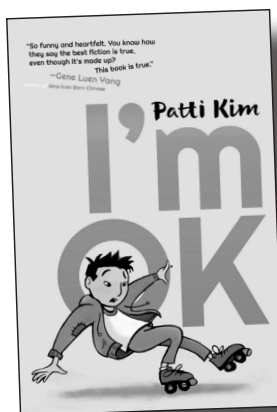
Finding Langston by Lesa Cline-Ransome, Holiday House, \$16.99

It’s 1946, and Langston and his father have just moved to Chicago from Alabama shortly after his mother died. The city moves quickly, his classmates bully him for being too country, and while he misses his mom, he also misses his grandma and the beauty and calm of the south. When he stumbles upon a library and discovers that black residents are welcome, things begin looking up. He discovers the poetry of Langston Hughes and what he finds within those poems is unexpected and comforting. A beautifully written story of steadfastness and faith. **Stacy**



I’m Ok by Patti Kim, Atheneum Books for Young Readers, \$16.99

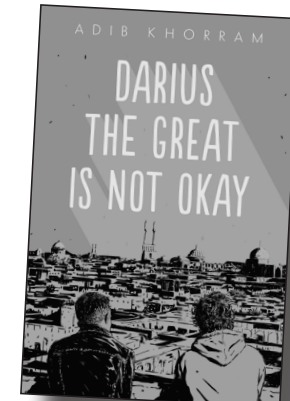
After Ok Lee’s father dies in a construction accident, Ok (pronounced like “pork” without the *p* or the *r*) feels pressure to help his overworked mother with the bills and to keep his Korean father’s American dream alive. A series of get-rich-quick schemes (a hair braiding business, tutoring his one-time bully, and a school talent show with a cash prize) meet with little to no success, but do lead to some unlikely but important friendships. As Ok struggles with grief, his mother’s new relationship, and feeling misunderstood at school, he strays down morally dubious paths, but manages to find his way again with help from his new friends. Funny and touching. **Drew**



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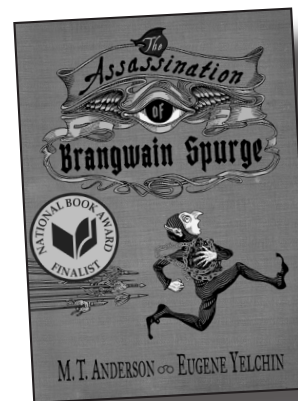
Darius the Great is Not Okay by Adib Khorram, Dial Books, \$17.99

Darius always feels inadequate, especially around his dad, with whom he experiences High Level Awkward Silences. Darius is a Fractional-Persian; his mother is Iranian and he calls his father an Audi-driving Teutonic Übermensch. Darius fears he will feel even more out of place when his family visits Iran because he can’t speak Farsi, takes medication for his clinical depression, and knows more Hobbit social cues than Persian ones. But things begin to change when Darius befriends Sohrab, who makes even the longest silences comfortable. Hilarious, heartbreaking, and honest, this book is the perfect companion for a cup of tea. **Kara**



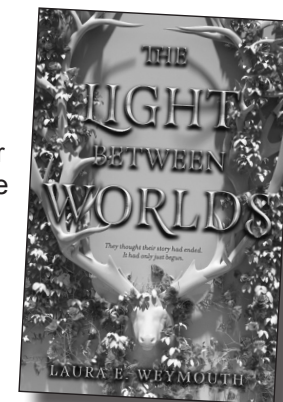
The Assassination of Brangwain Spurge by M.T. Anderson and Eugene Yelchin, Candlewick Press, \$24.99

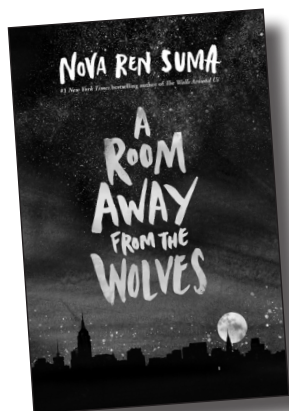
How do goblin and elfin kingdoms begin to make peace after centuries of bloodshed and war? By catapulting an elf with a gift (inside a barrel) into the heart of the goblin capital, of course—just don’t tell anyone that he’s a spy. Clever text and sharp illustrations follow the adventures of Brangwain Spurge the elf and his goblin host Werfel as they struggle with the truth of their shared history, how to unite a kingdom, and goblin table manners. **Kristen**



The Light Between Worlds by Laura E. Weymouth, HarperTeen, \$17.99

While hiding in a bomb shelter, Evelyn closed her eyes and wished she were anywhere but in a war zone. Her wish was granted, and the three Hapwell siblings were whisked away to a magical world, which became their home...for a while. After returning to their own world, Ev, Phillipa, and Jamie struggle to find a place for themselves in post-World War II Britain. Divided into two narratives, life in the Great Wood and life after the children’s return, this book mixes memory with reality as it investigates the costs of war and poses the question: what does it mean to be home? **Paige**





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A Room Away from the Wolves

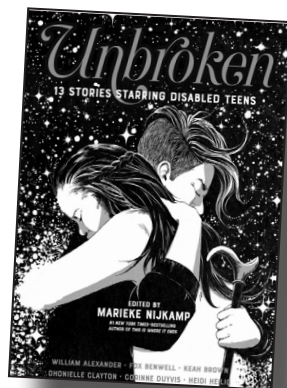
by Nova Ren Suma, Algonquin Young Readers, \$18.95

When Bina flees family turmoil for the Manhattan boardinghouse her mother once called home, she discovers that the building and its tenants harbor sinister secrets involving a hidden grave, an ominous curfew, and an eerily watchful photograph over the mantle. In the heat of a New York City summer, Bina works to decipher the truths buried within the house's walls and her mother's past, only to learn that the darkest truth of all may be the one she's keeping from herself. In her signature lyrical style, Nova Ren Suma renders a haunting meditation on women's relationships with each other and themselves, one that will leave readers untangling its many knots long after they turn the final page. **Leigh**

Unbroken: 13 Stories Starring Disabled Teens

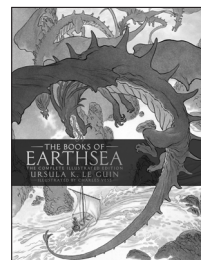
edited by Marieke Nijkamp, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, \$17.99

There just aren't enough books featuring people with disabilities, so this anthology is noteworthy by design. More than noteworthy, however, it is a marvelous, wide-ranging collection, filled with characters who are intriguing, complex, emotional, and true. Told in the authentic voices of authors living with their own disabilities, these tales of friendship, love, struggle, and triumph will resonate with all teens. This is what representation looks like. **Katie**



Seafire by Natalie C. Parker, Razorbill, \$18.99

Sisterhood is alive and well in this action-packed first installation of the feminist pirate trilogy you never knew you wanted. Caledonia Styx, the young captain of the all-female crew of the Mors Navis, must navigate the waters controlled by tyrant Aric Athair and his fleet of Bullet ships as she seeks to avenge the deaths of her family and protect her sisters of the sea. A thrilling adventure that will affirm your love for the women who surround you. **Kara**



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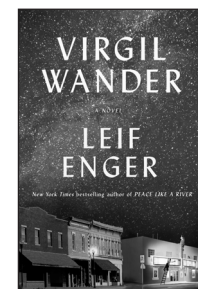
The Books of Earthsea: The Complete Illustrated Edition

by Ursula K. Le Guin, illustrated by Charles Vess, Saga Press, \$59.99

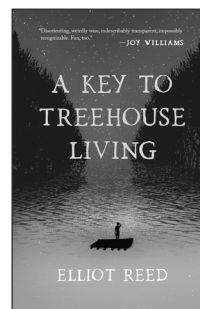
Whether you're well-acquainted with the world of Earthsea or are visiting for the first time, the 50th anniversary omnibus edition of Le Guin's classic fantasy series is a must-own. Immerse yourself in a realm where magic springs from truth, names hold great power, and dragons are capable of far more than breathing fire. Handsome new illustrations, personally selected by the author, will further engage your imagination along the way. **Rachel**

Virgil Wander by Leif Enger, Atlantic Monthly Press, \$27.00

A host of characters makes for a most colorful tale of life in hard-times Greenstone, MN. Virgil Wander, proprietor of the failing Empress Theater, takes the ride of a life in his old Pontiac as he plunges over a cliff into the frigid lake below. Barely surviving, Virgil finds a new path in life—a rebirth, if you will. Because of the friends he never knew he had, the “soft old heads-down” version of Virgil is on extended leave, discovering new roads. Come along for the ride! Amen. **Ellen**



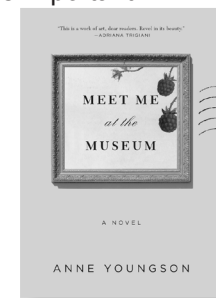
A Key to Treehouse Living by Elliot Reed, Tin House Books, \$19.95



In a story for the literature lover you know, William Tyce gifts us with a glossary of his young life. From ABSENCE to JELLYBEANS, each entry is a puzzle piece introducing and developing key figures in his story: a gambling uncle, a balloon-chasing best friend, and a missing father. Follow Will as he grows up and embarks on a journey downriver to find his father. The tale woven throughout is built through clear-eyed prose and the startling and earnest insights of its protagonist. Through it all, William learns of the power language has to shape and define the world around him. **Paige**

Meet Me at the Museum by Anne Youngson, Flatiron Books, \$23.99

Dear Tina, Dear Kristian... their letters share all that seems important when “the time ahead and the time behind is more or less in balance.” Theirs are thoughts of plans never fulfilled. And yet, we readers are comforted in the elegance of their penned correspondence. (Aren't we all in need of someone we care for?) The museum is open every day. As curator of the museum, Kristian invites Tina to “please come!” Join in on this memorable romance between two strangers, one from East Anglia, the other from Denmark. There is an enormity in the might-have-been! **Ellen**



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Everything & Everywhere: A Fact-Filled Adventure for Curious Globe-Trotters

by Marc Martin, Chronicle Books, \$18.99

Looking for a global adventure this holiday season? Allow Martin's stunning watercolor illustrations to transport you to the streets of Hong Kong, New Delhi, Moscow, Reykjavik, and more. Explore the millions of vending machines of Tokyo, the stray cats of Cairo, and the botecos of Rio

de Janeiro. An informative, funny, vibrant, and curiosity-satisfying gift for people of all ages! **Kara**

We Travel So Far... by Laura Knowles and Chris Madden, Firefly Books, \$19.95

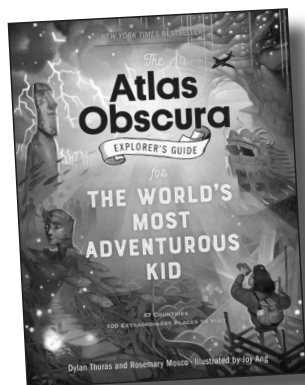
In this fascinating introduction to animal migration around the globe, mesmerizing illustrations and poetic language let us see and hear the movement of wildebeests, European eels, and monarch butterflies as they travel by land, sea, and sky. In the end, we consider the most migratory of all creatures—people—and ask why we, too, undertake amazing journeys. Less a comprehensive encyclopedia than an engaging point of departure, this book is sure to captivate naturalists both young and old. **Katie**



The Atlas Obscura Explorer's Guide for the World's Most Adventurous Kid

by Dylan Thurais and Rosemary Mosco, illustrated by Joy Ang, Workman Publishing, \$19.95

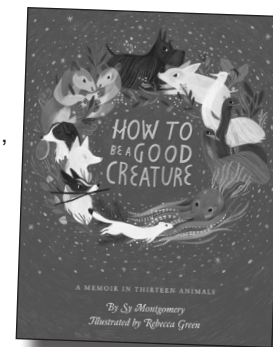
Calling all adventurers and seekers of the mysterious and unexplained: have we got the perfect guide for you! Travel the world and discover places and phenomena you've never heard of—sometimes near your own home town! From the creators of *Atlas Obscura* comes the wonderful young explorer's edition by the same name. It's easy to lose yourself in Joy Ang's luscious illustrations, depicting dozens of bizarre occurrences and beautiful mysteries, both natural and man-made. Want to learn about a cave full of crystals that weigh more than ten elephants? Or a lake full of skeletons? How about a place called Snake Island? This book has got you covered. Put on your explorer's hat and get reading! **Heather**



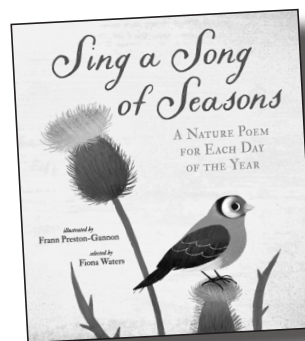
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How to Be a Good Creature: A Memoir in Thirteen Animals by Sy Montgomery, illustrated by Rebecca Green, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$20.00

Acclaimed nature writer Sy Montgomery relates thirteen pivotal moments in her life's journey, each viewed through the lens of a significant animal encounter, ranging from terrier to emu to octopus. Her sense of awe and devotion are infectious and the accumulated result is a sincere but never simplistic sojourn inside "the wildness that keeps us sane and whole, the wild, delicious hunger for life." With magnificent two-color design and lush, playful illustrations by Rebecca Green, this is a heartwarming and tactile treasure for critter-lovers and anyone seeking effective relief from despair and irony. **Theo**



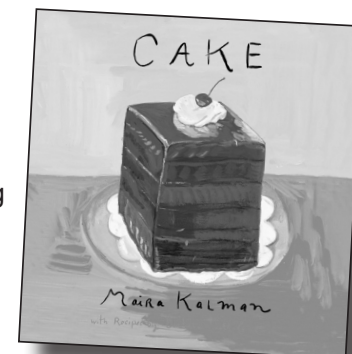
Sing a Song of Seasons: A Nature Poem for Each Day of the Year selected by Fiona Waters, illustrated by Frann Preston-Gannon, Nosy Crow, \$20.00



Each holiday season, I try to find a gift that might be appreciated long beyond the holidays. This year, it's this massive and elegant collection of poetry. A perfect family gift, a lovely tradition and a challenge: who can memorize a poem a week? A month? What if each person in your family could take a turn bringing the day's poem to the dinner table—to be read aloud, or better still, recited from memory! Learning a poem 'by heart' is infinitely more satisfying than memorizing passwords or numbers, and it engages the heart and the brain in a philosophical question and answer period. That said, I need to go brush up on my Robert Frost: "Two roads diverged in a yellow wood..." **Collette**

Cake: A Cookbook by Maira Kalman, with recipes by Barbara Scott-Goodman, Penguin Press, \$25.00

Kalman's is a jewel of a cake book! Hers is full of homemade pleasures for any occasion whether it be a "let's celebrate!" or a "something sweet to soothe a soul." Flour, butter, sugar, eggs, stories, and art are all folded in with care. Sweet memories of baking and frosting with kids is such a simple delight. And serving cake almost becomes a holy event—"I made this for you!" As food writer Barbara Scott-Goodman says, "Welcome to Cake." **Ellen**



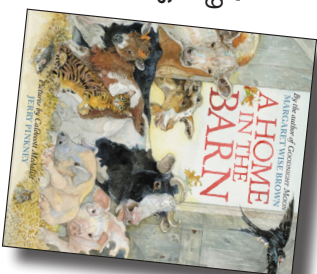
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A Home in the Barn by Margaret Wise Brown,
illustrated by Jerry Pinkney, HarperCollins, \$17.99

In the high heat of summer, nobody wants to be in the barn. The dust hangs in the air and lodges in nostrils, and the flies are merciless. But as the weather changes, the pasture grass passes its prime, and the wind bites a little, it seems like a great time to go inside. "Outside in the cold/ Hear the wind rattle/ Come to the barn/ Keep warm with the cattle." Margaret Wise Brown's simple statements are the rigging for the full sails that are the glorious paintings of Jerry Pinkney. As things go slightly askew in our society, I can think of nothing finer than to come home to a barn and listen to the sounds of animals eating, exclaiming and co-existing in a warm communal space. Food, water, shelter, and books are what I wish for everyone! **Collette**



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