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When was the last time you watched a child learn to read?

**It's absolute magic.** In the course of a few months, kids go from knowing the names of the letters, to cracking the code and fluently reading sentences.

Xist Publishing is a family business that's had the honor of bringing books to **millions of children** in the last year. Every day, kids lay the foundation for a lifetime love of reading with one of our books. Babies and toddlers build language awareness with our Discover Series. Preschoolers snuggle during story time with one of our beautiful picture books. And kids—our kids and yours are learning to read!

It's a delight to serve children with charming and classic stories designed to ground them in reality and elevate their imaginations to new heights. We hope you enjoy our new books and check out some of our reader favorites!

May your days be filled with stories and the joy of watching a child learn to read!

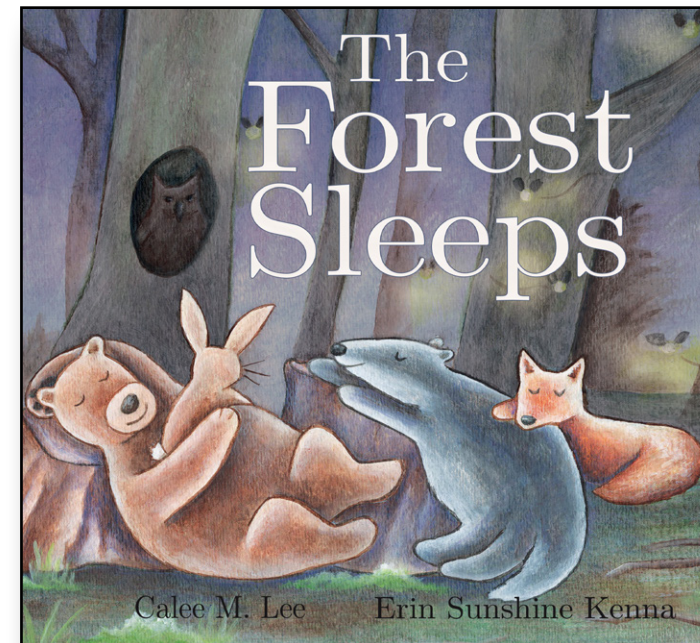


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# The Forest Sleeps



**Calee M. Lee**

illustrated by **Erin Sunshine Kenna**

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## Goodnight Forest!

The forest is a busy place at bedtime but don't worry- before the book is done, little readers will help get everyone get to sleep. Each spread features a different animal family, preparing for bedtime. As bears settle down, foxes snuggle up and beavers tuck in, children will say "sleep tight" to all the forest animals in this gentle and lilting bedtime story.

"The illustrations and repetition make this an excellent choice for storytime. Little ones can have fun saying goodnight to all the critters of the forest." —*Leanne Milliman, Librarian*

The bears settle down in their cave.



Sleep tight, bears.

# Twas the Night Before Christmas



**Clement C. Moore**

illustrated by **Sofia Sita**

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**The Christmas Classic in it's Original Text with Cute New Illustrations**

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Children will be delighted to snuggle in for story time on Christmas Eve and wait for their own visit from Santa Claus after reading this book.



# Snow on Martinmas



written & illustrated by **Heather Sleightholm**

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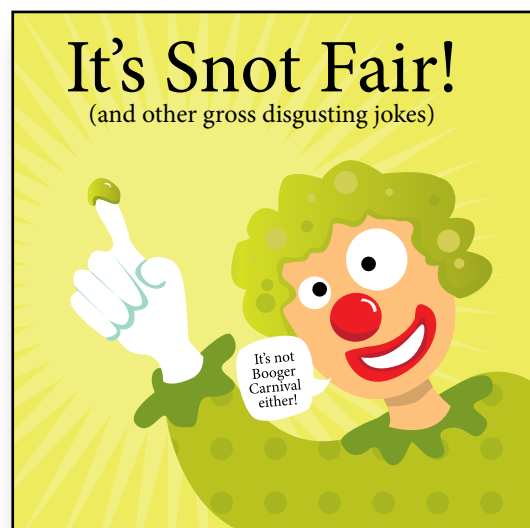
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**Folk History Comes to Life**

Light the lanterns and roast the goose! It's Martinmas! A grandmother shares the history of a special day with her grandchildren in this charming story about the origins of Martinmas, celebrated on November 11th.

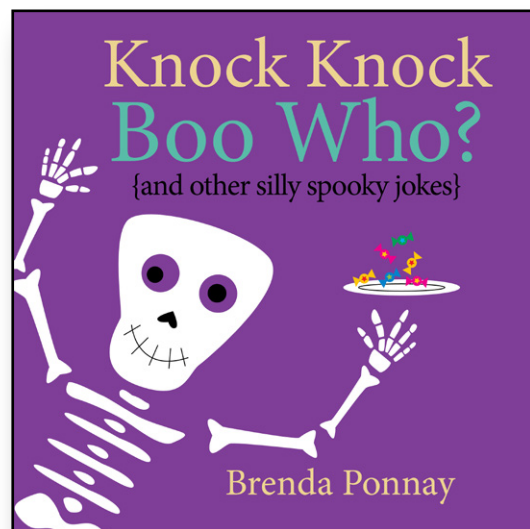




## It's Snot Fair!

and other gross & disgusting jokes  
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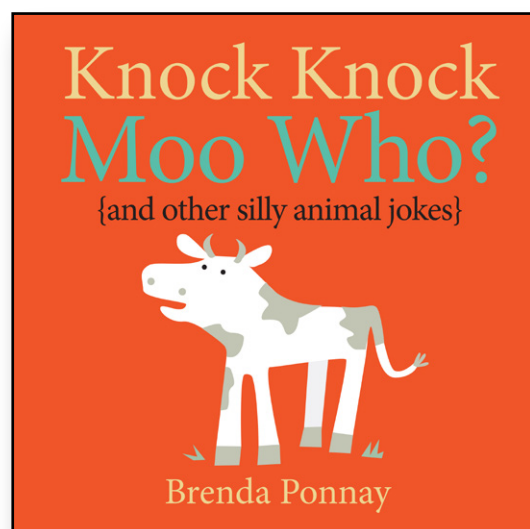
*What's invisible and smells like a carrot?  
 Bunny Farts!*  
 Burps, farts, boogers, and other bodily functions take center stage in this collection of illustrated jokes sure to be adored by the preschool through early elementary set.



## Knock Knock Boo Who?

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*Knock Knock. Who's there? Howl. Howl Who?  
 Howl I know you're not a monster?*  
 Brenda Ponnay is back with a collection of slightly spooky illustrated knock knock jokes that are sure to be read and repeated over and over again.



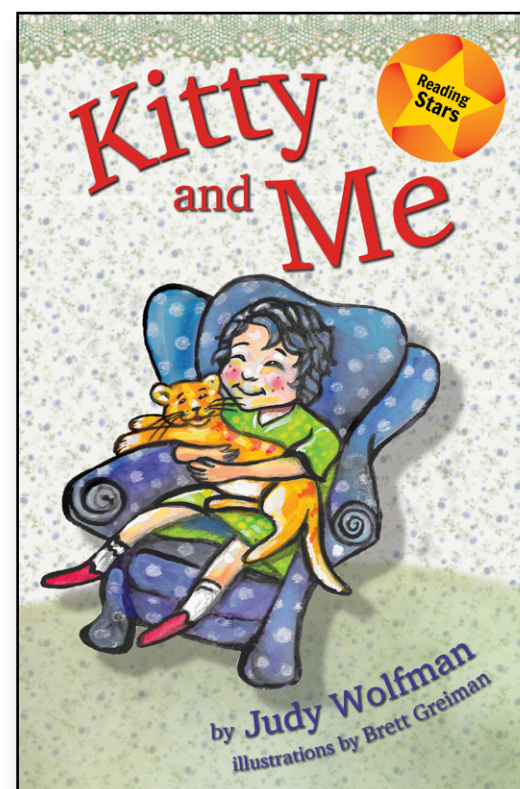
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*Knock Knock. Who's there? An interrupting cow.  
 Interrupting Cow-- Moo!*  
 Silly knock knock jokes are paired with Brenda Ponnay's bright and fun illustrations in this wacky, funny picture book for preschoolers and up.

# Every Child Can Be A Reading Star

Reading Star books are for kids at the very beginning of a lifetime love of reading. Each book features less than 50 words and uses repetition to build confidence. A word list at the back and reading readiness ideas for parents and caretakers help make it easy for kids to take their first step into reading independently.



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Kitty loves to play with her friend, her ball, but not the dog in this easy reader. Large, bright illustrations provide reading clues in this sweet story about a girl and her cat.



## I am a Pink Pig

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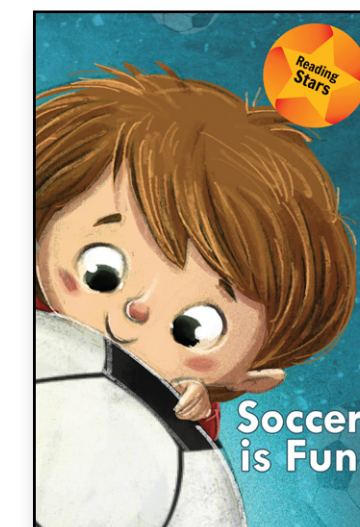
The pig is pink. Got it? Don't get tricked in this funny beginning reader featuring a pink, pink pig.

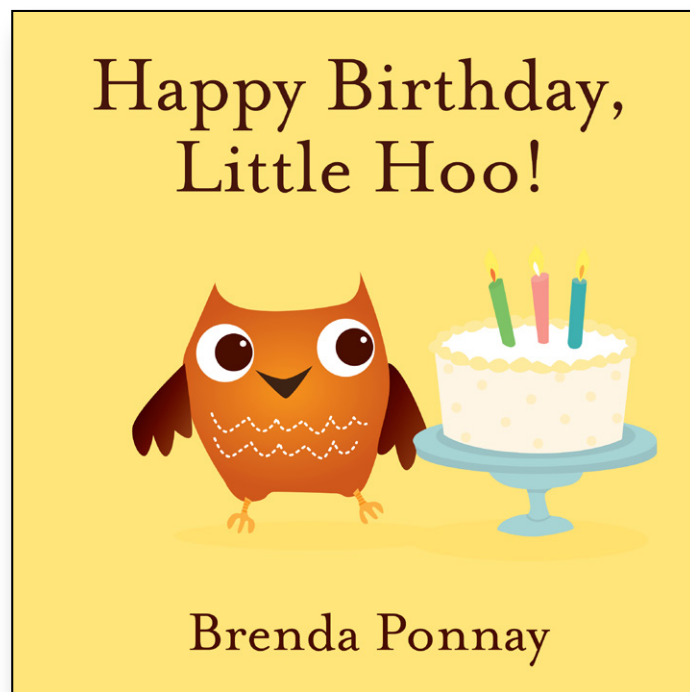


## Soccer is Fun

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Do you know what is fun? Soccer is fun! It is fun to play soccer but it is also fun to read about it in this book.





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### Birthday & Counting Fun

Little Hoo is back and it's time to celebrate his birthday! The delightful little owl has a new book and can't wait to share it. Actually, Little Hoo can't wait for his birthday so his patient parents help him count down the days. A perfect book for a birthday boy or girl who can't wait to celebrate.



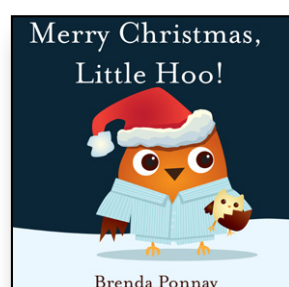
### More Little Hoo Books



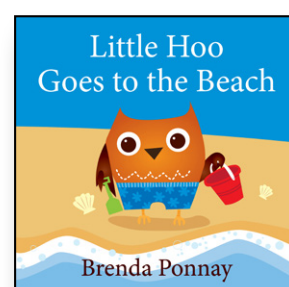
**Who's There, Little Hoo?**  
 Brenda Ponnay  
 Little Hoo is a little bit nervous when there's a knock at the door on Halloween night.  
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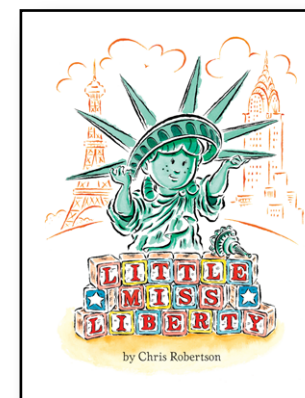


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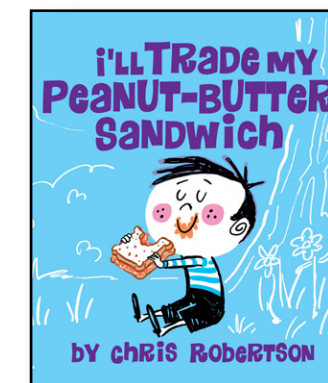
It's a beautiful day for a yellow umbrella! Bright illustrations accompany a little girl on her dreamy day with a yellow umbrella.



## I'll Trade my Peanut Butter Sandwich

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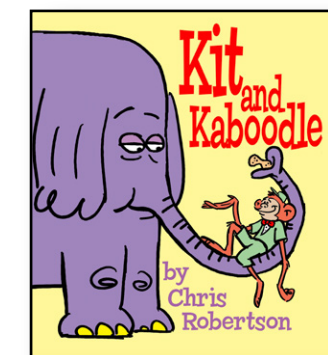
A boy makes a series of outrageous trades, beginning with a peanut-butter sandwich and ending with the universe.



## Kit and Kaboodle

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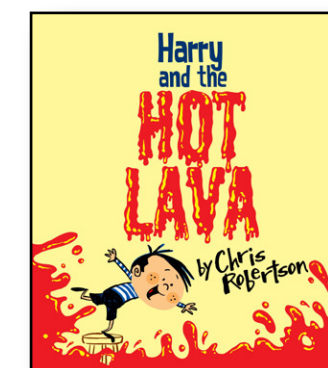
The monkey wants a peanut and will try everything he can to get one from the elephant... except using his manners.

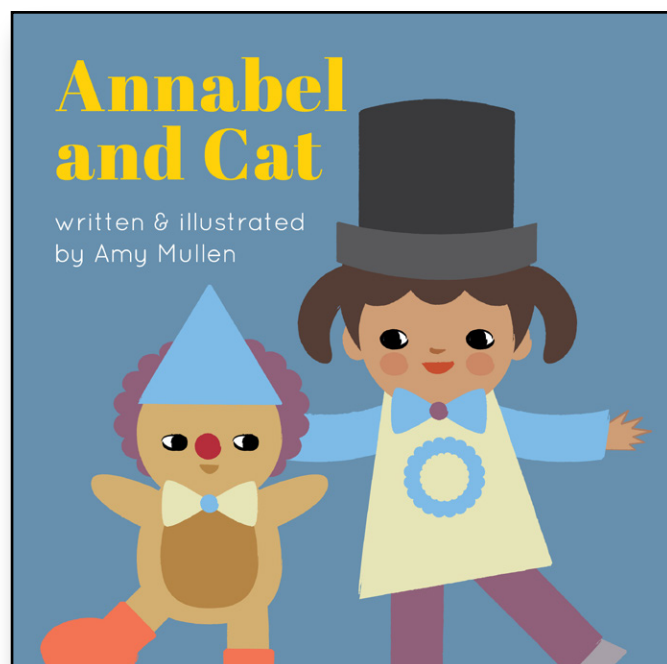


## Harry and the Hot Lava

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One day, a simple game of "don't step on the hot lava" turns into a adventure he'll never forget!





## Annabel and Cat

written & illustrated by **Amy Mullen**  
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### Annabel and Cat are Back!

Little Annabel is busy as always. In this book, she and Cat spend a fun filled day of imagination together. Amy Mullen's distinctive illustrations and simple text make this a great book for toddlers through beginning readers.

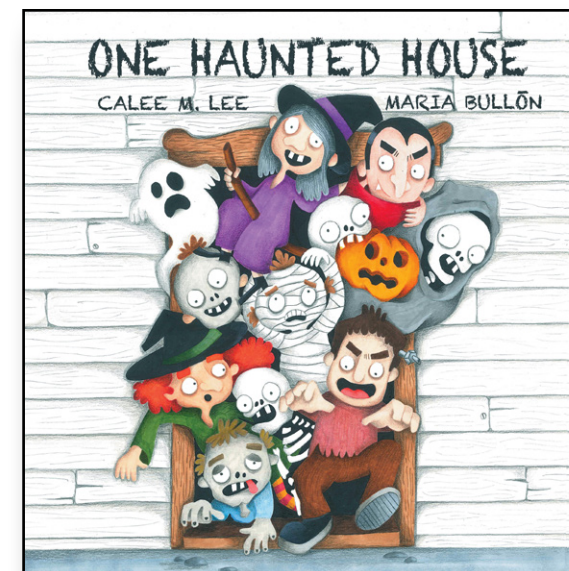
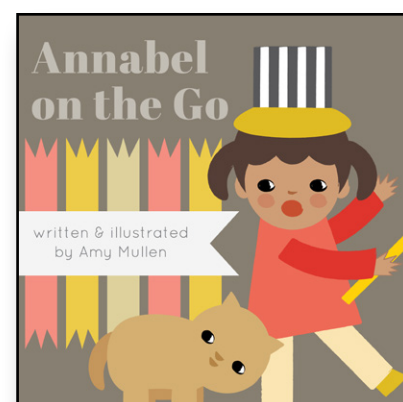


Annabel and Cat love springtime storms. They put on their rain boots and splash in all of the puddles.

## Annabel on the Go

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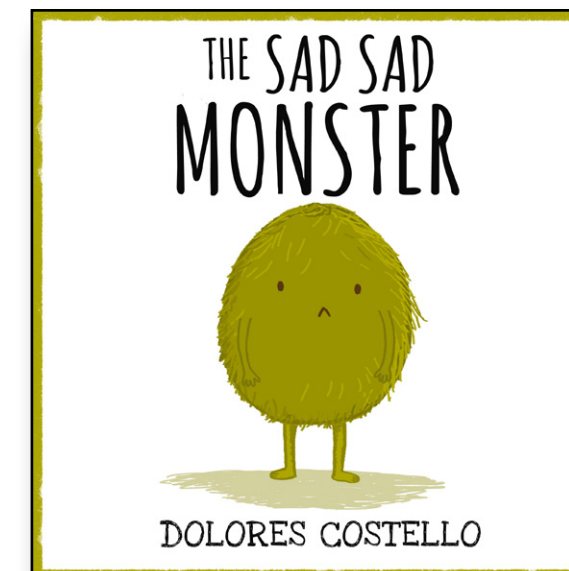
Annabel is a little girl with a big imagination. She's a busy as can be pretending to be all sorts of things in this fun book for toddlers and preschoolers.



## One Haunted House

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One Haunted House is joined by Two Perfect Pumpkins, Three Winsome Witches, Four Baffled Bats and even more Halloween friends Perfect for toddlers through Kindergarteners, One Haunted House is a gentle introduction to the spooky side of Halloween, with lots of candy and good fun of course!

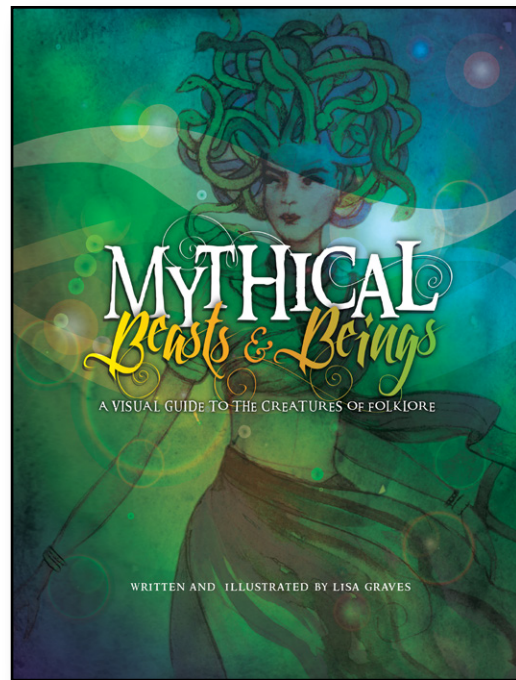


## The Sad Sad Monster

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Monster is Sad. So Sad. A sad monster is sad at school. He is sad because he doesn't have any friends. Is there someone who can make him happy? The Sad, Sad Monster is a cute book for monster-loving toddlers through beginning readers. Simple sentences make this a perfect first reader.





## Mythical Beasts & Beings

written & illustrated by  
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### A Mythical Creatures Guide with Stunning Illustrations

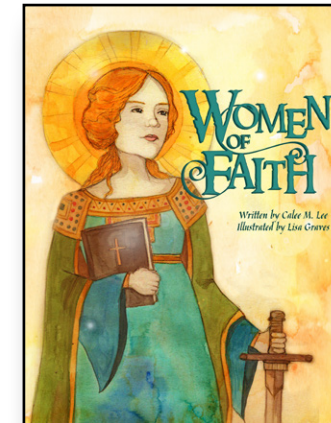
Lisa Graves takes on monsters, fairies, gods and dragons in this illustrated guide to mythological creatures. Featuring legends from around the world, this collection provides information for fans of mythology, magic and more in a lovely volume.

## Women of Faith

**Calee M. Lee**  
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A collection of saints, martyrs and mentors of Christian history.

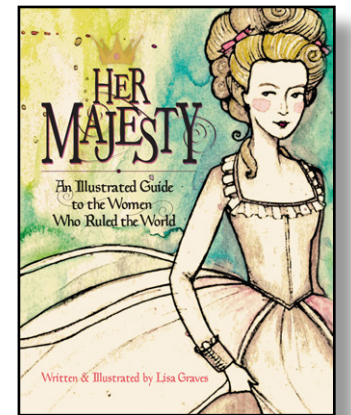


## Her Majesty

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**Lisa Graves**

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This illustrated guide to famous (and infamous) queens tells us that power isn't everything.



"I would recommend this book to students who are interested in all mythological beasts, not just the common fairies and unicorns. It is easy to access at a younger level and will give my students the answers they are looking for." —*Andrea Bolton, Librarian*



### Pixie The Dancing Fairy

These child-like fairies come to us from English folktales and are said to be residents of Devon and Cornwall, England. Pixies are considered to be kind-hearted creatures, but enjoy playing a few harmless pranks. They are incredibly happy and love to dance and play around stone circles and dolmens (tombs). Older tales portray them as a bit meaner and more sinister.

Pixies are especially drawn to horses and love to ride them at night while farmers are sleeping. They particularly love to play with the horse's hair and leave tangled knots in their manes. Aside from messing up your horse's hair, pixies also love to confuse humans who are passing through the woods. So, if you find yourself in a wooded area and suddenly lose your compass or backpack, it's most likely the pixie's doing. They can also blow out your candles, and throw rocks at walls.

These pretty little creatures can be won over. If you leave small gifts for them, they will sometimes sneak in at night and clean up your house out of appreciation and respect.

Belief in the pixies diminished somewhat in the 20th century, however, not for the people of Ottery St. Mary, England. Every year in June, they celebrate Pixie Day to commemorate the installation of the bells in the Church of St. Mary. The story explains that the (meaner) pixies tried to thwart the installation of the bells by confusing the monks and leading them astray. Just as the entranced monks were about to go over a cliff (as led by the pixies) one stubbed his toe and said "God bless my soul," and the charm was broken. The pixies, who were wreaking havoc in the town were banished. Pixie Day celebrates their banishment!



**Country of origin:**  
England

**Also known as:**  
Pixy, Pixi, Pizkie, Piskies, Pigsies, Pisky

**Superpowers:**  
They can cause humans to be very confused and dizzy. They are also shapeshifters sometimes taking the form of small forest animals.

**Habitat:**  
Glens, moors, caves, gardens, forests and ancient burial sites.

The mischievous Pixies of Ottery St. Mary were banished to "Pixie Parlour", an actual cave located near the church.

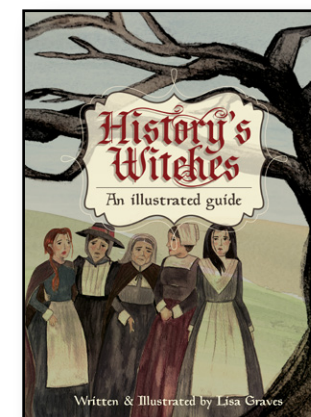
**Similar Creatures from other countries:**  
Jinn (Arabia)  
Sylph (Germany)  
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## History's Witches

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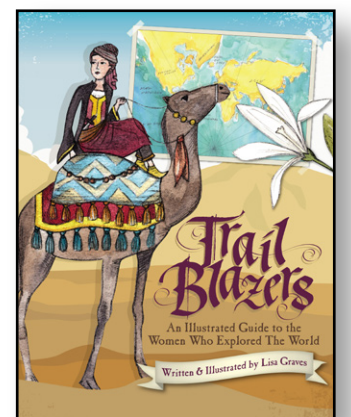


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An illustrated look at the women who surpassed the odds and explored the world.



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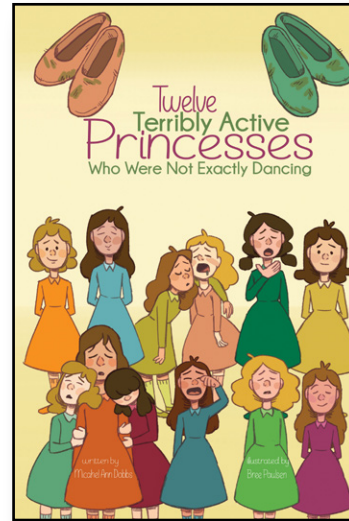


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This Princess Doesn't Need to be Rescued!

This fractured fairy tale imagines what would happen if Snow White took her amazing cleaning and organizing skills and applied them to business. In this fun and beautifully-illustrated story, Snow White takes control of her own fate and improves the lives of everyone around her, without any help from a prince

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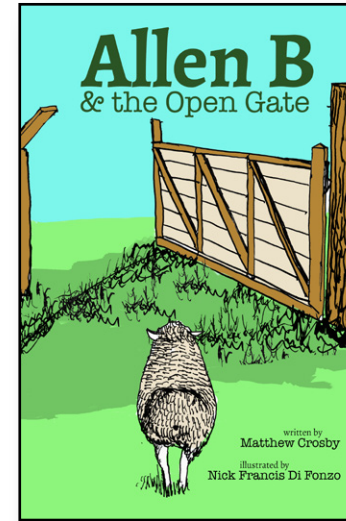


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You Won't Catch These Girls Dancing!

This fractured fairy tale imagines what would happen in the twelve dancing princesses were actually sneaking into a fairy world in order to play baseball. In this fun and beautifully illustrated story, the 12 Princesses take their baseball skills to the next level when an unassuming young field manager stumbles on to their secret.

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Allen B is a sheep who is not very good at remembering things. When he discovers that the pasture gate is open, he must figure out what to do with a little help from his friends.

## Best Beast



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When Amy receives a magic rock from a crazy old lady, she discovers that her new pet may not just beat the pet parade competition, it might eat them too!



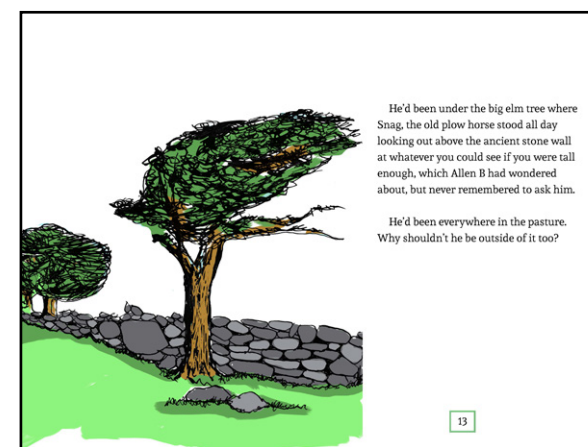
Chapter One

Once upon a time in a kingdom that was much farther away from here than you would think, there was a princess who lived with her stepmother, the evil Queen. The princess's mother had died when she was a baby and her father, the King, had remarried. But he died too, when the princess was just a toddler. The evil Queen was vain, selfish and cruel. She was also a bit of a witch, but she never got very far in her magic studies. She was too busy trying to use magic to make herself more beautiful or to play mean tricks on the other kids or to get out of doing her work. Her teachers despised her ever being any good at witching. And in fact, she wasn't.



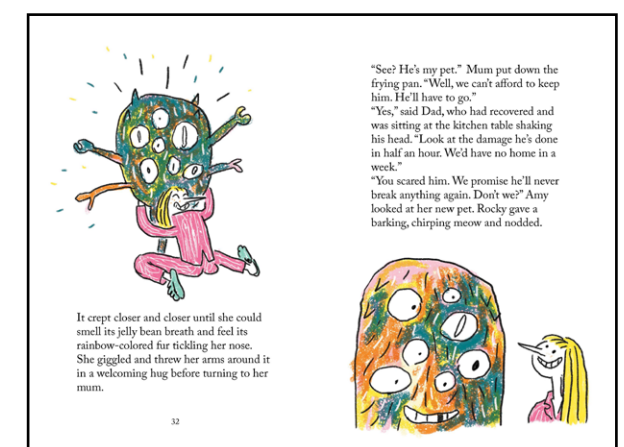
"Oh calm down, it's just baseball," said a voice next to him. He turned to see the old woman from the forest sitting next to him. Surprised, he asked, "What are you doing here?" "I like to take in a game now and then. The hot dogs are delicious. And the princesses are young girls." The young man sat at the old woman explained baseball. She explained pitching and hitting and runs and bases and foul balls. And when he ran backwards and then kept into the air to catch a fly ball, the young man jumped up and cheered with everyone else. And when

Gabe's arm got tired after a few innings and Bill came out of the dugout to replace her, the old woman decided the young man knew enough. She told the young man to get back to the clearing by dark. The young man thanked her again and reminded himself to write her a thank-you letter. When the young man got to the clearing the princesses had put their dresses back on. Frederica and Francesca were jumping up and down. "We won! We won!" they shouted. And the young man saw how happy the princesses were.



He'd been under the big elm tree where Snag, the old plow horse stood all day looking out above the ancient stone wall at whatever you could see if you were tall enough, which Allen B had wondered about, but never remembered to ask him.

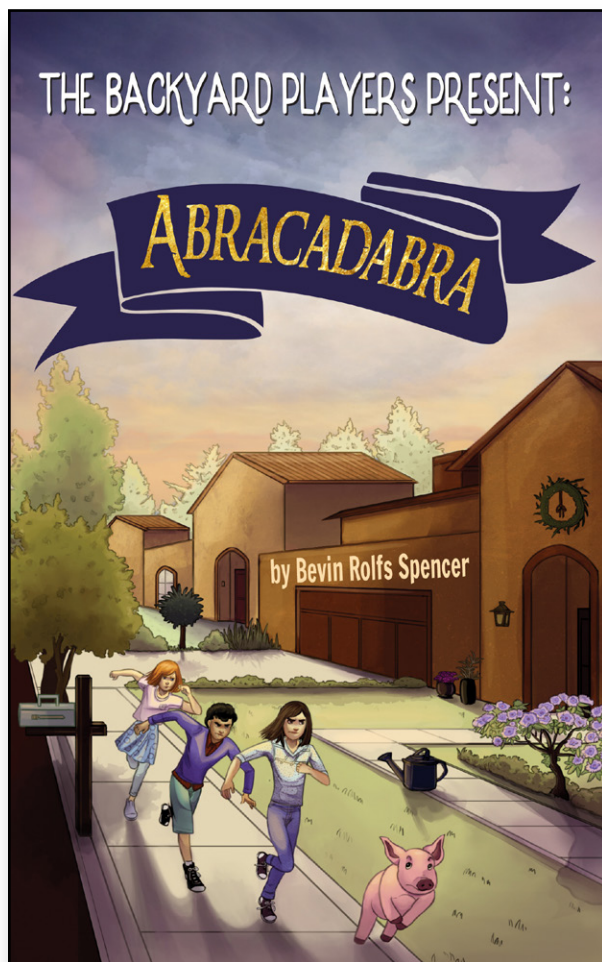
He'd been everywhere in the pasture. Why shouldn't he be outside of it too?



It crept closer and closer until she could smell its jelly bean breath and feel its rainbow-colored fur tickling her nose. She giggled and threw her arms around it in a welcoming hug before turning to her mom.

"See? He's my pet." Mum put down the frying pan. "Well, we can't afford to keep him. He'll have to go." "Yes," said Dad, who had recovered and was sitting at the kitchen table shaking his head. "Look at the damage he's done in half an hour. We'd have no home in a week." "You scared him. We promise he'll never break anything again. Don't we?" Amy looked at her new pet. Rocky gave a barking, chirping meow and nodded.





## Abracadabra

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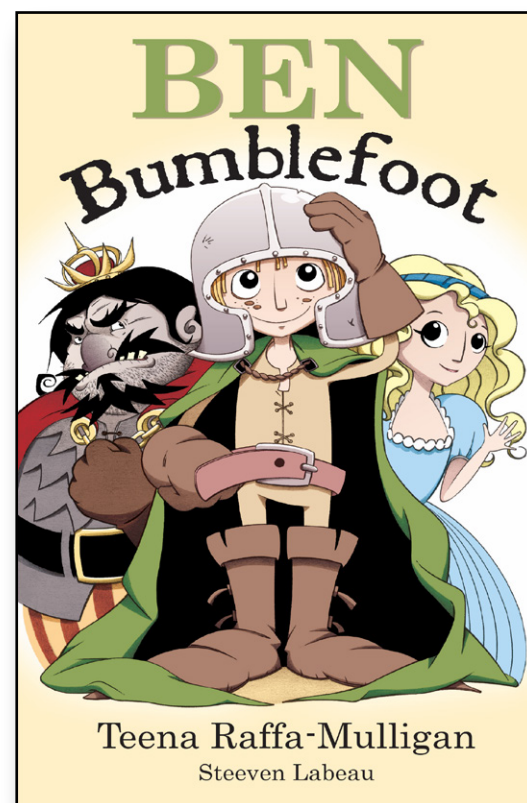
### The show must go on!

A mysterious trunk filled with props for their latest performance packs a walloping punch to the Backyard Players. When a magic wand turns out to really be magic, the friends must find a way to reverse the spell before the curtain rises.

## Ben Bumblefoot

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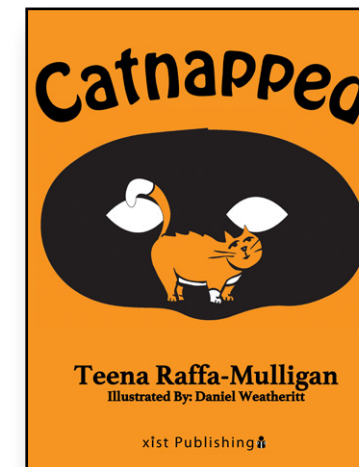
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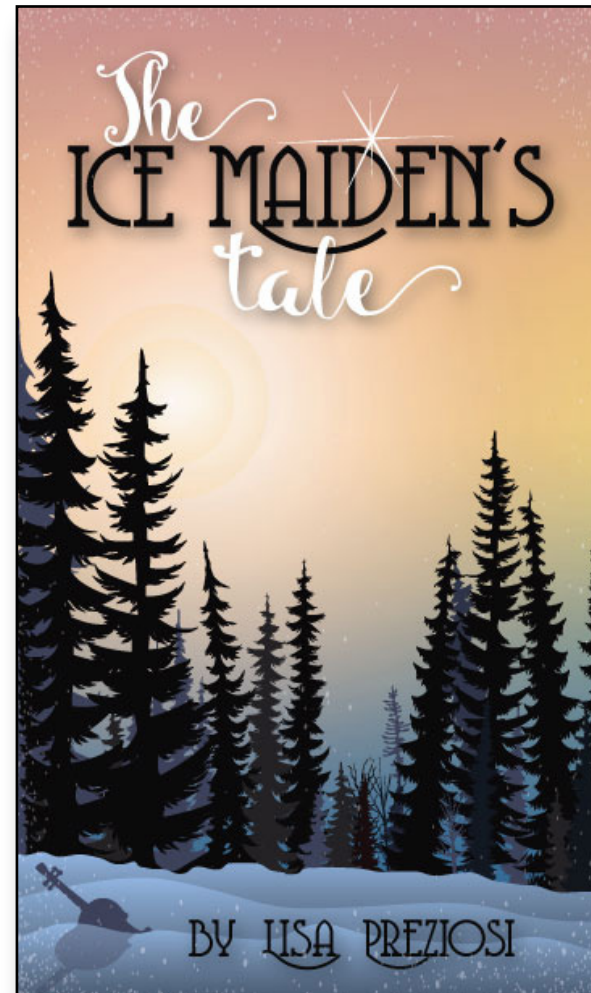
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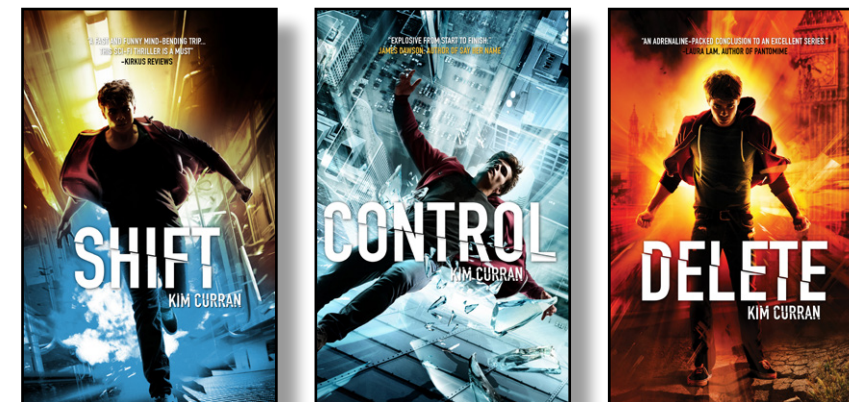
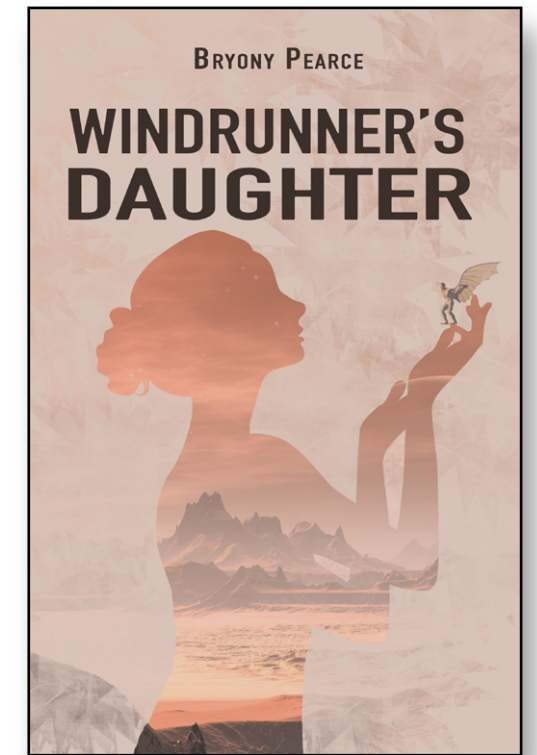
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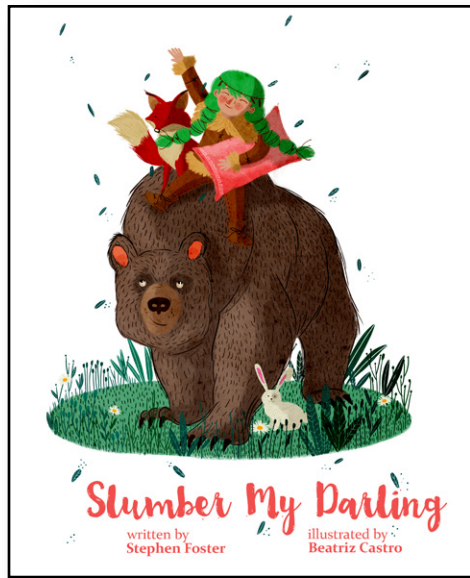
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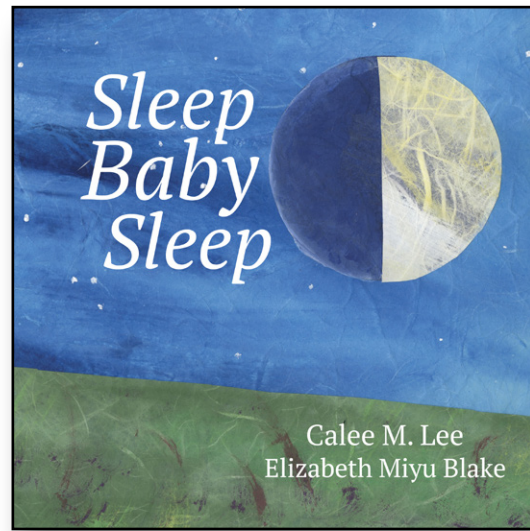
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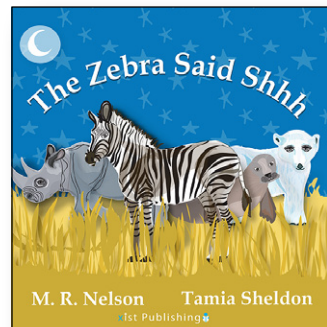
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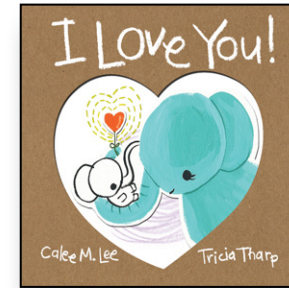
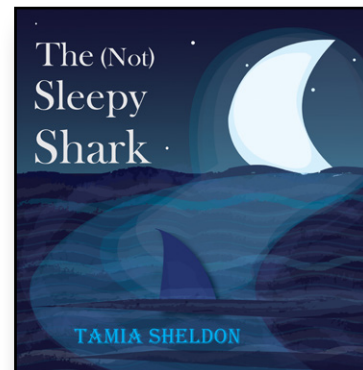
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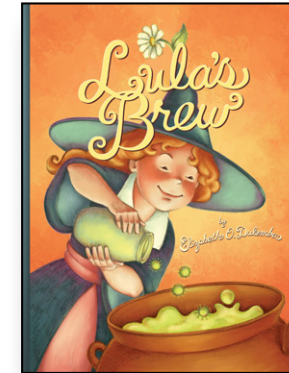
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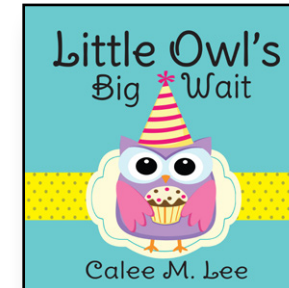
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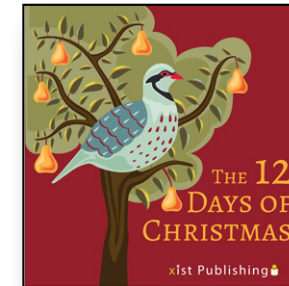
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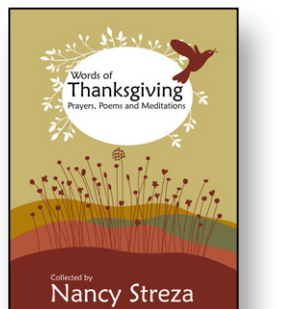
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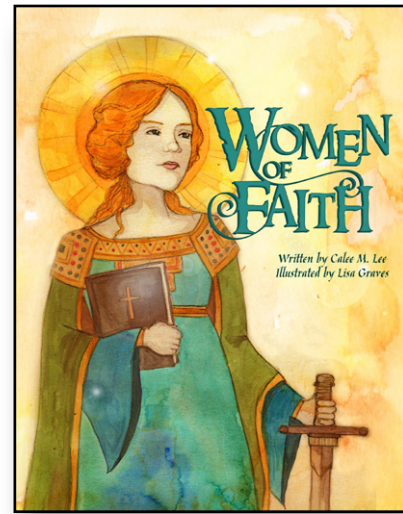
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Patron Saint of childbirth, pregnant women and kidney diseases.

Feast Day: July 20 or July 17

Margaret (who is also called Marina) grew up without a mother. Her father was a pagan priest who couldn't care for her so he gave her into the care of a maidservant who loved and raised Margaret as her own. As the child grew, the nurse taught Margaret the Christian faith in secret. But, when she was 15 years old, her father discovered her secret faith and disowned her. Margaret and her nurse went to live in the country and Margaret became a shepherd.

One day, the governor, Oribasios, saw how beautiful Margaret was and tried to convince her to deny her Christian faith and marry him. Over and over, Margaret refused him until he became angry and ordered that she be arrested and tortured for her faith. She was beaten and burned and encountered a demon in the form of a dragon. When the soldiers tried to drown her, a dove appeared from Heaven and brought Margaret a golden crown. She emerged from the water, completely healed and wearing the crown forged by faith.

When the people saw how God saved Margaret, they were amazed and believed in Christ. The governor was so angry that he ordered that anyone who said that Jesus was God would be killed. Over 15,000 people became martyrs and Margaret was finally beheaded.

**A Prayer:**  
O Saint Margaret, you gave up everything to follow Christ! Pray for me to be like you that I may serve God, no matter what stands in my way.

### Saint Paraskevi of Rome

Patron Saint of the blind

Feast Day: July 26

After many years of hope and prayer, Paraskevi's parents were finally granted a child. They named her the Greek word for "Preparation for the Sabbath" and raised her as a Christian in a time when the Church was just beginning. Paraskevi studied hard and grew to be an intelligent, elegant, and lovely young woman.

When she was twenty years old, both of her parents died and left her their fortune. Paraskevi sold everything she had and gave her money to those in need. She began to travel through the Roman Empire, speaking passionately and persuasively about her faith. When she angered those who worshipped other gods, Paraskevi was brought to Rome to stand trial before the Emperor.

Emperor Antoninus was impressed by her beauty and humility and tried to convince her to abandon her Christian faith and marry him. She refused and he ordered that she be tortured. After trying to hurt her in many ways, the Emperor ordered that a large cauldron be filled with boiling oil and that Paraskevi be thrown inside. Protected by God, Paraskevi was able to stand inside without being hurt. The Emperor was so sure that she was using witchcraft to keep the oil cool that he approached the cauldron. The hot steam blinded the Emperor and he begged Paraskevi to heal him. She told him, "Emperor, the Christian God is healing you from the blindness that was given to you as a punishment."

The Emperor was instantly healed. He freed Paraskevi and encouraged her to continue her missionary work without fear throughout the Roman Empire.

**A Prayer:**  
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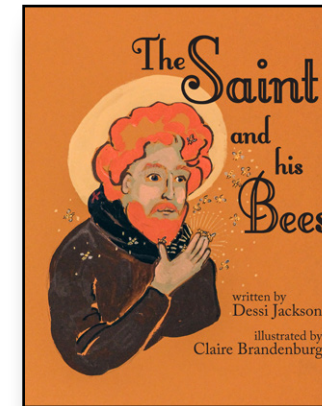
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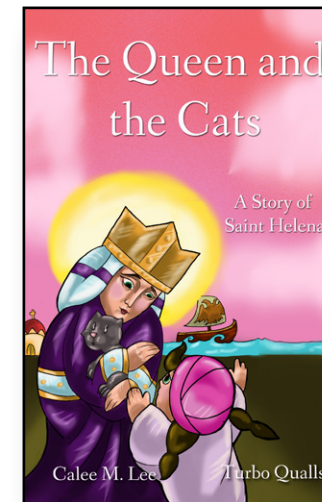
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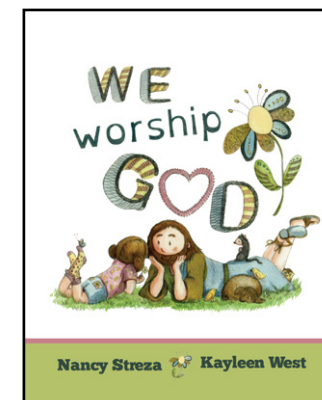
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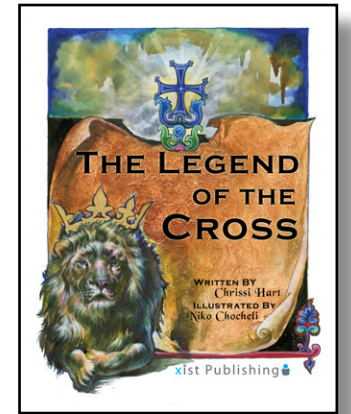
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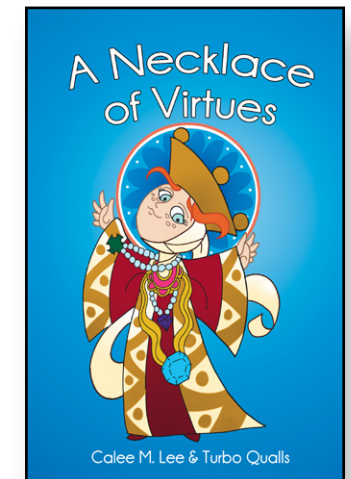
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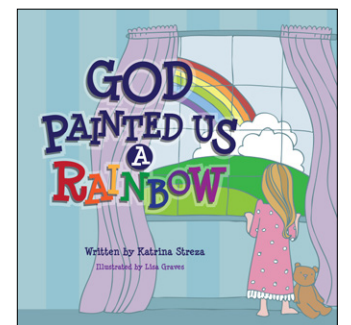
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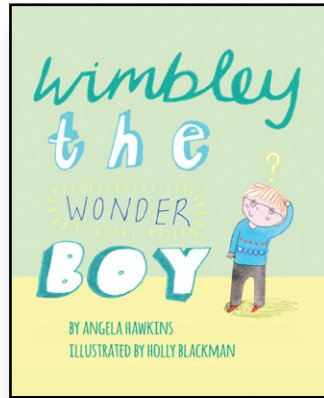
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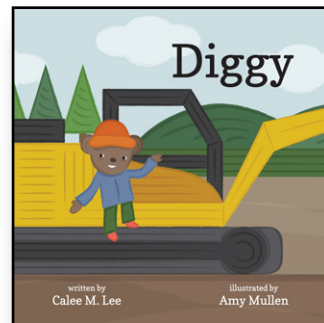
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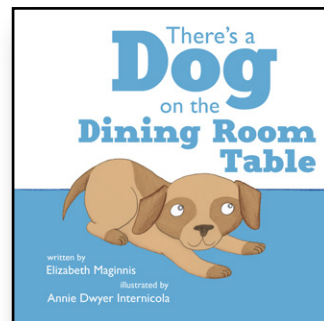
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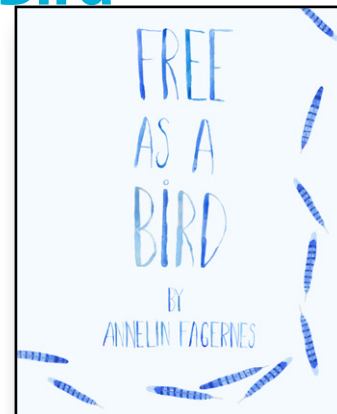
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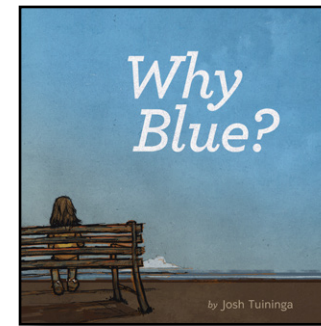
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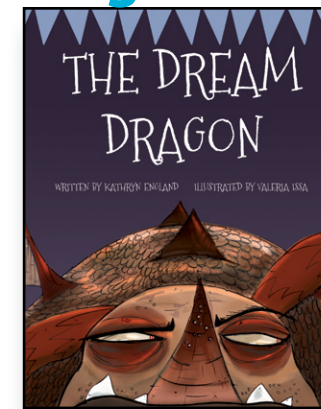
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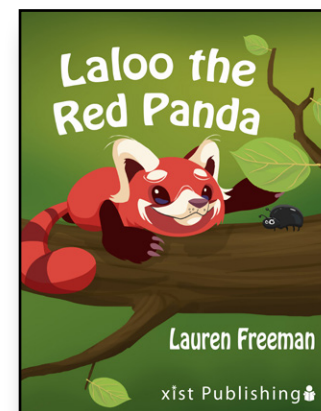
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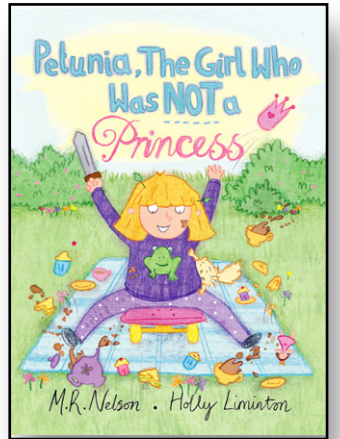
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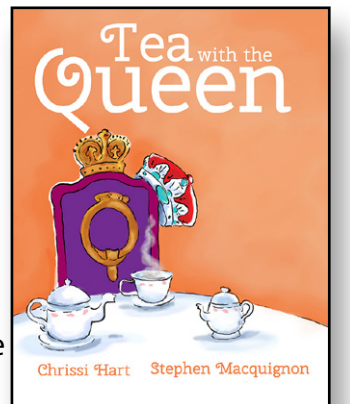
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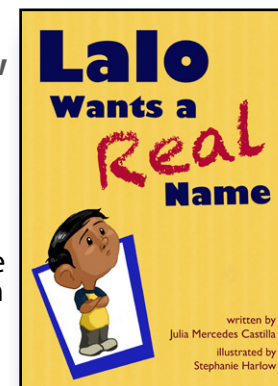
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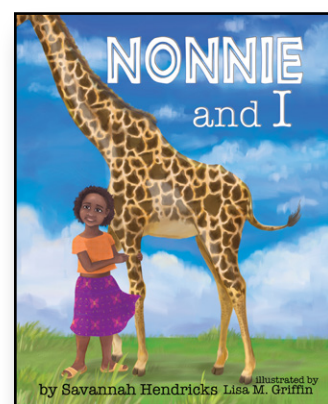
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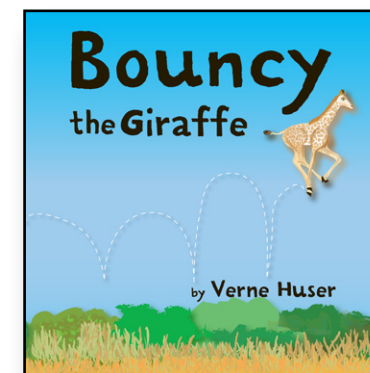
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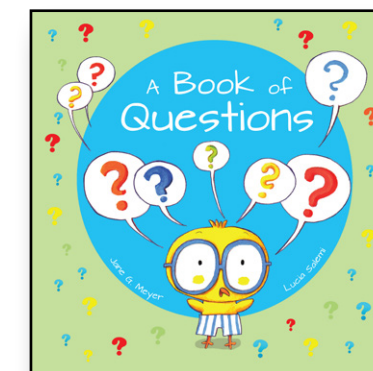
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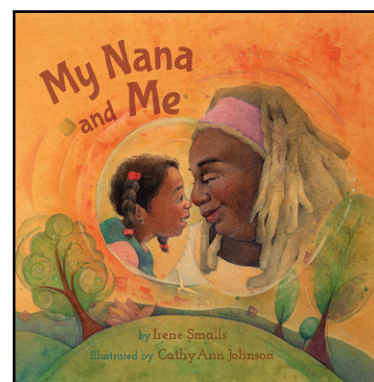
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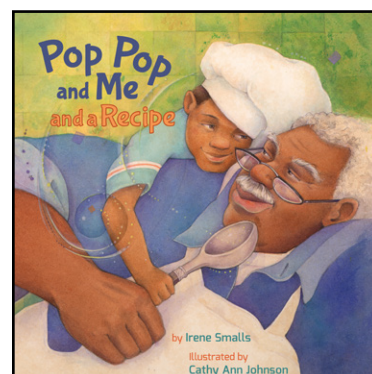
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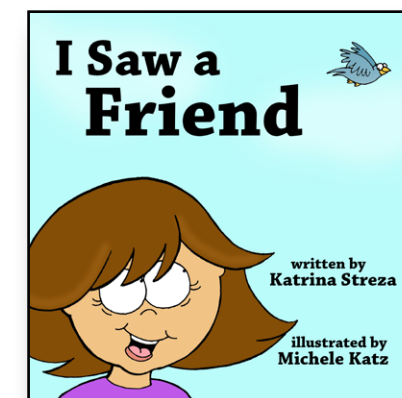
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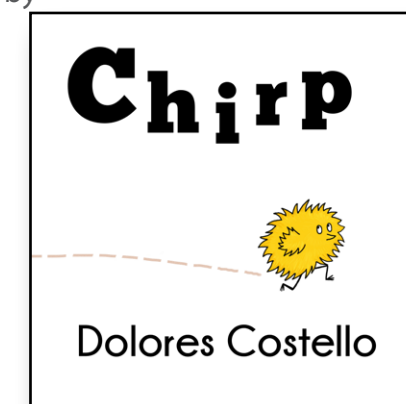
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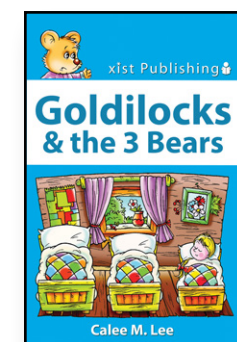
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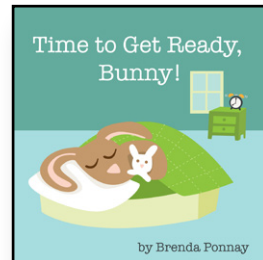
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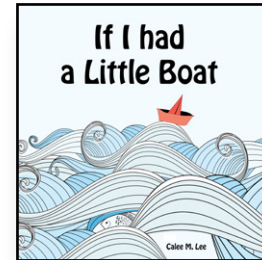
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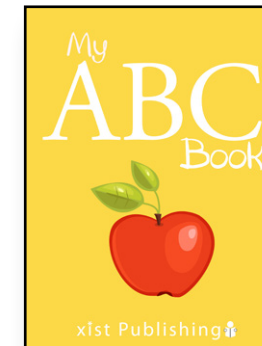


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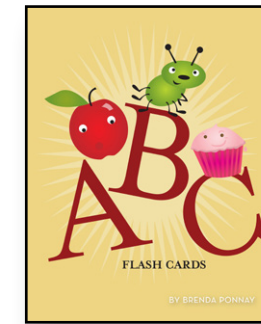
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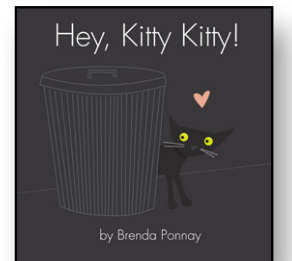
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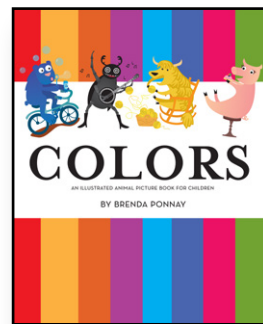
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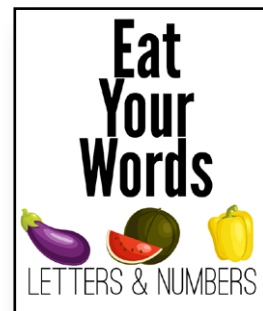
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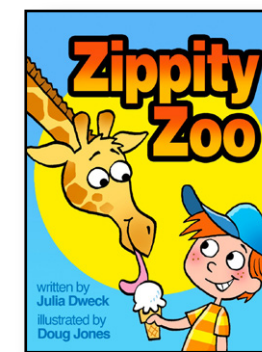
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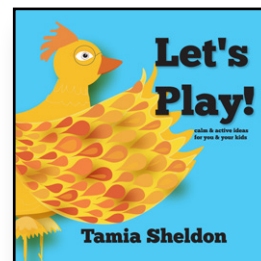
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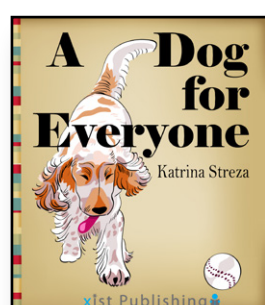
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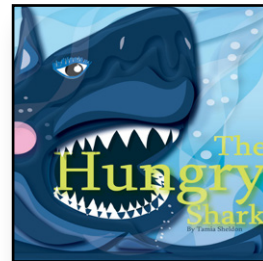
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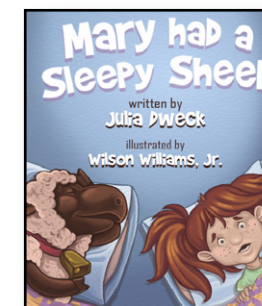
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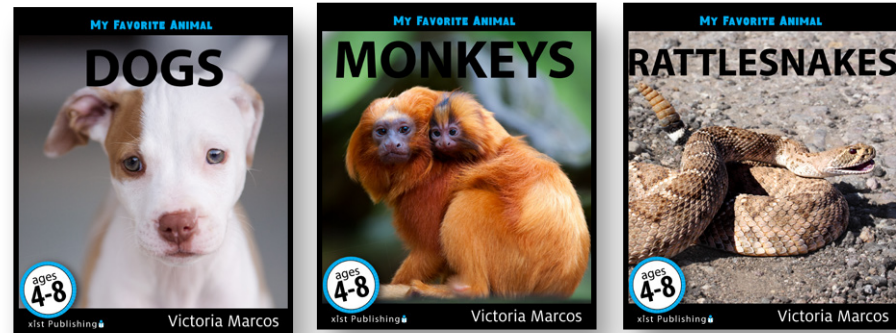


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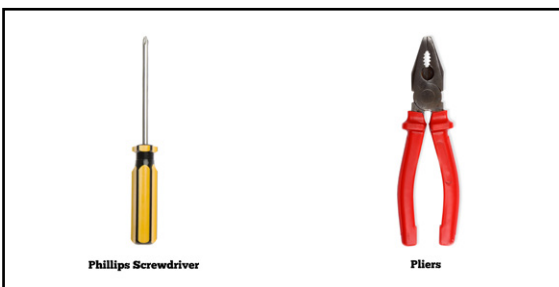
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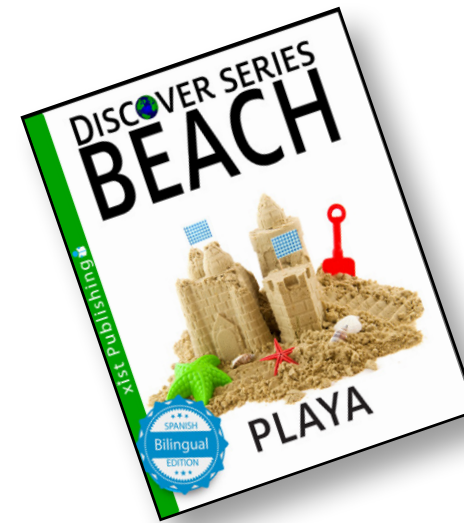
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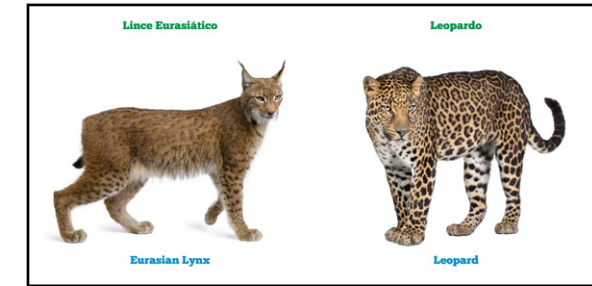
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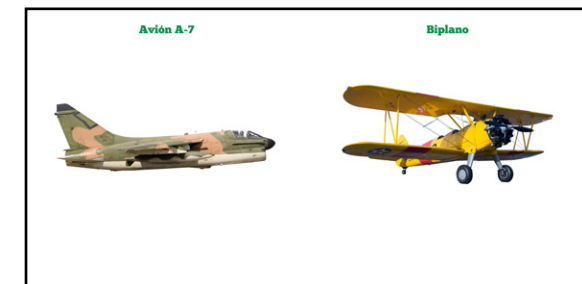
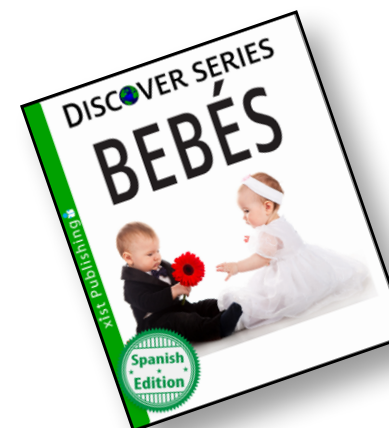
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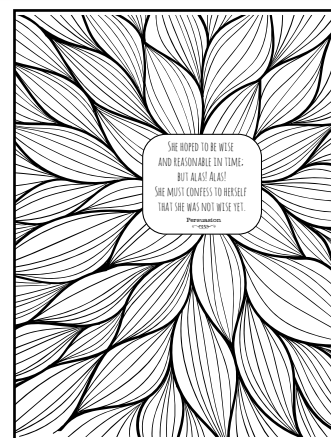
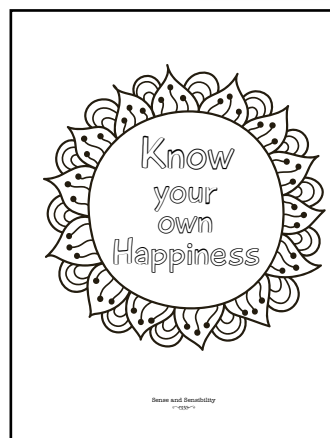
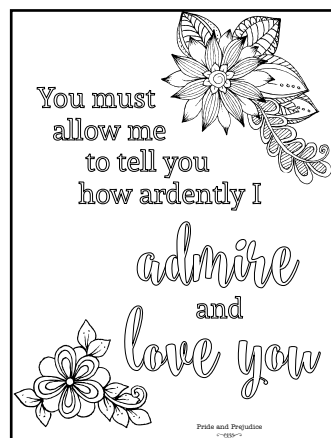
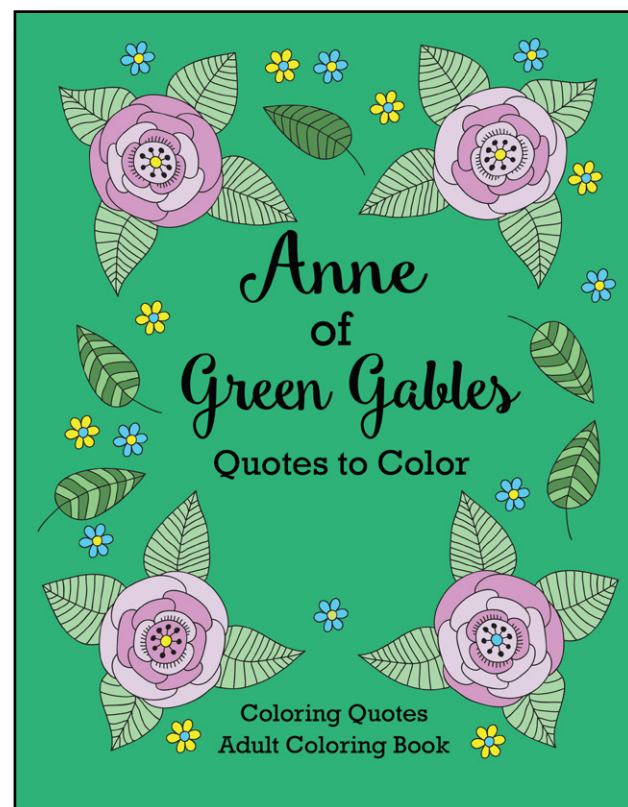
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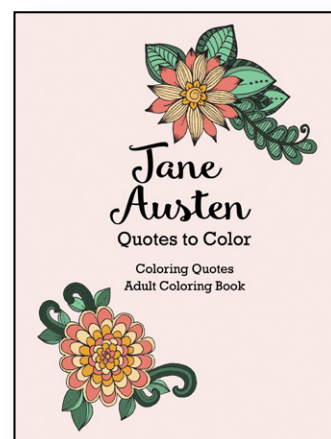
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