

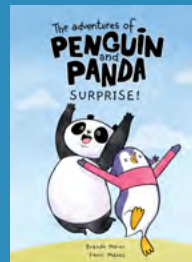


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Novels for Children, 2024
TLA Little Maverick
Recommended Graphic
Novels List, 2024



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Graphic Novels for Children
Ages 5-9, 2024

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These Little Feet • HC Picture Book

By Hayley Rawsthorne and Briony Stewart
 9781958325285 (HC) • Ages: 3 to 8, K to Gr 1
 3/2025 • \$18.99 • 28 pages • 9.3 x 11.5 in

A perfect giftbook, *These Little Feet* captures the awe of new parenthood and unconditional love.

For Mother's and Father's Day, *These Little Feet* is a warmhearted celebration of family and a tender ode to hope and dreams for the future.



"These little feet, so tiny and new.
 The places they'll go,
 the dances they'll do.
 The mountains they'll climb,
 The dreams they'll pursue."



Giant Baby! • HC Picture Book

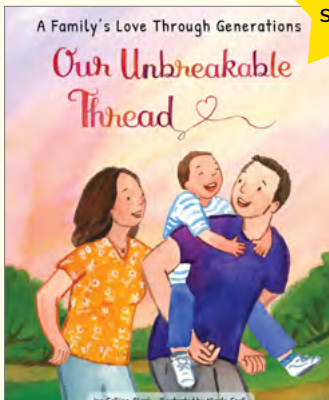
By Liz Rosenberg and Eva Byrne
 9781958325247 (HC) • Ages: 4 to 8, K to Gr 3
 4/2025 • \$18.99 • 32 p • 10.5 x 9 in

"While his parents sleep, Ezra climbs out of his crib and grows immense. Witty illustrations!"

—Kirkus Reviews

Ever wonder where your baby goes at night when you think he's asleep in his crib? Like most babies, he grows bigger, taller, GIANT! Bulldozers and garbage trucks become his toys, and the whole world becomes a playground. A silly, goofy bedtime adventure.

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Our Unbreakable Thread • HC Picture Book A Family's Love Through Generations

By Jon Collins-Black and Nicole Gsell
 9781958325087 (HC) • Ages 4 to 10, K to Gr 4
 4/2024 • \$18.99 • 32 Pages • 10.2 x 8.3 in

"A sweet, tangible explanation of love that reaches through generations."—Kirkus Reviews

"A touching story of intergenerational connection."
 —YA Books Central

"When you were born, I held you in my arms and tied a magical thread around your finger."

Written in sparse, powerful, read-aloud verse and illustrated with warm, evocative watercolors, *Our Unbreakable Thread* is a perfect gift for any new parent or grandparent, and for saying thank you on Father's Day.

The Adventures of Penguin and Panda

Graphic Novel Series by Brenda Maier and Fanni Mézes

72 Pages • 10.2 x 8.3 in • Ages 6 to 9, Gr 1 to 4



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ALA's 2024 Best Graphic Novels for Children Reading List – Easy Readers



Vol 1. Surprise!

9781958325056 (TP)

4/2024 • \$9.99

9781958325711 (HC)

7/2025 • \$13.99



Vol 2. Fun and Games!

9781958325070 (TP)

4/2024 • \$9.99

9781958325414 (HC)

7/2025 • \$13.99



Vol 3. Winterfest

9781958325162 (TP)

10/2024 • \$9.99

9781958325421 (HC)

10/2025 • \$13.99

In *The Adventures of Penguin & Panda* graphic novel series “a can-do panda and a laze-about penguin are inexplicably best buds” (*Publishers Weekly*). Relatable, sweet stories full of silliness and charming friendship anecdotes with only small conflicts make this a positive and happy read. Highly recommended by *School Library Journal*, Betsy Bird at *A Fuse 8 Production* and *YA Books Central* and perfect for the early graphic novel reader who devoured *Narwhal and Jelly*, or *Elephant and Piggie*.



Vol 4. In the Dark • Graphic Novel

9781958325452 (HC) Ages 6 to 10, Gr 1 to 4

10/7/2025 • \$13.99 • 32 Pages • 10.2 x 8.3 in

9781958325445 (TP) 10/7/2025 • \$9.99

Whether it's Penguin's first campout (in the dark!) or her strange competition with the new neighbor, she is definitely feeling all the feels. Panda, Mr. Low-Key, is always happy to offer up sage wisdom.

Penned by a gifted education specialist, and full of hilarious illustrations and a generous spirit of friendship, *In the Dark* is perfect for early readers.

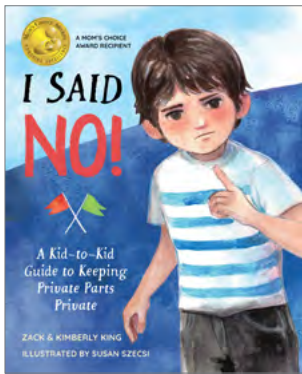
“For Captain Underpants lovers!”

—A Fuse 8 Production, Betsy Bird

“A charming graphic novel that combines colorful and expressive illustrations with simple text to delight young independent readers. Highly Recommended!”

— YA Books Central





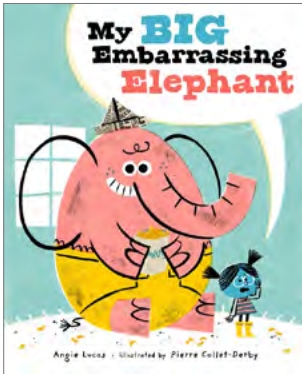
I Said No: A Kid-to-Kid Guide to Keeping Private Parts Private • HC Picture Book

By Zack and Kimberly King and Susan Szecsi
9781958325391 (HC) • Ages 4 to 9, K to Gr 3
 9/2025 • \$20.99 • 48 Pages • 10.8 x 8.8 in

The 300,000-copy bestseller, a **Mom's Choice Award recipient**, gets a much-needed makeover with updated text and all-new artwork. Addressing all 10 key criteria for sexual abuse prevention, *I Said No* helps children understand and assert personal boundaries by reviewing classic danger scenarios in simple language, and using a

red flag and green flag system.

"A compassionate, age-appropriate guide to helping children understand and assert their personal boundaries, and a vital resource for parents, caregivers, and educators." —**Renee Reina, PhD, host of The Mom Room Podcast**



My Big Embarrassing Elephant • HC Picture Book

By Angie Lucas and Pierre Collet-Derby
9781958325025 (HC) • Ages 3 to 8, K to Gr 3
 9/2023 • \$18.99 • 32 Pages • 11 x 9 in

"Attempting to conceal a big secret only makes life harder. A kid-friendly primer on addressing the elephant in the room—metaphorical and otherwise."

—**Kirkus Reviews**

Maya and her family have a problem. They try ignoring it, dancing around it, even sweeping it under the rug. Yet the elephant in the room remains.

This empathetic and kid-friendly story, given hilarious life by Sesame Street character designer Pierre Collet-Derby, helps kids deal with embarrassment by opening up.



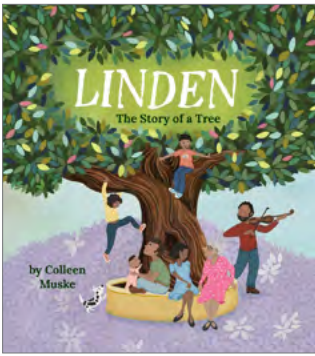
Rafa and the Wrong Legs • HC Picture Book

Angie Lucas and Ana Sanfelippo
9781958325223 (HC) • Ages 4 to 8, K to Gr 2
 9/2024 • \$18.99 • 32 Pages • 10.5 x 9 in

"This to-the-point cautionary tale is one that children must heed and learn from and a scenario that caregivers and kids should discuss together... Adopting a child's-eye view of the world in many scenes, the colorful illustrations brim with kid appeal."

—**Kirkus Reviews**

Rafa gets lost at the supermarket and finds himself wandering in a sea of unfamiliar legs. Includes a special Q&A with expert advice on what to do should your child ramble off in a public place.



Linden: The Story of a Tree • HC Picture Book

By Colleen Muske

9781958325100 (HC) • Ages 5 to 9, K to Gr 3

4/2024 • \$18.99 • 38 Pages • 10 x 9 in

“The poignant story of a tree’s life cycle... Captivating and heartfelt.” —**Kirkus Reviews**

“A sweet testament to finding your purpose and the value of community . . . A nice antidote to *The Giving Tree*.” —**Youth Services Book Review**



One Alley Summer • Novel

By Anne Ylvisaker • Ages 8 to 13, Gr 4 to 7

9781958325124 (HC) • 5/2024 • \$17.99

9781958325407 (TP) • 4/2025 • \$12.99

264 Pages • 8.3 x 5.5 in

This pitch-perfect novel in verse captures one girl’s word-chanting, rope-skipping summer before middle school.

“Transporting. The poetry skips across the page.” —**Kirkus Reviews**

“A highly recommended realistic fiction title that deftly explores classic tween themes of summer, friendship, and coming of age.” —**School Library Journal**

“A sparkler-like whiz of words that captures the feel of summer and the real world of kids - their rituals and rules and private growth spurts.” —**Paul Fleischman, Newbery Medal recipient**

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TLA 2024 Little Maverick’s List, Grades 3 to 5



Ellie in First position • Graphic Novel

By Brian Freschi and Elena Triolo

Translated from the Italian by Nanette McGuinness

9781958325001 (TP) • Ages 8 to 12, Gr 3 to 6

10/2023 • \$13.99 • 176 Pages • 8.5 x 5.5 in

“After her parents’ divorce, Ellie has to deal with being the new kid at school. Her mother encourages her to join a sport to make friends, but no sport she tries fits. Ellie secretly desires to dance, an activity of which her mother disapproves.” —**ALA BGNC Top 10 Judges Citation**

“A relatable tale that will ring true with both creative and athletic readers.” —**Kirkus Reviews**

“The illustrations’ exuberant energy and vivid hues, combined with the laugh-out-loud physical comedy from Ellie’s numerous athletic missteps and her dogged determination to be true to herself, result in an impassioned graphic novel” —**Publishers Weekly**





The Tractor Squad Vol. 1 • HC Picture Book

By Heather Dawn Torres and Gary Laib

9781958325209 (HC) • Ages 3 to 8, K to Gr 2

9/2024 • \$19.99 • 40 Pages • 10 x 10 in

“Laugh, dance, and sing along with the Tractor Squad! An ideal storytime selection to help little ones get their wiggles out... Rich traditional and digital water-color illustrations are worth lingering over, while the verse will have readers dancing and singing along.”

—Kirkus Reviews



The Tractor Squad Saves the Day Vol. 2

By Heather Dawn Torres and Gary Laib

9781958325322 (HC) • Ages 3 to 8, K to Gr 2

4/2025 • \$19.99 • 40 Pages • 10 x 10 in

HC Picture Book

The Tractor Squad returns with more bouncy rhymes. Join the fun as Little Tractor tackles summer chores, and as the whole team bands together to rescue poor Combine who is stuck in the mud!



Little Wolf's Howl • HC Picture Book

By Nelly Buchet and Mathias Ball

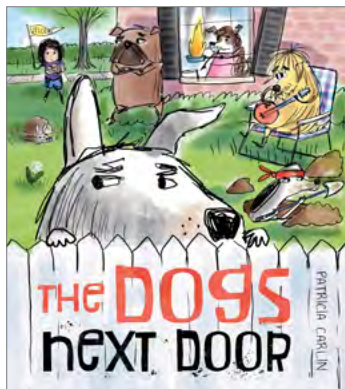
9781958325186 (HC) • Ages 3 to 8, K to Gr2

9/2024 • \$19.99 • 40 Pages • 10 x 9 in

When Little Wolf becomes separated from her family, she remembers her mama's advice: If you're ever lost, find North.

“This story of determination and self-reliance shows that even the littlest out there can summon their biggest voice. A meaningful, modern fable.”

—Kirkus Reviews



The Dogs Next Door • HC Picture Book

By Patricia Carlin

9781958325230 (HC) • Ages 4 to 8, K to Gr3

10/2024 • \$18.99 • 40 Pages • 10 x 9 in

Absurd in the best way, *The Dogs Next Door* is a silly, playful, multilayered picture book for kids—and grownups—who adore dogs and giggling.

When new dogs move next door and invite themselves over for breakfast, it can test a girl's patience. But when the dogs eat all the bacon? That's just rude.



SOPHIE: Jurassic Bark Vol 1

by Brian Anderson

9781958325292 (HC) • 1/2025 • \$18.99

9781958325148 (TP) • 10/2024 • \$14.99

224 Pages • 8.3 x 5.5 in • Ages 8 to 12, Gr 2 to 6

A Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection

"Sophie is the perfect mix of heart, humor, and hilarity."

—Lincoln Peirce, creator of Big Nate

"Fun, funny, and likely to draw new fans to the dynamic duo...broad humor is reminiscent of Calvin and Hobbes."

—Kirkus Reviews

From the creator of the much-loved webcomic, "Dog Eat Doug," Sophie is a hilarious new graphic novel series, a sendup of family life from the perspective of a snarky dog who wants nothing more than to have everything—without ever having to share.

"The humor is absolutely all ages, mixing slapstick with goofy non sequiturs and pop-culture allusions."

—School Library Journal (Funny Animal Comics)



SOPHIE: Frankenstein's Hound Vol 2 • Graphic Novel

by Brian Anderson

9781958325308 (HC) • 1/2025 • \$18.99

9781958325254 (TP) • 10/2024 • \$14.99

Full of mini-adventures, pop culture spoofs, sharp jokes, adorable illustrations, and a sneaky dose of heart, the series hits the sweet spot for both kids and pet-obsessed grownups.

"These are great! Very Calvin and Hobbes in tone. Episodic chapters full of fantastical adventures. Readers will absolutely love these—get multiple copies!"

—Teen Librarian Toolbox Blog / SLJ



SOPHIE: Wags to Wishes Vol 3 • Graphic Novel

by Brian Anderson

9781958325346 (HC) • 10/2025 • \$18.99

9781958325353 (TP) • 10/2025 • \$14.99

240 Pages • 8.3 x 5.5 in • Ages 8 to 12, Gr 2 to 6

Wags to Wishes, pokes gently at family power structures. Still reeling from the new additions to her family (a human baby along with various stray dogs and cats), Sophie decides that—as the alpha—it is up to her to protect them all.

"Harkens back to those heady days of Calvin and Hobbes." —School Library Journal





Into the Deep Blue • HC Novel

By Jennifer E. Archer

9781958325377 (HC)

Ages 13 and up, Gr 7 and up

9/2025 • \$19.99 • 304 Pages • 8.5 x 5.8 in

“Honest and heart-wrenching, *Into the Deep Blue* is a nuanced, intimate exploration of grief and the love we find in the midst of it.”

—**Ellen O’Clover**, author of **Seven Percent of Ro Devereux**

“A poignant, witty, raw nerve of a debut that explores the many ways a heart can break, and the endless journey to piece it back together.”

—**Eva V. Gibson**, author of **Together We Caught Fire**

“*Into the Deep Blue* is YA contemporary at its best. Archer’s rich, complicated characters, spitfire pacing, and heartfelt interactions intertwine so effortlessly on every page. Nick and Fiona will steal your hearts in this layered expression of grief and hope, heartache and healing. A true gem.”

—**Laura Taylor Namey**, **New York Times** bestselling author of **A Cuban Girl’s Guide to Tea and Tomorrow**

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