

# Children's Illustrated Picture Books

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### Because It's Never Too Late to Apologize

Cardinal Rule Press  
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BISAC Codes:  
Juvenile Fiction / Social Issues / Friendship

## THE TIME MACHINE

Bailey's building a time machine... not to visit ancient Egypt or King Arthur's court, but to take her to last Thursday. That's the day she said the Thing that made her best friend so mad.

But when it's complete, Bailey discovers the only thing harder than building a time machine is having the courage to revisit a moment you regret.

- WORLD RIGHTS AVAILABLE
- ILLUSTRATED BY MELQUEA SMITH
- HELPFUL SOCIAL EMOTIONAL TIPS

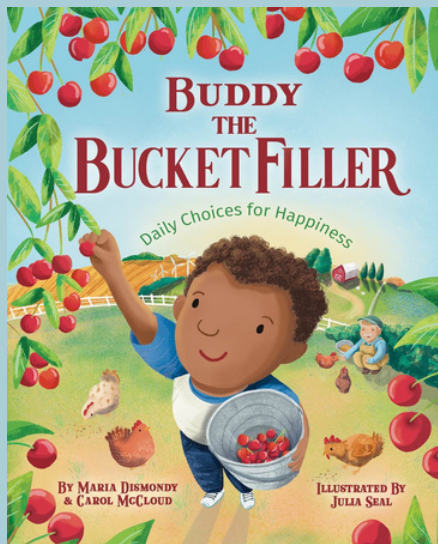
**"I really enjoyed this book about friendship and forgiveness. Hurting a friend's feeling is such a common dilemma for kids, and yet I've never seen another picture book about it! This is a very sweet story and model for young children."—Amazon Review**



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Pauline David-Sax

Award-winning author and a longtime educator, Pauline David-Sax, likes to think of writing as a time machine that allows her to revisit the past, examine the present and explore the future. She is the author of the picture book *Everything In Its Place* as well as several plays. Pauline lives in Brooklyn, New York.



### Daily Choices For Happiness

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Values & Virtues

## BUDDY THE BUCKET FILLER

Buddy, a boy who lives in the city, can't wait to visit his Uncle Frank, who lives in the countryside. Chicken coop and farm animals... there's never a dull moment when hanging out on a farm. When Buddy's dad drops him off at Uncle Frank's, he gives Buddy his allowance. Buddy can spend the money on anything he wants! This will be the best week ever! How will Buddy choose to spend his allowance? Find out through this heartfelt story that illustrates the concept of bucket filling (co authored by Carol McCloud, the author of the Bucket Filler series of books) – acts of kindness that increases happiness for all.

- WORLD RIGHTS AVAILABLE
- INTERACTIVE LESSON PLANS
- FREE READER'S GUIDE FOR CHILDREN

“This book is a quick and quaint reminder that we all can make choices to be kind, thoughtful and helpful to others. It also shows that we often have in our own reach and capacity what others could use or need.”—Amazon Review



## ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Maria Dismondy & Carol McCloud

**Maria Dismondy** finds inspiration for her work in her daily life and strives to make a difference in the lives of children in her work around social emotional learning.

**Carol McCloud** began the series of Bucket Books with the ever-popular *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* in 2006. Her books have sold over three million copies and have been translated into more than a dozen languages.



**They are the leaders. The creators of the pack**

Familius

Publication Date: May 2023

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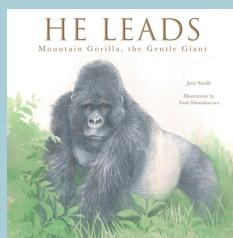
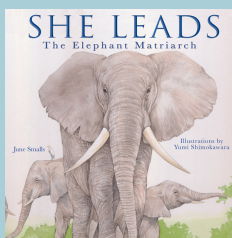
Science & Nature / Environmental  
Conservation & Protection

## THEY LEAD: THE WOLF PACK

A wolf's piercing howl can carry up to 10 miles, raising goosebumps on even the most intrepid camper's skin. But the gray wolf is far from a simple predator. An incredible combination of teamwork and instinct has helped wolf packs survive, despite being endangered in most of North America.

With a mother wolf and father wolf leading the pack—their family—together, the cubs grow and learn the skills they need to start their own pack someday. With stunning, lifelike illustrations and facts on each page for grownups or older children who want a deeper dive, this beautiful picture book is a monument to these majestic packs.

- WORLD RIGHTS AVAILABLE
- NOMINATED FOR THE CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL BEST BOOKS IN STEM
- ILLUSTRATED BY YUMI SHIMOKAWARA



*They Lead* is part of a series of books dedicated to endangered animals with *She Leads* and *He Leads* preceding it.

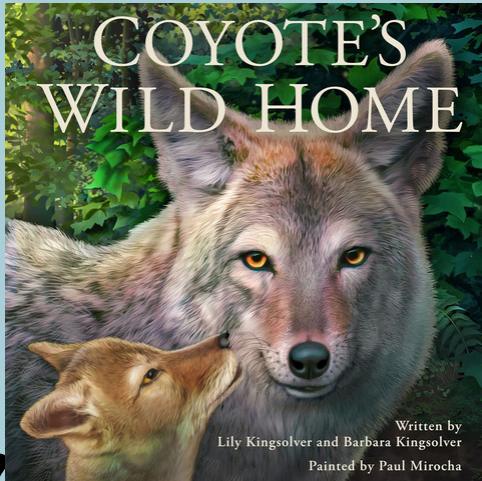


## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

June Smalls

June Smalls has been making up stories since she only had pets and stuffed animals to share them with. June is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators and a lover of literature. She resides in Northern Virginia with her hubby, The Kid, and an ever-growing assortment of animals.

When not writing June is researching, visiting zoos or aquariums, or reading.



By environmental educator Lily Kingsolver and Pulitzer winner Barbara Kingsolver

The Gryphon Press  
Publication Date: October 2023  
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Animals / Wolves & Coyotes

## COYOTE'S WILD HOME

New York Times best-selling author Barbara Kingsolver and environmental educator Lily Kingsolver collaborate on their first children's book, *Coyote's Wild Home*.

The book takes us into the woods, meadows, and streams of an Appalachian forest where a girl and a coyote pup each find their first woodland adventures. On their separate journeys into the wilderness with a beloved family member, the quietly intertwined paths of child and coyote will surprise and enchant young readers.

- RIGHTS SOLD: BULGARIAN
- NEW YORK TIMES BEST-SELLING AUTHOR
- ILLUSTRATED BY PAUL MIROCHA

With its richly detailed illustrations by artist, Paul Mirocha, and gentle biology lessons, this story of two young explorers invites readers to imagine wilderness as a place to be protected, loved, and shared.



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Barbara Kingsolver

Barbara Kingsolver grew up in rural Kentucky and earned degrees in biology before becoming a freelance writer and author. Her fifteen books include short stories, essay collections, poetry, and seven novels. Following her well-known work *The Poisonwood Bible*, she published two novels and three non-fiction books. Kingsolver's work has been translated into more than two dozen languages and has been adopted into the core literature curriculum in high schools and colleges.





Set in the hills and hollers of  
Appalachia's great Southern Highlands

Familius

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ISBN: 9781641709774

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Juvenile Fiction / Social Issues /  
Emigration & Immigration

## THE LITTLEST WEAVER

Far from the sea, in the hills and hollers of Appalachia's great Southern Highlands, lived Laurel, the littlest weaver, and her pa. Together they wove story rugs filled with honeysuckle and summer sunshine.

For Laurel, though small, had a gift for weaving as if her mama's angel hands guided hers.

Laurel and her father weave beautiful rugs for the people of their mountain town.

When a stranger moves to town with sadness in his eyes and a lonely doll on his table, Laurel wants to help.

- WORLD RIGHTS AVAILABLE
- ILLUSTRATED BY STELLA LIM
- GORGEOUS ILLUSTRATIONS

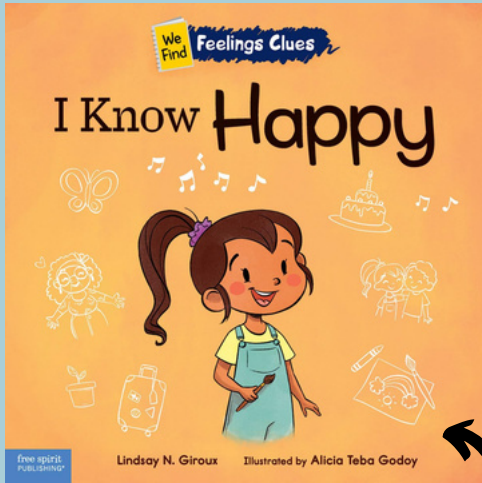
With gorgeous illustrations of the natural beauty of the Appalachian Mountains and depictions of the Appalachian weaving tradition, *The Littlest Weaver* shows us how to hold space for grief and warms your heart like a woven blanket.



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Robin Hall

Robin Hall lives on a tiny farm in North Carolina with one handsome husband, five children, four dogs, three weaving looms, and too many chickens to count. She holds an MFA in Writing from Vermont College of Fine Arts and believes everyone has a need to create, whether it be the best loaf of bread, a beautiful rug, or a story to share.



**A book about feeling happy,  
excited, and proud**

Free Spirit Publishing

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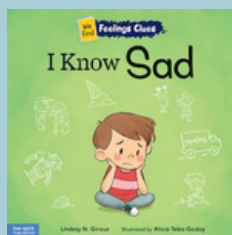
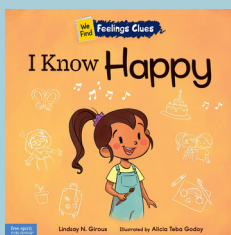
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Juvenile Fiction / Social Issues /  
Emotions & Feelings

## I KNOW HAPPY

A young feelings detective looks for clues, both physical and emotional, to identify happiness, excitement, and pride in themselves and in others. The child uses a special notebook to draw their feelings and identify how they feel. By noticing the clues, the feelings detective knows their sister is surprised and their grandma is excited. We Find Feelings Clues Increase children's emotion vocabulary and boost their emotional literacy. This series helps children learn how to find, notice, and use a variety of clues to identify and name their emotions and those of others.

- WORLD RIGHTS AVAILABLE
- ILLUSTRATED BY ALICIA TEBA GODOY
- STRATEGIES ON RECOGNIZING AND DEALING WITH FEELINGS ARE INCLUDED AT THE BACK OF EACH BOOK



**Each book features a child using the tool of the feelings detective notebook to record their feelings through drawings and words.**



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Lindsay N. Giroux

Lindsay N. Giroux, M.Ed., specializes in coaching preschool teachers on implementing the Pyramid Model to promote social-emotional development and prevent challenging behavior. Her professional interests include teacher training, social skill instruction, and inclusion of preschoolers with special needs. Lindsay received a B.A. from Wellesley College and an M.Ed. in Early Childhood Special Education from Peabody College of Vanderbilt University.



**It includes a recipe for Violet's  
Confident Cookie**

Free Spirit Publishing  
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BISAC Codes:  
Juvenile Fiction / Social Issues /  
Self-Esteem & Self-Reliance

## QUIET VIOLET FINDS HER VOICE

Violet Blandin makes it a habit to blend in. At school, no one notices her, but in the kitchen, she can't be missed. When a hands-on lesson about measurement goes haywire, Violet finds she is the only one who can save celebrated Chef Delaclair from an awful encounter with a very salty cookie.

*Quiet Violet Finds Her Voice* celebrates introverted kids and affirms that being quiet doesn't mean they have nothing to say. Violet's journey to be heard invites readers to see that quiet children's minds are as rich and bold as extroverted children's, and empowers introverted kids to find their voice and discover their passion.

- WORLD RIGHTS AVAILABLE
- ILLUSTRATED BY STEPHANIE DEHENNIN
- QUESTIONS AND ACTIVITIES TO USE WITH CHILDREN

A section for adults shares discussion questions and activities to use with children, and additional digital content includes cooking-related downloadables, including a recipe for Violet's Confident Cookie.

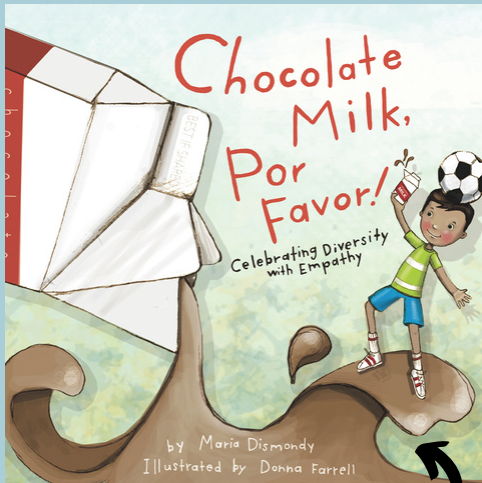


### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Gabrielle Nidus

Gabrielle Nidus is a teacher/reading specialist in Houston, Texas. She is the author of the Literacy Coach's Gameplan (International Reading Association, 2009), in addition to several articles on strategies for teaching children to write (Educational Leadership). She is also an educational consultant and leads workshops for teachers to inspire writing in the classroom. Gabrielle has a master's degree in teaching reading from Columbia University and a BA from Brown University.





### Celebrating Diversity with Empathy

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Self-Esteem & Self-Reliance

## CHOCOLATE MILK, POR FAVOR

There's no language barrier if chocolate milk is on the menu! A new kid comes to school—and can't speak English—in this heartwarming picture book on how the simplest act—even the chocolate milk of human kindness—can break down barriers and make kids feel welcome.

This empowering picture book shows how being different is delicious and that kindness and empathy are truly universal languages in action-packed illustrations. This book is the perfect complement to other books in your home or school library that focus on ESL, diversity and empathy.

- RIGHTS SOLD: ENGLISH (UK)
- BASED ON A TRUE STORY
- READER'S GUIDE FOR CHILDREN
- LESSON PLANS ON EMOTIONAL VOCABULARY

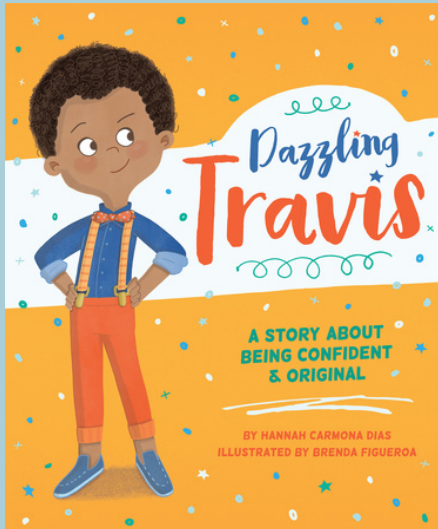
This book comes with a free Reader's Guide for children available. It includes lesson plans on emotional vocabulary, activities and reading comprehension discussion questions to allow parents, teachers and caregivers to explore the topic further and deepen comprehension.



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Maria Dismondy

Maria Dismondy is the founder of Cardinal Rule Press. Before devoting her work to the publishing industry and children's mental health, Maria was a teacher. She finds inspiration for her work in her daily life and strives to make a difference in the lives of children in her work around social emotional learning. Maria can be found walking her dogs and on adventures with her husband and three children in Southeast Michigan.



### A Story About Being Confident & Original

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Juvenile Fiction / LGBT

## DAZZLING TRAVIS

"You're a boy!" the kids exclaim. "You can't play with a doll."

But Travis has lots of confidence and little regard for social norms. There are so many things to like in the world. Why should there be limits that keep him from enjoying those things? Travis sets no limits on what he enjoys doing. But when some of the kids on the playground begin to pick on him, will Travis dull his shine or decide to truly dazzle?

*Dazzling Travis* by Hannah Carmona Dias carries the key message of gender stereotypes and being different supported by the many advocates of positive parenting solutions.

- WORLD RIGHTS AVAILABLE
- POSITIVE PARENTING SOLUTIONS
- FOCUS ON CONFIDENCE AND BEING WHO YOU ARE

Complete with colorful illustrations and bold comebacks, this empowering story encourages kids of any gender to challenge the social norm and reveal their true selves.



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Hannah Carmona

Hannah Carmona is a former drama teacher and co-founder of the youth theatre program Collective Art School of Tennessee. A proud Latinx (who doesn't speak a word of Spanish), Bestselling Children's Author of three books, voiceover actor, Herbalist in training, and single mom of two fierce girls and a fur baby. When not doing any of the above I sometimes can be found vlogging on Youtube or eating a family-sized pack of Twizzlers...or both at the same time!



### **Adventures in Fourth Grade Money Making.**

ForbesBooks

Publication Date: May 2023

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Trim Size: 9in x 6in

ISBN: 9798887501123

BISAC Codes:

Juvenile Fiction / Business, Careers

Juvenile Fiction / Concepts / Money

## **THE BIG MONEY SQUEEZE**

A one-of-a-kind book that will captivate and inspire parents, teachers, and kids alike. Join Rymer, Ash, Nia, and Ollie, a group of regular kids with extraordinary ideas, as they embark on an exhilarating journey of money-making in their fourth-grade world. With a goal to complete their LEGO treehouse by adding the ultimate hangout spot—a big TV and gaming system—they set out to conquer financial challenges and turn their dreams into reality. Takeaways from this captivating tale: entrepreneurial thinking, budgeting basics, overcoming obstacles, and financial empowerment.

- **WORLD RIGHTS AVAILABLE**
- **RELATABLE CHARACTERS**
- **ACTIONABLE TAKEAWAYS**

***The Big Money Squeeze* is the perfect resource for elementary school teachers to engage their students in a thrilling narrative while imparting invaluable lessons about money, business, and the limitless potential of young minds.**



## **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Rymer Strauss

Rymer J. Strauss is a 9-year-old boy, born and raised on Hilton Head Island in South Carolina. At the time of authoring the book, he was in the fourth grade. Rymer is an avid reader, sports enthusiast, and creative adventurer. If he isn't reading *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* or *Dog Man*, he is playing soccer, running cross country, learning judo, traveling, or swimming. He likes to create new business opportunities, tell jokes, and loves designing new places to hang out with his friends.



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