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BOOK FAIR**



A story that teaches children about connection, friendship and belonging.

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THE QUIET BOY AND THE LONELY GIRL

This heart-warming story follows two young children, Kip and Mira, who both long for friendship and connection. One is quiet and often turns inward, while the other feels lonely and isolated. Through gorgeous illustrations and beautifully written text by award-winning author Jayneen Sanders, the children gently reach out to one another, and a special friendship begins to grow.

- WORLD RIGHTS AVAILABLE
- AGE RANGE: 3 - 10
- AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR

The Quiet Boy and the Lonely Girl is a story that reminds us that sometimes, one true friend is all we need to feel loved, seen, and valued.

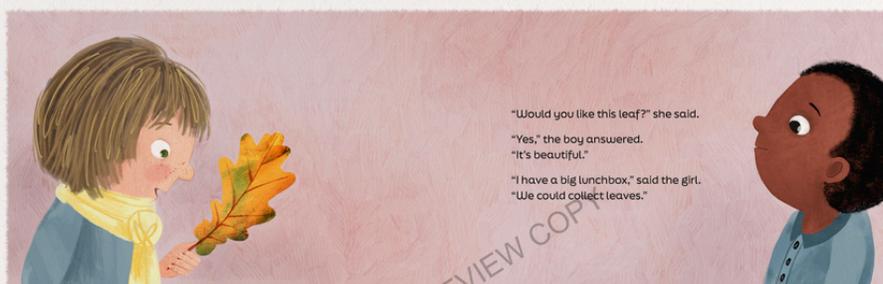


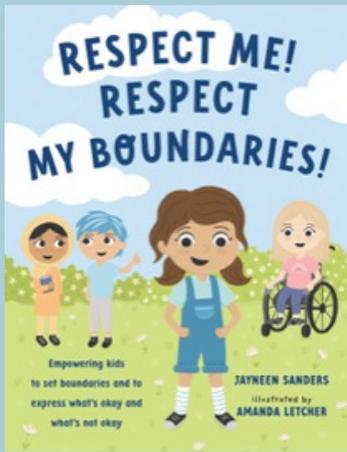
ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Jayneen Sanders & Martina Heiduczek

Jayneen Sanders is an experienced Australian early-year educator and an accomplished author. She has written titles for literacy series such as ZigZags, Totally Kidz, Deadly and Incredible, and a children's picture book series for Penguin.

Martina Heiduczek, born near the Baltic Sea in Germany, studied illustration and graphic design in Hamburg and is currently based on the Gold Coast, Australia. Nature, people, and places inspire Martina's works.





Empowering book that helps children build confidence, self-respect and a strong, clear voice.

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RESPECT ME! RESPECT MY BOUNDARIES!

'Respect Me! Respect My Boundaries!' goes beyond body boundaries to explore the many boundaries children need to feel safe and respected. Through age-appropriate language and familiar scenarios, children learn to recognise and express 'what is okay' and 'what is not', speak up when boundaries are crossed, and develop essential life skills such as consent, respect, body ownership, emotional awareness, and being an upstander.

- WORLD RIGHTS AVAILABLE
- AGE RANGE: 7 - 12
- AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR

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Amanda Letcher, based in Brisbane, Australia, has always had a love for drawing. After spending 18 years as a graphic designer, she moved into illustration and book design, specializing in picture books. She loves to add humor to her illustrations to add a bit more fun for kids and adults alike.

People need to **ASK** for your consent before entering your body boundary.

You have the right to say **'No'** or the right to say **'Yes'**.



You should **NEVER** be forced or encouraged into saying **'Yes'** to someone entering your body boundary when you really don't want them to.



If you **DO** feel unsafe, you might get a sick tummy or your legs might shake. These are called your Early Warning Signs. There are many Early Warning Signs you can get. You may get one or two, or lots! But if you get any of your Early Warning Signs, please tell a trusted and safe adult on your **'Safety Network'** straight away.



'Safety Network' is 3 to 5 safe adults who you trust. These are the people who, if you told them anything that made you feel worried or unsafe, would listen to you, believe you and help you. One adult on your Safety Network should not be in your family.

- WHAT DO YOU THINK 'TRUST' MEANS?
- WHO IS ON YOUR SAFETY NETWORK?

JUNI'S SAFETY NETWORK



Boundaries: Not Funny

Sometimes a person may make a joke about a situation, you or another person. The joke may not be respectful, and may hurt your feelings or another person's feelings. A joke like this is **not okay**.



You have the right to set a boundary. You could say something like:



In this situation, you are not only setting a boundary, you are also being an upstander. An upstander stands up for other people — but only when it is safe to do so.

- WHAT MIGHT YOU SAY TO A PERSON IF THEY TOLD AN UNKIND JOKE ABOUT ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS?
- WHY MIGHT IT BE HARD FOR KENNY TO STAND UP FOR HIMSELF?
- WHEN HAVE YOU BEEN AN UPSTANDER? WHAT DID YOU SAY OR DO?

Some Things to Remember!

Everybody has different boundaries. What is okay for one person may **NOT** be okay for another person.

When you let a person know they have crossed one of your boundaries, they may not like what you have to say. They may get angry or annoyed. You should not stop you from saying how you feel. However, if at any time you ever feel unsafe, tell a trusted adult on your Safety Network straight away.

You also need to respect other people's boundaries. It's important that you listen to what they have to say with understanding.



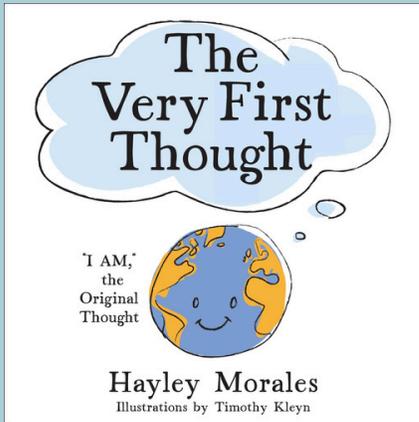
Often, it takes courage to let a person know that they have crossed your boundary. But stay strong and speak up if you think a boundary has been crossed.

STOP!



As you grow older, there will be lots of boundaries you will need to set. They may be like the examples we have talked about in this book, or they may be different. Whatever they are, remember you have the right to set boundaries.

- IF A PERSON ANSWERS YOU BACK IN A GOOD WAY, LIKE, 'I'M SORRY I SPOKE ABOUT YOUR FRIEND LIKE THAT. IT WAS UNKIND OF ME', WHAT MIGHT YOU SAY TO THEM?



How new thoughts can take you to new heights of happiness.

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Illustrated Picture Book

THE VERY FIRST THOUGHT

Just because your mind has forgotten, doesn't mean your heart has forgotten. Every thought and emotion is still alive somewhere in your soul.

Take kids on a journey to help them find that first thought. A thought that has been alive since the day they were born.

A thought that has been alive since the world first began. A thought that has the power to take them where they want to go, and be who they want to be. Hard to believe? Then this book is for you, too.

- WORLD RIGHTS AVAILABLE
- AGE RANGE: 4 - 6

The Very First Thought, gently introduces young minds to the profound power of the words 'I Am,' showing them how these two simple words can shape their reality." —Dennish Merrit Jones, publisher

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Hayley Morales & Tim Kleyn



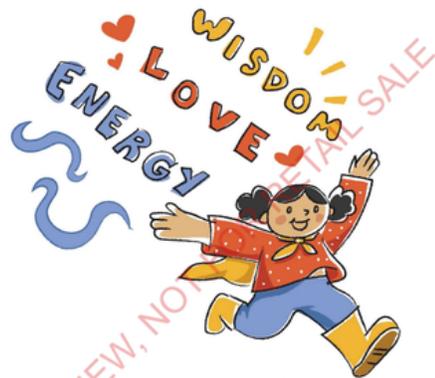
Hayley Morales lives a relaxed lifestyle in beautiful British Columbia. This is the fourth book she has written. When she is not daydreaming about stories, you can find her designing spaces and playing with fun colors. "The world is your canvas — make it beautiful."

Tim Kleyn grew up in West Michigan. He earned his BFA in Illustration from Kendall College of Art & Design. Tim works as a graphic designer.

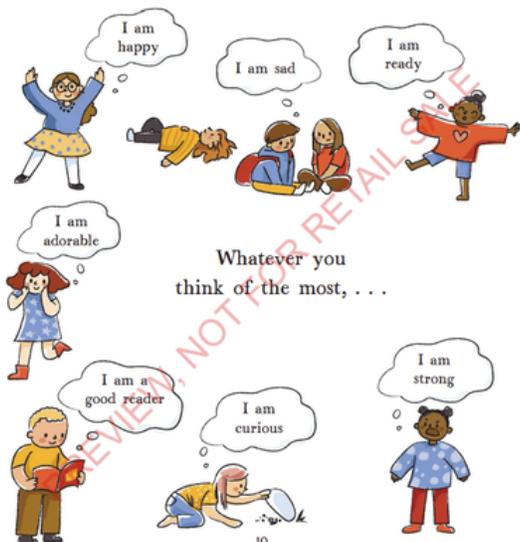




With those three important gifts, you were given the ENERGY, LOVE, and WISDOM to think and create your own thoughts – NOW and FOREVER.



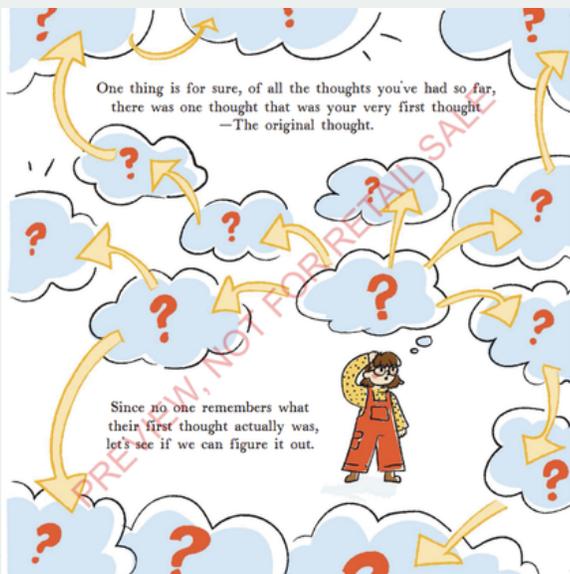
You may not realize it, but you can create and choose your own thoughts.



Whatever you think of the most, ...



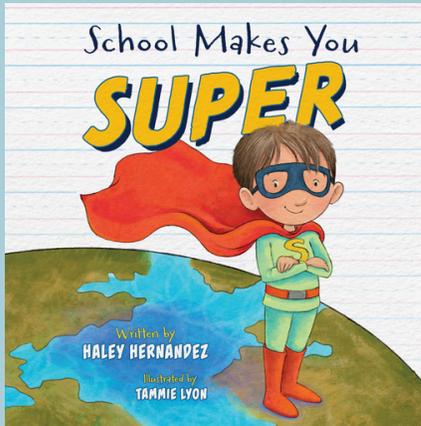
As people change, sometimes they feel lonely, too busy, or not smart enough because they forgot their very first thought. They worry about other things, instead of taking care of themselves right now.



One thing is for sure, of all the thoughts you've had so far, there was one thought that was your very first thought — The original thought.

Since no one remembers what their first thought actually was, let's see if we can figure it out.





A story with a wonderful message to inspire and empower new students.

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SCHOOL MAKES YOU SUPER

I'll tell you a little secret: I know of a place where you can get real superpowers. It's not a laboratory full of bubbling potions. It's not a magical planet far away. No... it's school!

At school, disguised adult superheroes called teachers help you develop your brain and discover answers to some of the world's weirdest questions. Soon, you'll have so many new powers, including the ability to read, write, and do math, that will one day allow you to do even more amazing things like fly, heal the sick, and protect the innocent.

- WORLD RIGHTS AVAILABLE
- AGE RANGE: 4 - 6
- AWARD-WINNING TV JOURNALIST

A charming source of encouragement and positivity for kids beginning their schooling journey. *School Makes You Super* illustrates all the potential and excitement awaiting them at school, likening learning to developing your superpowers.

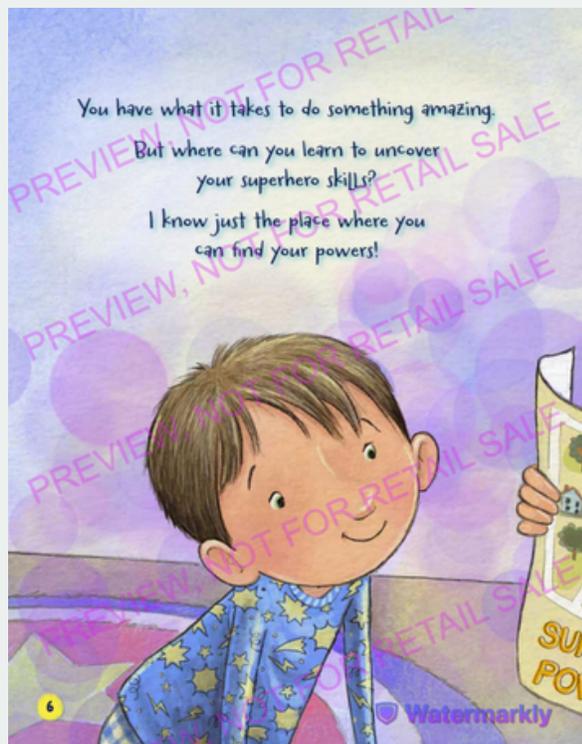
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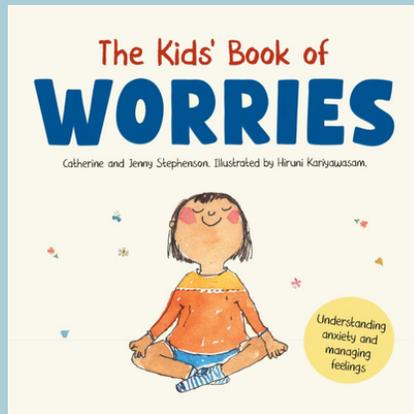
Haley Hernandez & Tammie Lyon

Haley Hernandez is an award-winning TV journalist. *School Makes You Super* is the first book she has authored, inspired by raising her two young boys. When not on camera, Haley and her husband love to run and travel, and they always tell the best bedtime stories. May this story be one of them.

Tammie Lyon lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, with her husband Lee and dogs Amos and Artie. Graduating from Columbus College of Art and Design, Tammie has illustrated numerous books,







Here to help your child feel understood, supported, and a little more at ease each day.

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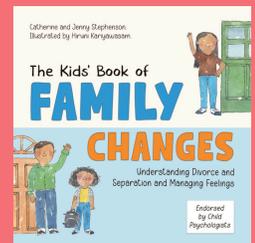
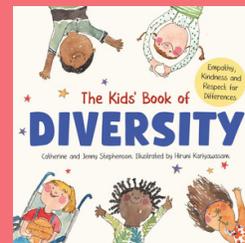
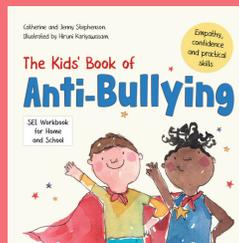
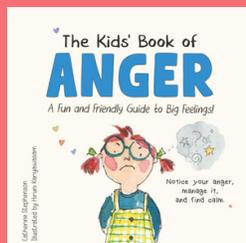
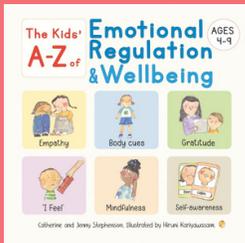
Illustrated Picture Books

THE KIDS' BOOK OF WORRIES

Help Your Child Manage Anxiety with Confidence

Is your child feeling overwhelmed by worry or fear? Whether it's starting a new school, making friends, or facing something unfamiliar, this gentle and practical book, co-written by an educational child psychologist, is here to help children aged 4-10 understand and manage their anxiety.

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- AGE RANGE: 4 - 6
- PART OF THE KIDS' BOOKS OF SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING SERIES



ABOUT THE AUTHORS & ILLUSTRATOR

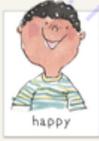
Jenny Stephenson, Hiruni Kariyawasam, Catherine Stephenson

Jenny Stephenson is a Chartered Educational and Child Psychologist and experienced in a range of evidence-based approaches, including cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT), mindfulness and acceptance and commitment therapy. She works with the consultancy Brighter Futures in the UK.

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Catherine Stephenson is a UK-born author living in Barcelona, Spain. With a background in teaching English and translation, she writes thoughtful, engaging books that support children's social and emotional growth.

Look at the faces on this page. Have you felt any of these?



happy



angry



sad



worried



embarrassed



scared



headache or feel dizzy

breathing faster

heart beats faster

feel sick / not hungry

butterflies in your tummy

need the toilet

sweaty hands

shaky legs



MOVE

Doing exercise, like running, jumping, or playing games, helps our bodies feel strong and happy. It can make us feel more relaxed and calm.

SLEEP

Sleep helps to recharge our brains. After a good night's sleep, we are more able to manage our worries.

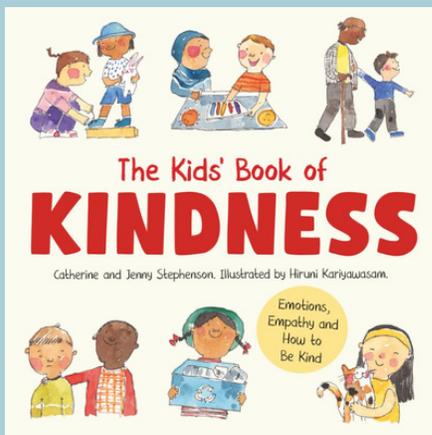
Just breathe!

Taking slow and deeper breaths can help you feel calmer.

1. Find a quiet and comfortable place to sit or lie down. Close your eyes if it helps you focus.
2. Imagine you are smelling a lovely flower, and take a slow breath in through your nose, filling up your tummy like a balloon.

Imagine your happy place.

Think of a place where you have felt safe, comfortable or relaxed.



Relatable and uplifting strategies that provide heartfelt support for children experiencing anxiety.

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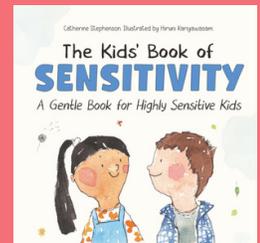
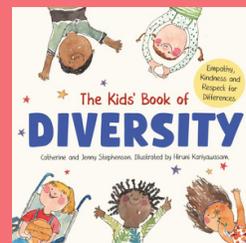
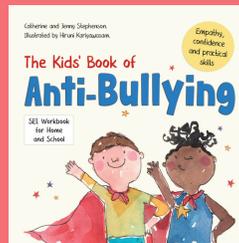
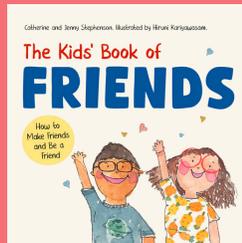
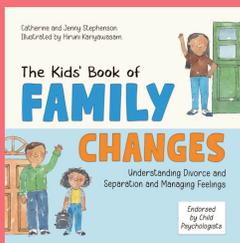
Illustrated Picture Books

THE KIDS' BOOK OF KINDNESS

Turn everyday moments into lessons in empathy, confidence, and care.

The Kids' Book of Kindness is a beautifully illustrated guide that helps children ages 4 to 8 understand what kindness really means—and how to practice it in real life. Co-authored by an educator and a child psychologist, this gentle book offers support when kids are struggling with big emotions, friendship challenges, or knowing how to do the right thing.

- RIGHTS SOLD: TURKISH
- AGE RANGE: 4 - 8
- PART OF THE KIDS' BOOKS OF SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING SERIES



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Kindness isn't just for people. We can be gentle with animals, and look after the Earth too!



Kindness is even about being loving and thoughtful to ourselves.



Being kind makes you feel good too!

Can you think of a time when you did something kind for someone, or made them smile? How did it make you feel?



Do you want mine?

Name the feelings.

		
sad	happy	angry
		
scared	worried	bored

Can you think of times you have had any of these feelings?

Noticing feelings helps us choose kind actions.

Little ways to include

- being a good listener
- saying hi to someone.
- play with someone different at school
- smiling



Speaking up is kind.

It's okay to feel scared. You can still speak up. If you don't feel safe, tell a grown-up you trust.

Brave words

Stop.
That's not kind.
Please stop.
I like his shoes.

Some kids were laughing at Max's new shoes. Jay said, 'I think they're cool!' Max felt a bit braver after that.



Be kind to animals.

Animals have feelings too. We can be gentle with them. If they're scared, we can give them space.

Be kind to big animals and small ones.





Introduces kids to creativity, critical thinking, and how to utilize all their talents in order to reach their goals.

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THE BOOK MACHINE

I need more books. I just can't get enough. But how does one make a book? I've seen books at the school and the library. How do they get their books? They must use a book-making machine

What happens when a book-loving child can't get books fast enough? He'll build a machine that will produce an entire library, of course! With a doohickey here and a whatchamacallit there, he puts his book machine together and waits for the books to pop out . . . and waits . . . and waits. After checking to make sure there wasn't a dragon inside the machine gobbling up all his books, he deduces that he must write his own story.

- WORLD RIGHTS AVAILABLE
- AGE RANGE: 5 - 7

**"The so-called book machine lives within us all—as storytelling."
—Kimberly Olsen Fakh, *School Library Journal***



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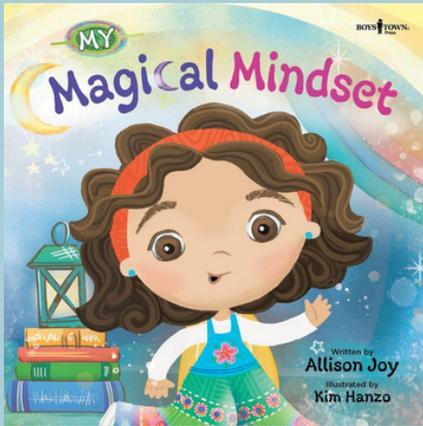
Laurie Duersch & Susanna Covelli

Laurie Duersch is a wife and a mother of two young, energetic boys and two sweet schnauzer pups. She is a two-time survivor of brain tumor surgery. Laurie loves dancing and writing, plays the flute, and speaks Japanese.

Susanna Covelli obtained an MA in architecture, and followed her passion for art. She attended Scuola Internazionale di Comics in Turin for traditional and digital illustration.







Shows the power of positive thinking and introduces young readers to valuable coping skills

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MY MAGICAL MINDSET

What does June Bug do when she's scared? When worry makes her heart race and tummy hurt? When the thoughts in her head say she's not good enough? When she feels sad and alone? She listens to her body and then turns on her magical mindset.

June Bug uses a magical mindset to calm down, focus, and solve problems. Her magical mindset tells her she is strong, she is smart, and she is loved! June Bug needs all the grit she can muster because her family has moved to a new town, and now she is the new kid in school.

- WORLD RIGHTS AVAILABLE
- AGE RANGE: 4 - 6

“As a therapist, I am always looking for fun ways to teach kids about mindset and managing their emotions. June Bug's journey through a difficult transition teaches kids that it's ok to have big emotions. This is a fantastic resource for therapists and parents that kids will love!”—Missy Blackmer, LMHC, LMFT

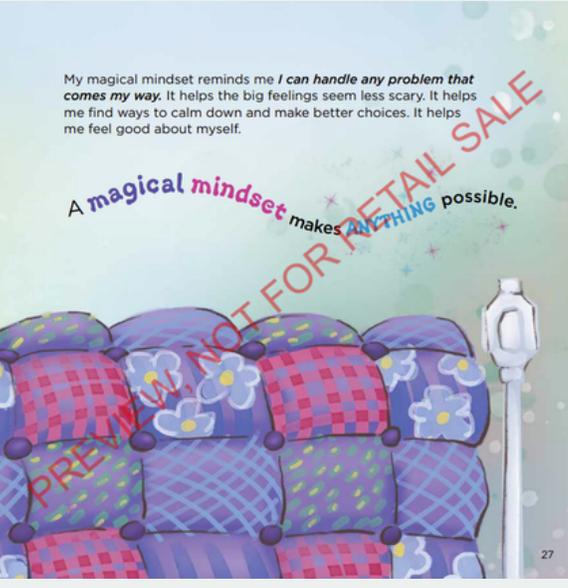
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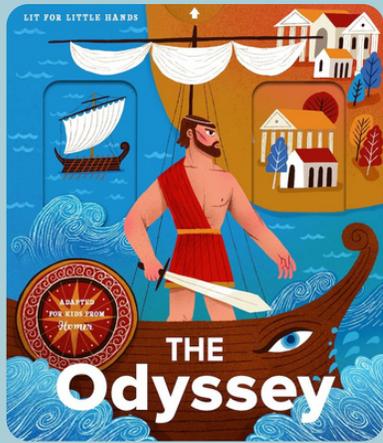
Allison Joy & Kim Hanzo

Allison Joy lives in Indiana and is an elementary school counselor. She has a passion for creating fun and engaging materials to inspire students to believe in themselves. A veteran counselor, she weaves meaningful lessons within whimsical stories to help children thrive.

Kim Hanzo strives to celebrate small moments, generate smiles, and inspire laughter through her work.







Clever use of original dialogue, and colorful illustrations to tell the story in simple and engaging prose.

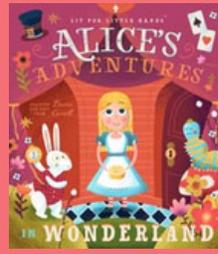
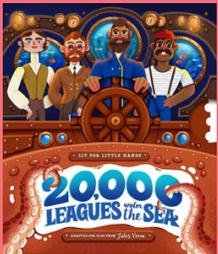
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LIT FOR LITTLE HANDS: THE ODYSSEY

An interactive board book adventure on the seas of ancient Greece, Brooke Jordan's adaptation of The Odyssey is an epic journey that tells of heroism and homecoming.

Homer's classic epic comes to life for young children! Wheels, pull tabs, and other interactive elements invite kids to outsmart mythical monsters, brave treacherous waters, and return home to Ithaca with Odysseus. Celebrating family and perseverance, this board book helps children understand that no matter how far you go, home is always worth the journey.

- WORLD RIGHTS AVAILABLE
- AGE RANGE: 3 - 6
- PART OF THE LIT FOR LITTLE HANDS SERIES



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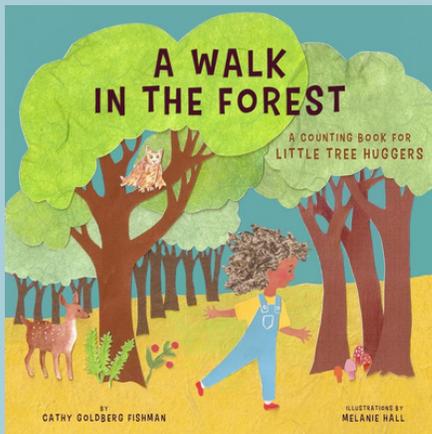
Brooke Jordan & Olga Skomorokhova

Brooke Jordan, earned a BA in English and editing from Brigham Young University. The author of the Lit for Little Hands series and other books for children, Jordan is also the managing editor at Familius and the mother of three.

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A counting book for little tree huggers.

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A WALK IN THE FOREST

Explore the trees and cultures of forests from around the world with this adorable counting primer.

Take a walk through the forest and experience the sights, sounds, and colors of trees from around the world. From gnarled banyan trees to tall baobabs, kids can explore the world through every page, accompanied by a cast of diverse characters who share their culture.

- WORLD RIGHTS AVAILABLE
- AGE RANGE: 1 -3
- AWARD WINNING AUTHOR
- AWARD WINNING ILLUSTRATOR

With simple rhymes, a counting pattern, and stunning papercraft art, this diverse board book is the perfect introduction to the trees and cultures that make the forest so special.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Cathy Goldberg Fishman & Melanie Hall

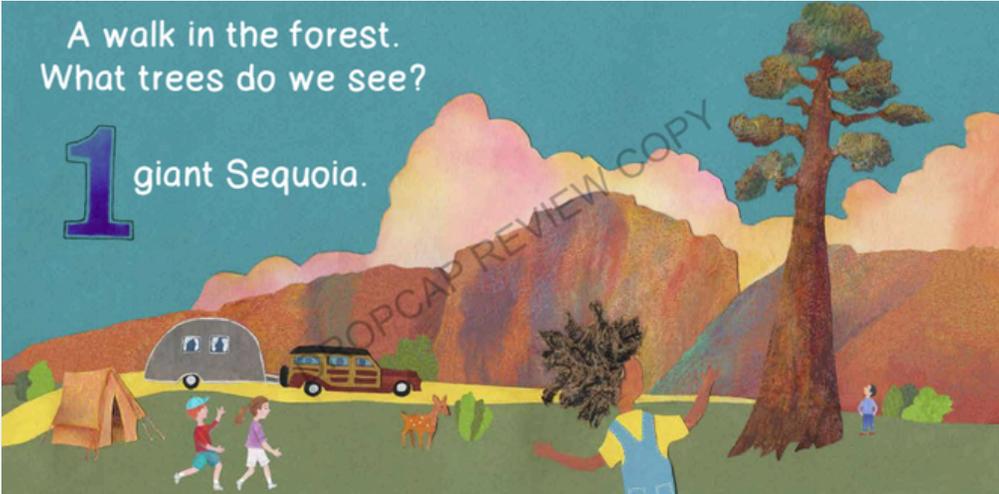
Cathy Goldberg Fishman, born in Mesa, Arizona, but grew up in Atlanta, Georgia. She has taught elementary school, sold encyclopedias from door to door, and directed a day care center. Her books have been recognized by the Sydney Taylor Notable Book Award and Parents' Choice Award.

Melanie Hall attended the MFA program at Marywood University in Pennsylvania and the Highlights Foundation. Her work has received numerous awards.

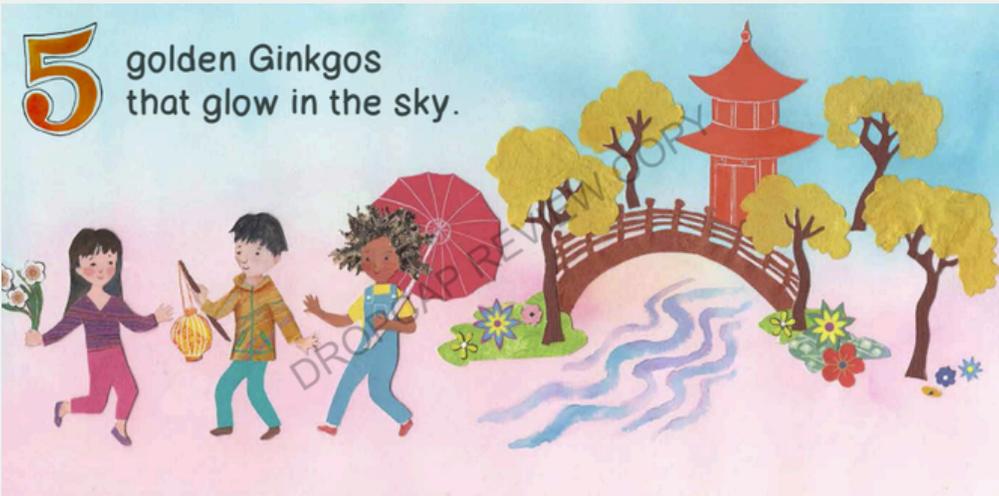


A walk in the forest.
What trees do we see?

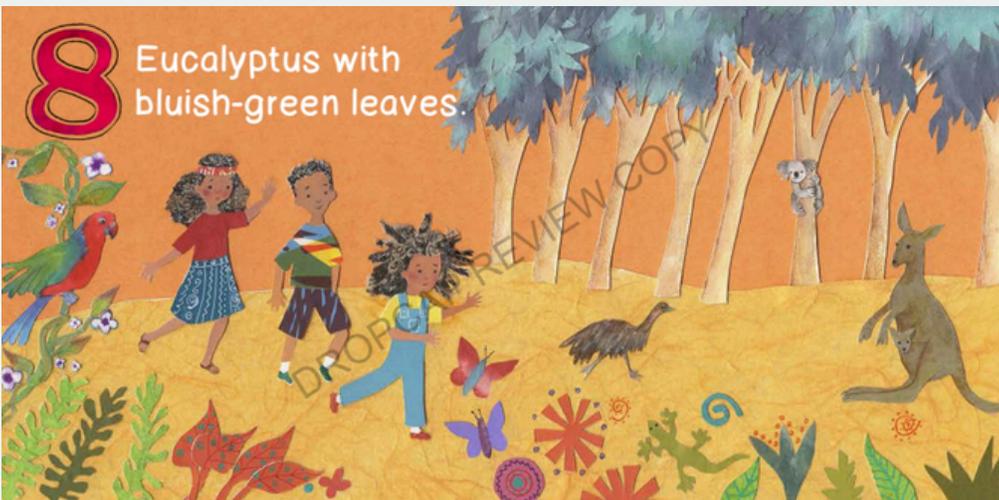
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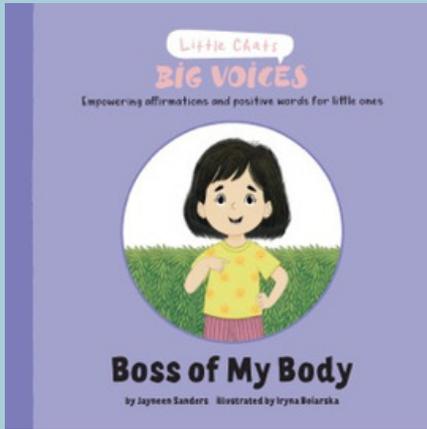


5 golden Ginkgos
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bluish-green leaves.





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I have a body boundary.

😊 YOUR TURN!



Where is your body boundary?

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I can say 'No' to hugs and kisses.

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What can you say 'No' to?

7

I can talk about my feelings.

😊 YOUR TURN!



How are you feeling today?

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It is okay to cry when I am sad.

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When have you felt sad?

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Who makes you feel safe?
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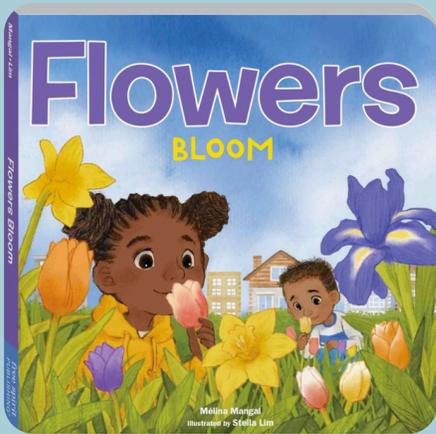
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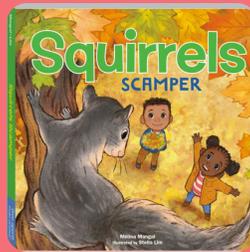
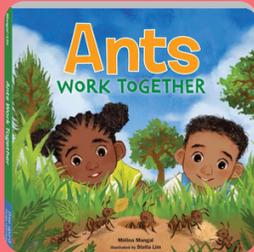
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