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## THE CAYUGA ISLAND KID SERIES

STORY BY JUDY BRADBURY

ILLUSTRATIONS BY GABRIELLA VAGNOLI

**The Cayuga Island Kids model leadership skills and teach information literacy to 1st to 4th graders—using chocolate chip cookies and glitter pens!**

The Cayuga Island Kids are five big-hearted friends who solve mysteries and have wonderful adventures together. They are fact detectives who follow clues, find answers, and puzzle out solutions. Above all, they are kind, helpful, smart, and resourceful kids who have lots of fun together.

This trilogy begins with the start of summer vacation. The Kids search for a certain kind of tree and instead unearth a cannonball. As they hunt for clues and follow leads, the inquisitive and adventurous fact detectives discover that the island they live on is home to both history and mystery.

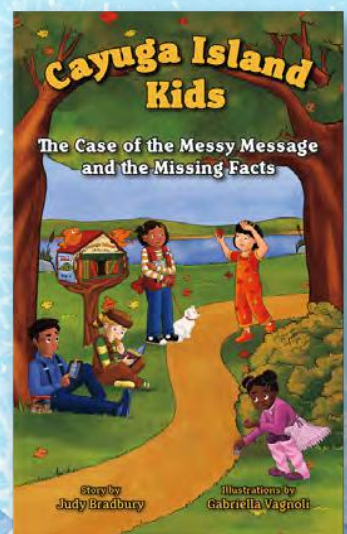
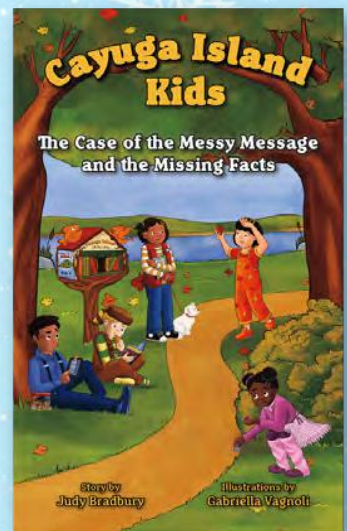
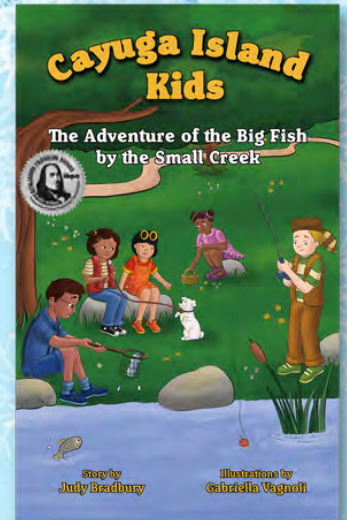
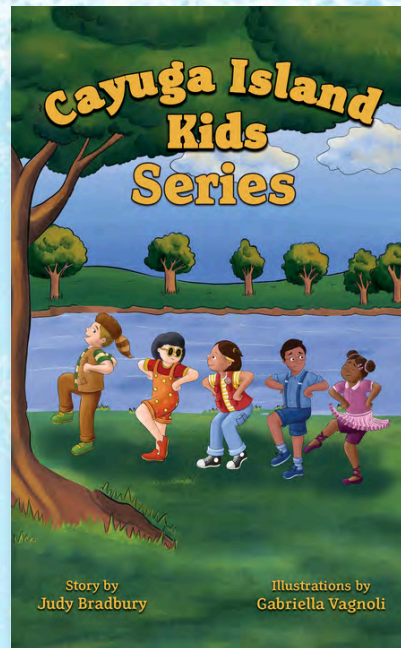
In award-winning Book 2, the Kids continue their summer vacation adventures by rescuing a mallard and pulling plastic bottles out of the creek. How they bring the community together to build a recycling bin big enough to hold plenty of plastic makes for a lively adventure and models important leadership skills. Brainstorming, teamwork, and recycling lead to the realization that although we are each just one person, together we can make a BIG difference!

As school starts, Julian and his dad are working together to make perfect chocolate chip cookies in Book 3. Then glitter pens go missing at school. Clues point to a suspect, but when they encounter misinformation and disinformation, the importance of not jumping to conclusions without all the facts becomes crystal clear. The Kids become information literate while solving mysteries, making cookies and having fun.

Information literacy, leadership and friendship. These are what the Cayuga Island Kids teach youngsters, all within the most engaging chapter books. Having all 3 of the Cayuga Island Kids books in a set will encourage young readers to push their limits and become avid readers—and leaders.

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## ELINORMAL SAGA: THE ADVENTURES OF ELINOR MALCOLM

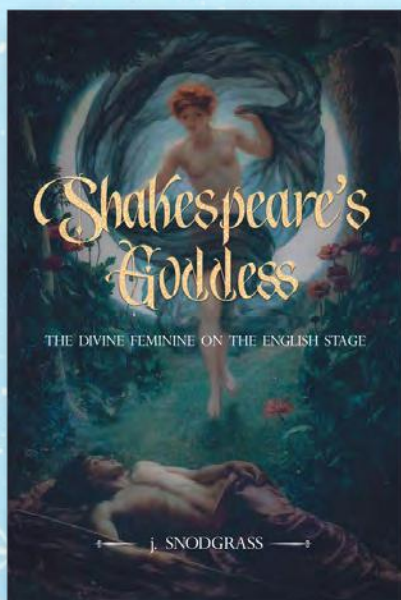
BY KATE MCCARROLL MOORE

**Elinor Malcolm Discovers  
Who She Is and Brings  
Tweens Along with Her**

Eleven-year-old Elinor Malcolm just wants to be normal. Lonely, she goes in search of her best self and a best friend. In Book One of the Elinormal Saga, summer vacation begins with her attorney mom threatening to sue if Elinor is not admitted to a prestigious ballet academy. But Elinor has no interest in ballet. She makes a magical friend who helps her realize that she is a capable and kind individual. Secret identities are revealed, and Elinor learns about the nature of relationships and the power of love. Elinor is ready for the first day of 7th grade as Book Two begins, but an unexpected event means she must travel and miss the first week of school. Through the ensuing confusion she learns that people are complicated and relationships take work. As Elinor discovers who she is and who she wants to be, she struggles to balance friendships and unravel her mother's mysterious past

The Elinormal Saga explores the complexity of friendship in a poignant and perceptive manner that resonates with 8-12 year olds wrestling with their independence, discovering their secret likes and dislikes, and in search of their place in the world. It is perfect for middle grade summer and vacation reading lists and Mother/Daughter book clubs.

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## SHAKESPEARE'S GODDESS: THE DIVINE FEMININE ON THE ENGLISH STAGE

BY J. SNODGRASS

Today, Shakespeare's works are classics and his characters have achieved mythical status. But what were William Shakespeare's favorite myths and classics? And who were the empowering role models for his bold and unforgettable heroines?

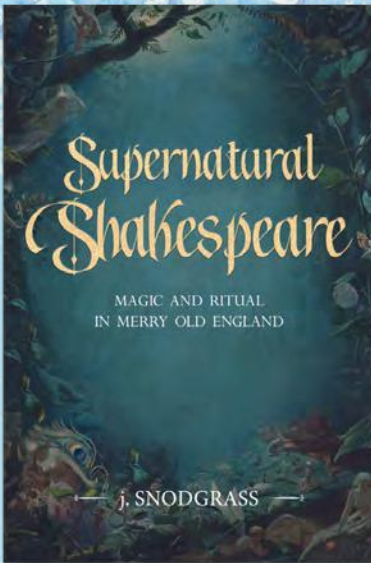
In plays and poems throughout his prolific career, Shakespeare explored many facets of the divine feminine including Greek, Roman and Egyptian goddesses—and he nearly deified Queen Elizabeth. His characters frequently refer to classical goddesses, some plays actually feature appearances of goddesses onstage, and the goddess of love starred in his epic poem *Venus and Adonis*.

*Shakespeare's Goddess* explores the poet's many representations of the divine feminine, as a pantheon of individual deities and also as diverse manifestations of a single, multifaceted goddess.

This sequel to *Supernatural Shakespeare* delves deep into Shakespeare's use of Greek and Roman myths to explore the surprisingly wide variety of goddesses that populate his plays and poems in his lifelong quest for the divine feminine. Sufficiently researched and documented to be useful to scholars, but with an engaging and humorous tone that makes it fun and accessible for anyone who appreciates Shakespeare.

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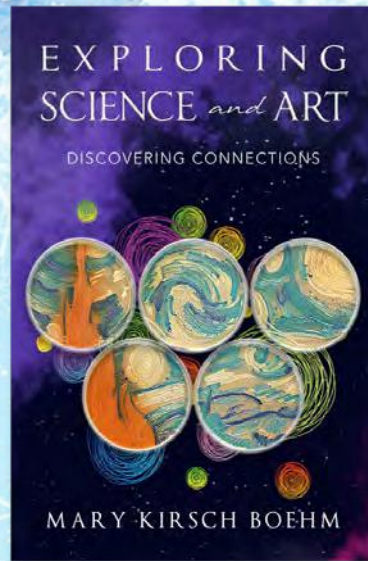


## **SUPERNATURAL SHAKESPEARE: MAGIC AND RITUAL IN MERRY OLD ENGLAND**

BY J. SNODGRASS

Immerse yourself in Shakespeare's magical world, filled with supernatural encounters with faeries, ghosts and witches. Frolic with royalty, wander through forests, and experience love layered with enchantment. Shakespeare's use of these fantastical phenomena has had a tremendous and enduring influence on authors and audiences for more than four centuries. But what are their origins? Explore the folk beliefs and literary sources that influenced Shakespeare and discover how he assembled his own masterful portraits of these phenomena, giving his plays vibrant life and his characters unforgettable personalities.

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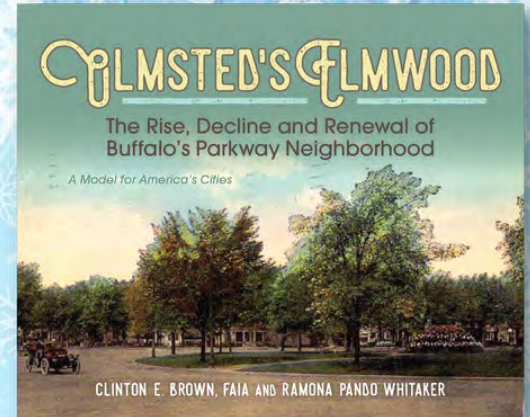


## **EXPLORING SCIENCE AND ART: DISCOVERING CONNECTIONS**

BY MARY KIRSCH BOEHM

Exploring Science and Art: Discovering Connections between the nature of Science and the Science of Art is a venture of discovery. Author and retired science educator, Mary Kirsch Boehm, guides readers through an examination of science with an artistic eye, introducing an integrated and often overlooked view of the two disciplines.

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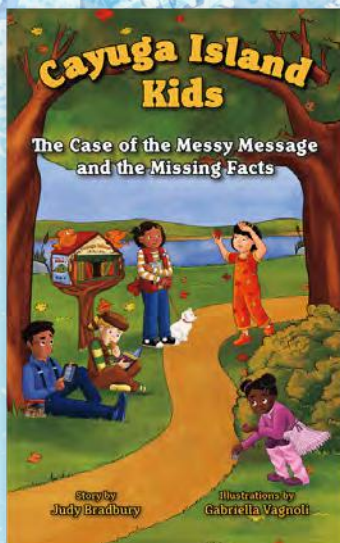
## **OLMSTED'S ELMWOOD: THE RISE, DECLINE AND RENEWAL OF BUFFALO'S PARKWAY NEIGHBORHOOD, A MODEL FOR AMERICA'S CITIES**

BY CLINTON E. BROWN, FAIA AND RAMONA PANDO WHITAKER

The fascinating story of the historic Elmwood District, named one of America's top ten neighborhoods, is told for the first time. From Joseph Ellicott's arrival in Buffalo, New York and his radical radial street grid, through the role played by Fredrick Law Olmsted and his unique parks and parkways, discover the powerful stories of those who created a fabulous neighborhood using Olmsted's blueprint for gracious living. Then follow the devastating 50-year decline that boarded up mansions and emptied the rust belt city, reducing it to a shadow of its Gilded Age size and prominence. Find out how the Elmwood District, now on the National Register of Historic Places, survived intact until the desire for walkable neighborhoods and its passionate residents sparked the remarkable renewal that is underway today. The authors suggest that Elmwood be considered a model for America's cities, and look into the neighborhood's future as it grapples with growth.

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## THE CASE OF THE MESSY MESSAGE AND THE MISSING FACTS BOOK 3 OF THE CAYUGA ISLAND KID SERIES

STORY BY JUDY BRADBURY  
ILLUSTRATIONS BY GABRIELLA VAGNOLI

It's Fall now and the Cayuga Island Kids are busy with homework, projects, and after school activities. But there's still plenty of time for mystery and adventure!

In the third book in the Cayuga Island Kids chapter book series, Julian is exploring food science as he experiments with recipes on his quest for the perfect chocolate chip cookie. Being a cookie sampler takes Mac's mind off his troubles with fractions. Yoko is practicing gestures and facial expressions in anticipation of the school play tryouts. Maya is Ms. Choi's helper in the after-school Make-and-Take-Club for younger crafters. Lacey is taking care of the little community library that Gram built—and searching for the next mystery to solve. When two of Ms. Choi's glitter pens go missing, Maya turns to Lacey for help. The clues and evidence point to a suspect, but are they jumping to conclusions? When a classmate jumps to conclusions and shares false information about Julian's cookies, the Cayuga Island Kids join forces to set the facts straight. When the kids research explorers for a school project, they uncover misinformation that blurs the truth, and makes the reasons for being a fact detective crystal clear. As the fall leaves turn color, the Cayuga Island Kids come to realize that sorting through clues and evidence—just like research—means making sure information is factual, and not just a fraction of the truth. Seven to ten-year-olds will cheer for the Cayuga Island Kids as they embark on this latest adventure involving faulty assumptions, missing facts, flour bugs, and chocolate chip cookies.

Don't miss Book 1, *The Mystery of the Barking Branches and the Sunken Ship* and Book 2, *The Adventure of the Big Fish by the Small Creek* of the **Cayuga Island Kids series!**

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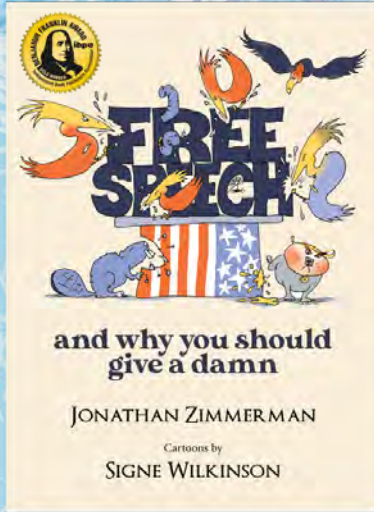
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The sequel to **Elinormal!**

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# NONFICTION



## FREE SPEECH AND WHY YOU SHOULD GIVE A DAMN

BY JONATHAN ZIMMERMAN AND SIGNE WILKINSON

In America we like to think we live in a land of liberty, where everyone can say whatever they want. Throughout our history, however, we have also been quick to censor people who offend or frighten us. We talk a good game about freedom of speech, then we turn around and deny it to others.

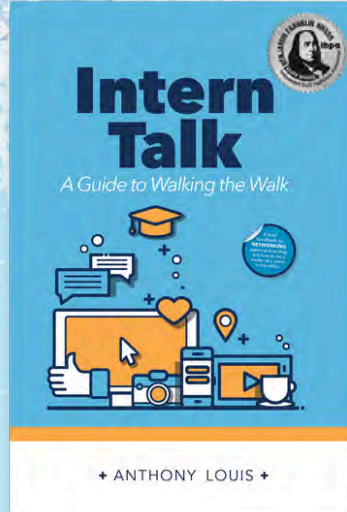
In this brief but bracing book, historian Jonathan Zimmerman and Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist Signe Wilkinson tell the story of free speech in America: who established it, who has denounced it, and who has risen to its defense. They also make the case for why we should care about it today, when free speech is once again under attack.

Across the political spectrum, Americans have demanded the suppression of ideas and images that allegedly threaten our nation. But the biggest danger to America comes not from speech but from censorship, which prevents us from freely governing ourselves. Free speech allows us to criticize our leaders. It lets us consume the art, film, and literature we prefer. And, perhaps most importantly, it allows minorities to challenge the oppression they suffer.

While any of us are censored, none of us are free.

*Perfect for the thinker on your list.*

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## INTERN TALK: A GUIDE TO WALKING THE WALK

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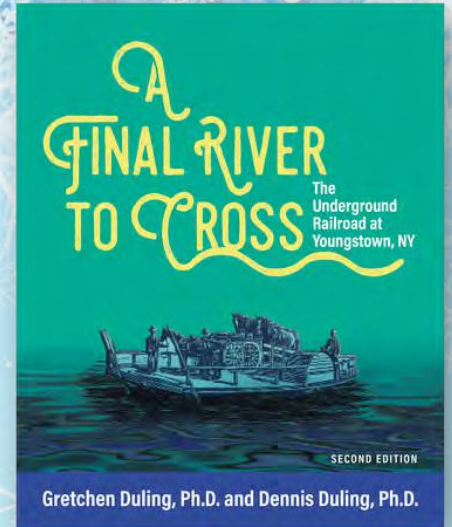
Intern Talk not only guides students in the pursuit of professional opportunities, it also offers a somewhat novel approach to achieving a lifetime of professional success.

It all starts in high school and college, but this book will support students off campus and into their chosen professional fields. It provides explicit, practical tips on how to select and prepare for interviews—and follow up.

From crafting the ideal résumé to advice on how to network effectively (it's not about you!), *Intern Talk* provides the tools and techniques needed to find the perfect opportunity, paid or unpaid.

Perfect for the serious student on your list— and for the student who you wish were a bit more serious!

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## A FINAL RIVER TO CROSS: THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD AT YOUNGSTOWN, NY

BY GRETCHEN AND DENNIS DULING

This local and regional study fills the gap in documenting Youngstown's role in the Underground Railroad in New York State. It also offers further proof of the existence of, support for, and operation of the Underground Railroad in Western New York. The second edition of this comprehensive and extensive book meant is for both the general reader and scholars. The authors have uncovered a rich treasure of information in newly discovered primary source materials. Discover the compelling stories of the citizens of Youngstown who formed an intricate Underground Railroad network.

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# FICTION



## THOSE FANTASTIC LIVES AND OTHER STRANGE STORIES

SHORT STORIES BY BRADLEY SIDES

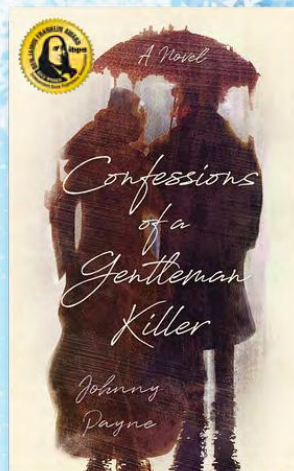
In this tender, brilliantly-imagined collection of short stories, a young boy dreams of being a psychic like his grandmother, a desperate man turns to paper for a miracle, a swarm of fireflies attempts the impossible, scarecrows and ghosts collide, a

mother and child navigate a forest plagued by light-craving monsters, a boy's talking dolls aid him in conquering a burning world, and a father and mother deal with the sudden emergence of wings on their son's back.

Bradley Sides is an exciting new voice in fiction. Brimming with our deepest fears and desires, his haunting debut collection of short fiction examines the complexities of masculinity, home, transformation, and loss. Tenderness is illuminated by magic realism, providing rays of hope in the darkness and igniting imaginations.

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## CONFESSIONS OF A GENTLEMAN KILLER

A NOVEL BY JOHNNY PAYNE

The papers call me "the gentleman killer." I wrapped the throat of my first victim in the silk scarf with which I strangled her. That's what passes as a gentleman these days.

I ask you: How do you reconcile a man who is capable of deep, tender love (because I've felt it), a man, who—by public standards—is a health reformer, assistant

to the future British Prime Minister, and the son-in-law of a wealthy industrialist, but who, when the moment overtakes him, kills women? I don't know what to make of it myself, but that's me. I've been told I have a philosopher's mind, that I'm ambitious and can do anything I set my mind to— but sometimes my urges get the better of me.

I don't venture judgement—on myself or anyone else. I'll leave that up to you.

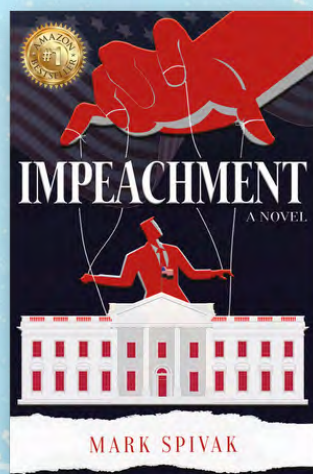
My name is Kilcairn, and these are my confessions.

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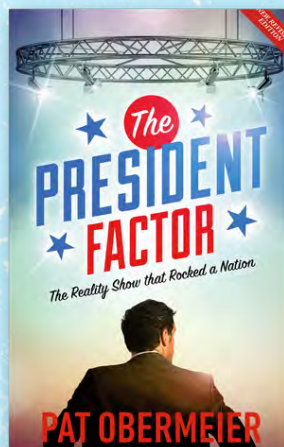
A NOVEL BY MARK SPIVAK

Billionaire industrialists Sheldon and Richard Haft are accustomed to manipulating the system to achieve their agenda, but when they decide the government isn't serving them as well as it could, they decide to take it to the next level. Richard stumbles upon the Angels of Democracy, a group of Good Samaritans headquartered in Southern California near the Mexican

border. What if the brothers take a chunk of their considerable fortune and fund the group into a paramilitary force capable of changing society? The outcome yields chaos on the nation's southern border, upheavals at the highest levels of government, and a new America which could not have been envisioned—except by the Haft brothers themselves.

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## THE PRESIDENT FACTOR

A NOVEL BY PAT OBERMEIER

When Democratic hopeful Senator Adhemar Reyes proposed that all presidential candidates compete on a reality TV show to prove they can handle a crisis, he was kidding—mostly. But he said it on the U.S. Senate Floor, and it was all caught on C-SPAN. The comment sparks a media frenzy. Everyone wants Adhemar on their show. It doesn't hurt to get your face on TV so that the American public knows your name before you announce your candidacy. Right? Mostly. But when Congress passes a bill that makes the reality show a reality, the senator is thrust into The President Factor. Countless sarcastic jibes, two political crises, and an off-limits love affair. Will the charismatic Hispanic candidate win? Why is one team getting malaria shots? Can Washington politics be even more absurd? Yes to the last question. The rest is inside.

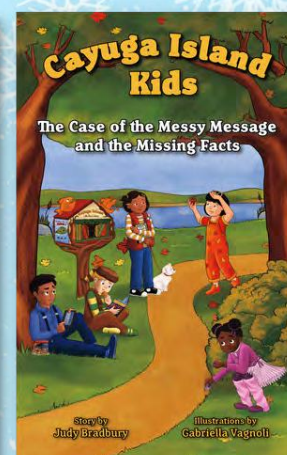
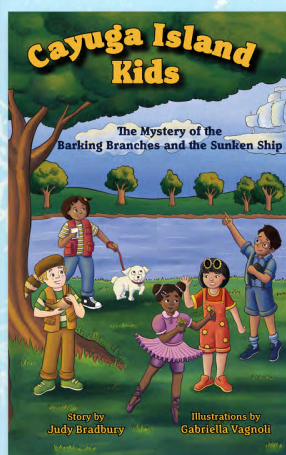
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Find out what happens when a group of friends sets off on a hunt for a certain kind of tree and uncover a buried cannonball instead? Who knew that the island they live on is also home to a whole lot of history? And, it turns out, a whole lot of mystery, too... Meet the Cayuga Island Kids! It's summer vacation, and that means there's plenty of time for a hunt, a mystery, and an exciting adventure. Are you ready? Open the book and join the fun. Find out what the Cayuga Island Kids are up to in this mystery story based on historical events on Cayuga Island near Niagara Falls and become a fact detective!

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It all begins one mid-summer day. First, the Cayuga Island Kids rescue a mallard caught in the plastic rings from six-pack of cans. Litter. Moments later, a girl on a bike carelessly tosses a plastic bottle in the creek. The Cayuga Island Kids successfully retrieve it, but then they notice all the litter in the park. That's when they decide it's time for action. But moving from knowing something has to be done to getting it done takes determination, teamwork, and sometimes, looking in a new direction. How the Cayuga Island Kids go from fishing a plastic bottle out of the creek to bringing the community together to build a recycling bin big enough to hold plenty of plastic makes for a lively adventure. Best of all, readers will cheer on the Cayuga Island Kids as they come to realize that although we are each just one person, together we can make a BIG difference.

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While skipping lessons at the prestigious ballet academy that her mother enrolled her in, 11-year-old Elinor Malcolm meets a mysterious older girl who encourages her to explore her identity and expand her world. A touch of magical realism infuses their encounters and shapes Elinor's discovery of a path that is satisfying for both her and her mother. Friendship, family, identity, and the importance of honest communication and being true to oneself are interwoven themes that create a fascinating tapestry and a very compelling story for 8 to 12-year-olds in 4th to 8th grades. "Elinormal will enchant its readers and make them want to discuss it right away with a loved one. I can't wait to share it with my daughter and granddaughter."

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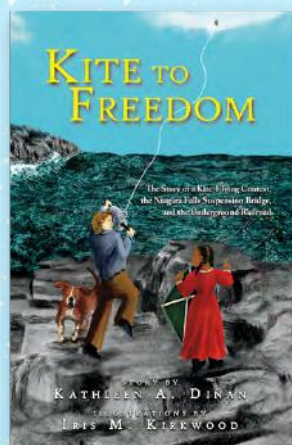
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## KITE TO FREEDOM: THE STORY OF A KITE-FLYING CONTEST, THE NIAGARA FALLS SUSPENSION BRIDGE, & THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

STORY BY KATHLEEN A. DINAN  
ILLUSTRATED BY IRIS KIRKWOOD

Can a kite change history?  
Katie and Homan's did.

When engineers were faced with the challenge of bridging the vast Niagara Gorge, the solution was a kite-flying contest. After Katie and Homan's kite crosses the gorge and wins the contest allowing the construction of the first suspension bridge to connect the U.S. and Canada. The two friends are there as it becomes an important link on the Underground Railroad, helping enslaved people escape to freedom in Canada. *Kite to Freedom* is a powerful, action-packed, fictionalized account of actual events that occurred during the mid-1800s and a wonderful way for 8- to 12-year-olds in 4th through 8th grades to learn about this important chapter in U.S. and Canadian history.

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## THE F WORDS

BY BARBARA GREGORICH

Sophomore Cole Renner knows teamwork inside and out from running cross-country.

He knows about braving the elements and not getting passed in the chute. What Cole doesn't know is how much he'll need all of his mental and physical skills when his father, a community activist, is thrown in jail; when his English teacher catches him tagging the school with the F word and

sentences him to write two poems a week, each on a word that starts with F; when his best friend Felipe Ramirez runs for class president against the girl who dumped Cole; and when the school bully prowls the halls looking for Cole and the principal seems more interested in punishing Cole than the bully. As much as Cole wants to win meets, what he wants even more is justice—for his father, for himself, for Felipe, and for his fellow students.

Cole learns that actions matter, but so do words. He takes his write words (in both Spanish and English) and turns them into the right words to fight for justice. A YA novel that will inspire teens to fight for social justice—and write poetry!

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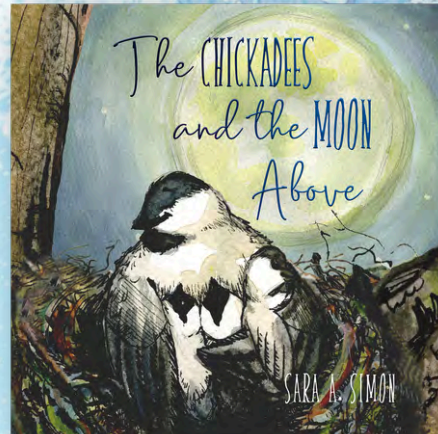
## HELLO! A WELCOMING STORY

STORY BY GINA K. LEWIS  
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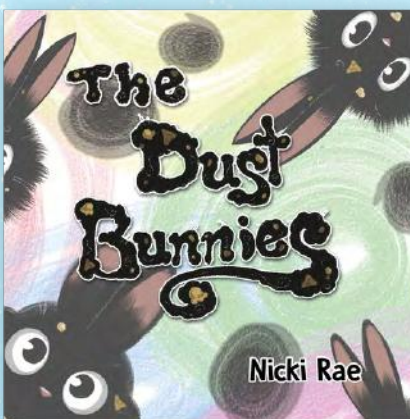
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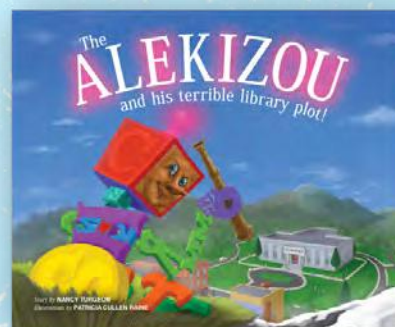
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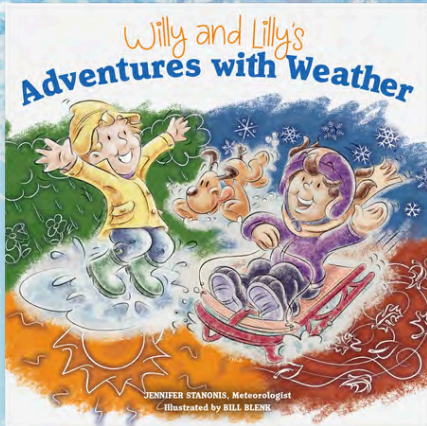
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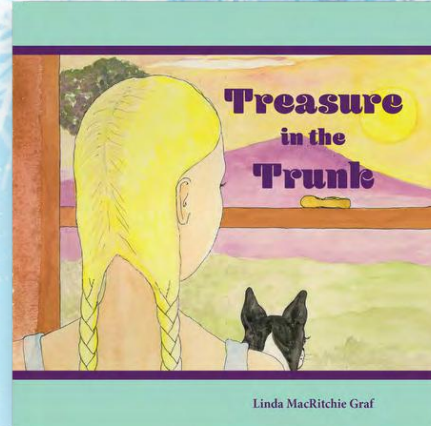
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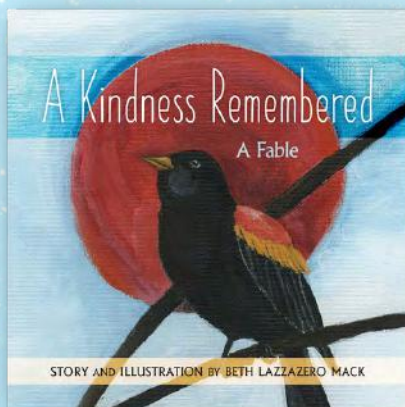
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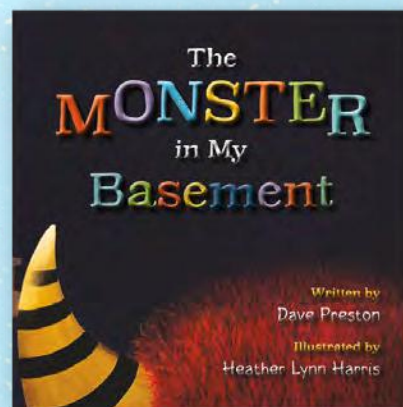
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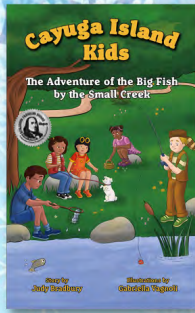
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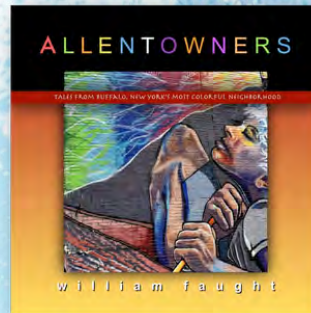
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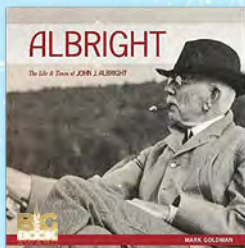
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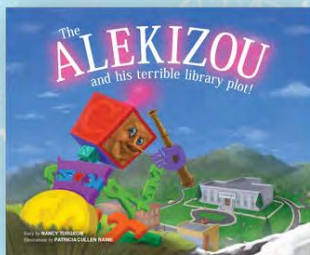
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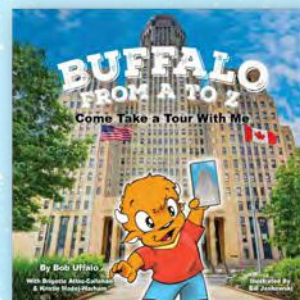
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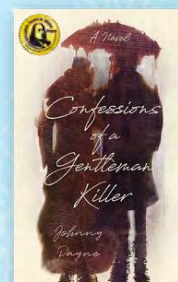
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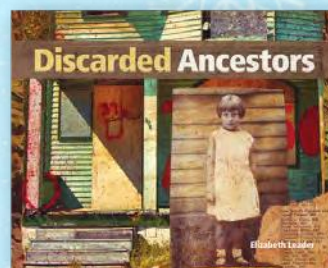
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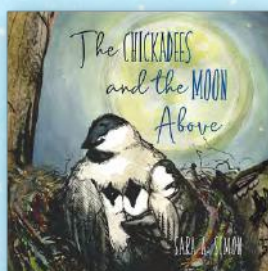
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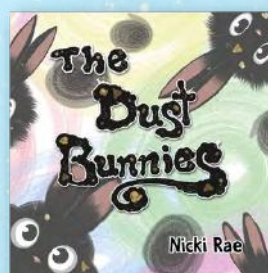
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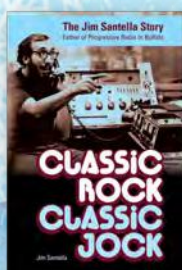
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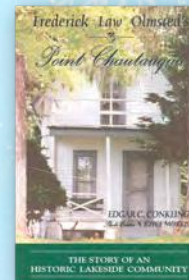
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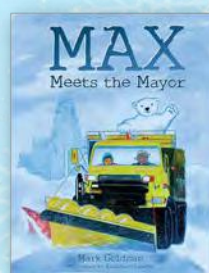
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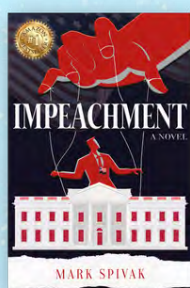
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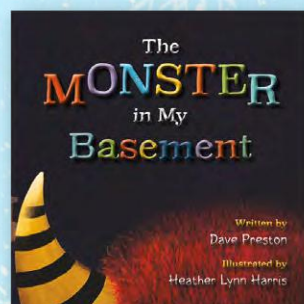
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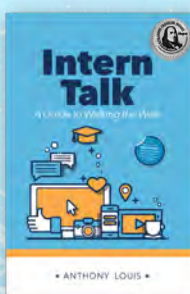
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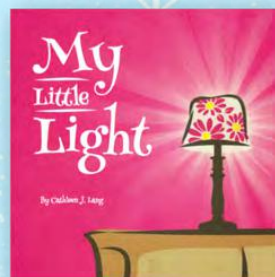
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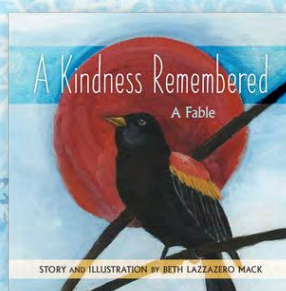
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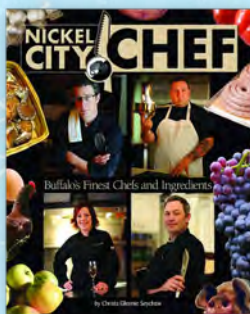
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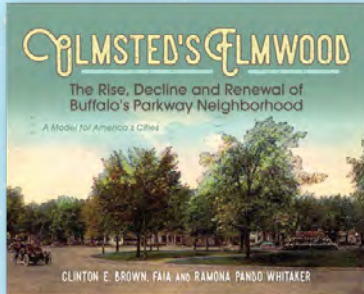
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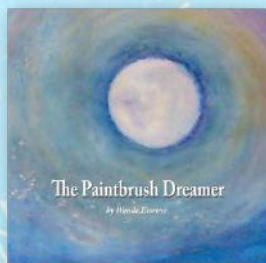
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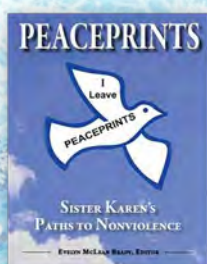
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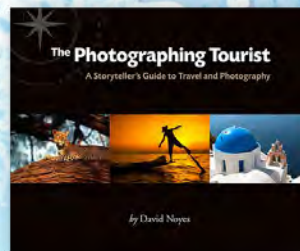
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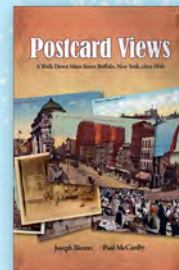
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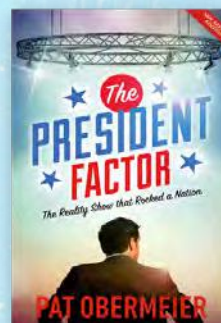
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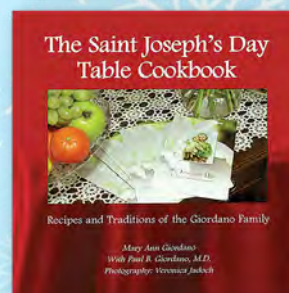
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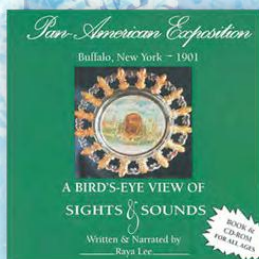
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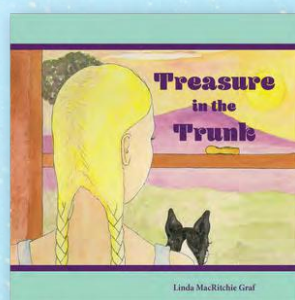
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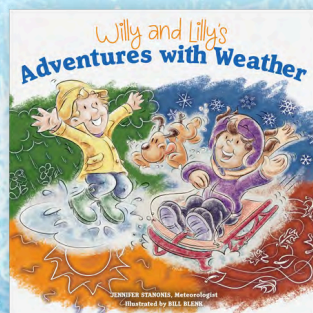
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