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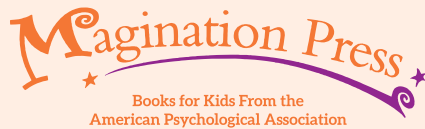
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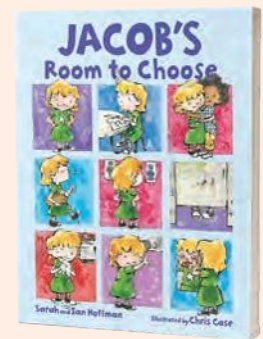
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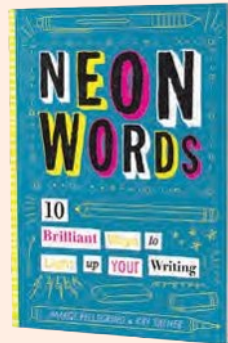
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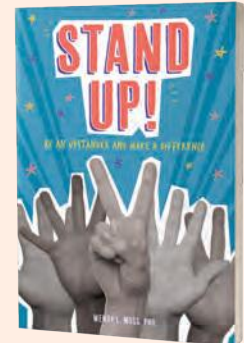
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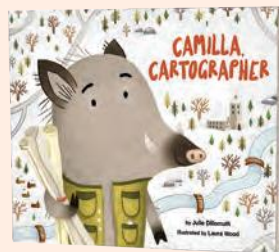
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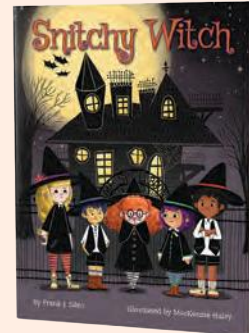
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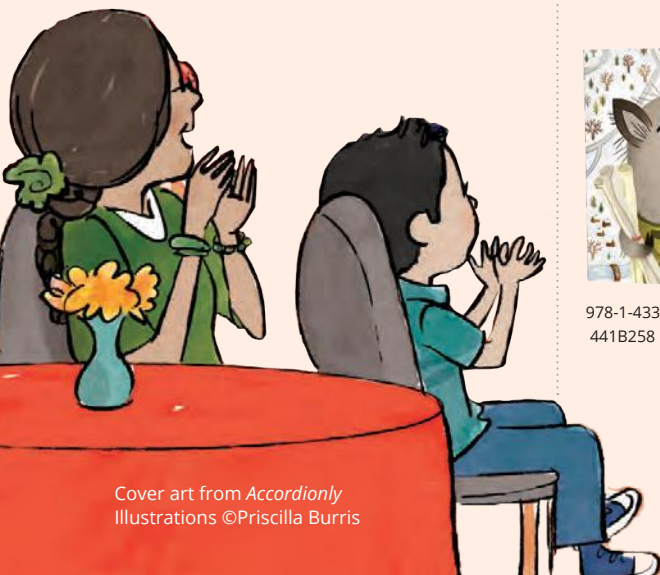
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Grow Kind

Written by Jon Lasser and Sage Foster-Lasser

Illustrated by Christopher Lyles

The awaited third book starring irresistible Kiko as she grows her garden, harvesting and sharing the fruits and veggies with her friends, neighbors, and family. A gentle narrative, *Grow Kind* is a follow-up to *Grow Happy* and *Grow Grateful*, two children's books published by this remarkable father-daughter team. *Grow Kind* offers readers the important reminder that sharing kindness is essential and delicious.



Selling points:

THIRD BOOK: Companion book to *Grow Happy* and *Grow Grateful*.

REASSURING MESSAGE: Kids can never be reminded too much to be kind

BEAUTIFUL ILLUSTRATIONS: The bright collage inspired art amplifies the powerful message of the book.

Specifications:

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ALSO AVAILABLE:



Grow Happy

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Grow Grateful

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Sage Foster-Lasser earned her bachelor's degree at the University of Texas at Austin, where she studied psychology and American studies.

Jon Lasser, PhD, is an author, psychologist, school psychologist, professor, and associate dean for research in the College of Education at Texas State University. He lives in Martindale, Texas. Follow him on Twitter: @JonLasser.

Discover two new lovable creatures and their stories...

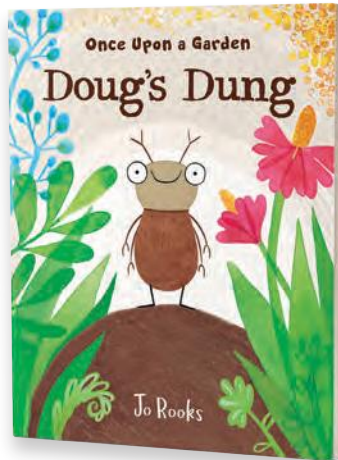


Doug's Dung

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An uplifting story of a determined dung beetle who finds his unique strength in creating beautiful things inspired by nature, flowers, friends, and the garden.

Doug has trouble lifting heavy balls of dung. He just doesn't feel as strong as the other dung beetles. When Doug feels down that he isn't tough enough, a passing butterfly helps him see things in a different light and he realizes that strength comes in many forms.



Written and illustrated
by Jo Rooks

Selling points:

EXPANDING SERIES: two more books with adorable characters

EVERYDAY CONCERNS: Easy to read stories to inspire kids

PRICED TO SELL: Hardcover at only \$14.99!

Specifications for both books:

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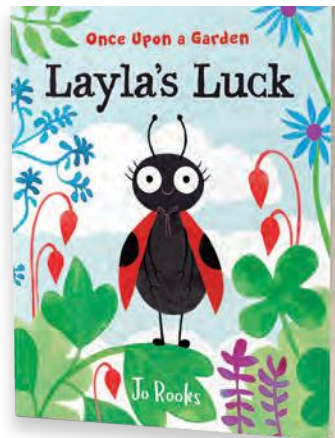
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Layla's Luck

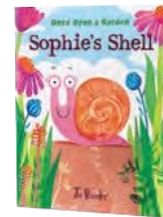
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A clever tale of a ladybug who learns that success comes from her own smarts, skill, and hard work—not lucky charms and chance.

Layla is a ladybug with a lucky charm for every occasion: lucky socks for running, a lucky pencil for tests, and a lucky watering can for her flowers. When Layla enters a baking event, she is counting on her good luck to help her bake a delicious cake. But is luck the only ingredient that matters?



ALSO AVAILABLE:



Sophie's Shell

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Lucy's Light

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Jo Rooks is an author-illustrator who studied graphic design and illustration at Bath School of Art and Design. She has illustrated several award-winning books including *A Box of Butterflies* and *Hector's Favorite Place*. Visit jorooks.co.uk, @JoRooksIllustration on Facebook and Instagram, and @JoRooksArt on Twitter.

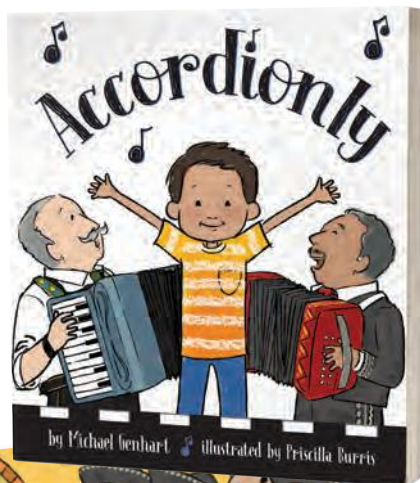
Beautiful music brings a family together

Accordionly Abuelo and Opa Make Music

Written by Michael Genhart

Illustrated by Priscilla Burris

Music to the rescue as dueling accordions lead to familial harmony. When both grandpas, Abuelo and Opa, visit their grandson at the same time, they can't understand each other's language and there is a lot of silence. Their grandson's clever thinking helps find a way for everyone to share the day together as two cultures become one family through the shared experience of playing the accordion. This unique book includes a bonus fold-out and a note from the author sharing the true story of his own family.



Michael Genhart, PhD, is the descendant of Mexican Americans and Swiss Americans, and is an author and a licensed clinical psychologist in private practice in San Francisco. He lives with his family in Marin County. Visit MichaelGenhart.com and on Facebook @picturebookauthor.

Priscilla Burris is Mexican American artist who is on the board of advisors and is the national illustrator coordinator for the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. She lives with her family in Southern California. Visit priscillaburris.com and on Instagram and Twitter @PriscillaDesign.

Selling points:

MULTICULTURAL AND MUSICAL APPEAL: two distinct cultures come together to unite a family through music

AUTHENTIC STORYTELLING: Genhart's books always carry authority and are appealing

Specifications:

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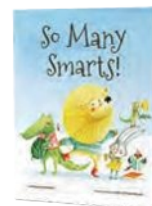
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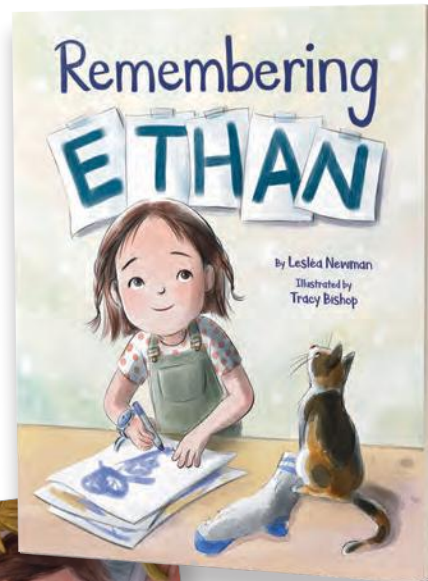
A sensitive and heartwarming story to help with grief

Remembering Ethan

Written by Lesléa Newman

Illustrated by Tracy Bishop

Beloved and bestselling author Lesléa Newman offers a tender tribute to a lost family member in this touching story that can help families start to heal. Sarah misses her adored big brother with all her heart. She wants to celebrate all the fun times she and her parents spent with him. But ever since Ethan died, Mommy and Daddy won't mention him. Sarah can't even say his name without upsetting them. Why don't they want to remember Ethan?



Selling points:

BESTSELLING AND BELOVED

AUTHOR: Newman has a large fan base and wide reaching social media

TOUGH TOPIC MADE RELATABLE:

Talking about a lost love one is made easier with this book

BONUS CONTENT: backmatter offers help for grieving families

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ALSO AVAILABLE:



The Gift of Gerbert's Feathers

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Lesléa Newman is the author of over 70 books for readers of all ages. She has received many literary awards, including ones from the National Endowment for the Arts, the American Library Association, the Association of Jewish Libraries, and many more. Lesléa lives in Massachusetts. Visit lesleanewman.com and on Twitter @lesleanewman.

Tracy Bishop has a degree from San Jose University in graphic design, with a focus on illustration and animation, and is the illustrator of more than 20 children's books. She lives in San Jose, California. Visit tracybishop.com and @tracybishopart on Instagram and Twitter.

Help kids ground their thoughts with this uplifting tale

My Wandering Dreaming Mind

Written by Merriam Saunders

Illustrated by Tammie Lyon

When Sadie talks to her parents about her wandering, dreaming mind, they offer a clever plan to help remind Sadie how amazing she is, rather than making her feel guilty or pressured. Sadie feels like her thoughts are soaring into the clouds and she can't bring them back down to earth. She has trouble paying attention, which makes keeping track of schoolwork, friends, chores, and everything else really tough. Sometimes she can only focus on her mistakes. This is a common occurrence for some kids and this brightly illustrated book will give families a tool that help kids keep on track.

Includes a **Note to Parents and Caregivers** with more information on ADHD, self-esteem, and helping children focus on the positives.



Selling points:

COMPANION BOOK: My Whirling, Twirling Motor earned great praise and earned a starred review.

MUCH NEEDED: There are few books on the market that cover this topic so evocatively

BRIGHTLY ILLUSTRATED: Captures a day in the life of this girl in soothing light hues

Specifications:

April 2020

32 pages, 8 x 10

Hardcover, \$16.99

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ALSO AVAILABLE:



**STARRED
REVIEW!** *School
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My Whirling, Twirling Motor

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Merriam Garcia Saunders, LMFT, is a psychotherapist who specializes in helping families of children with autism spectrum disorder, AD/HD, and learning disabilities. She lives in Northern California. Visit @merriammft on Twitter and merriamsbooks.com

Tammie Lyon is an award-winning author and illustrator of numerous books for children, including *Olive and Snowflake*, the *Eloise* series, and the *Katie Woo* series. Visit @tammielyon on Instagram and Twitter, and Tammie Lyon on Behance.

Gender diverse families finally get a story that celebrates the parent-child bond

My Maddy

Written by Gayle E. Pitman

Illustrated by Violet Tobacco

This groundbreaking book by bestselling author Gayle E. Pitman, author of the acclaimed and controversial *This Day in June*, celebrates gender diverse parents, including nonbinary, transgender people. Lots of parents are like Maddy, not mommies or daddies, not one thing or the other. Maddy has hazel eyes which are not brown or green. Maddy likes sporks because they are not quite a spoon or a fork. This exuberant story shows the universal bond between a parent and child and pays tribute to their loving relationship.



Selling points:

UNIQUE CONTENT: No other book on the market celebrates gender diverse families like this

AUTHORS WITH AUTHORITY: Pitman knows her audience and the included note is written by an expert in the field

EMERGING ILLUSTRATOR: Violet's sweet depiction of the parent-child bond brightly pops from the pages

Specifications:

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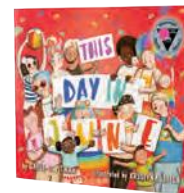
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ALSO AVAILABLE:



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Sewing the Rainbow

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Gayle E. Pitman, PhD, is a professor of psychology and women's studies at Sacramento City College. She works extensively with the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBTQ+) community. She is the author of *This Day in June*, a Stonewall award winner one of ALA's most banned books, *When You Look Out the Window*, *Feminism From A to Z* and *Sewing the Rainbow*. She lives near Sacramento, CA. Visit gaylepitman.com and follow her on Facebook: @GaylePitmanAuthor, Twitter: @GaylePitman, and Instagram: @GaylePitman.

Violet Tobacco has a background in theatre and has created storyboards, a graphic novel, character concepts and portraits. She lives with her wife in Atlanta, GA. Visit VioletTobacco.com and @VioletTobacco on Twitter and Instagram.

Families come in all shapes and sizes

Papa, Daddy and Riley

Written by Seamus Kirst

Illustrated by Devon Holzwarth

Families are made of love in this heartwarming story that shows there are lots of ways to be part of one. Riley is Papa's princess and Daddy's dragon. She loves her two fathers! When Riley's classmate asks her which dad is her real one, Riley is confused. She doesn't want to have to pick one or the other. This reassuring story will be useful for kids who navigate a world filled with all sorts of family compositions.



Seamus Kirst has been published in *The Washington Post*, *The Guardian*, *Teen Vogue*, *Forbes*, *The Advocate*, and *Vice*. Follow him on Twitter and Instagram @SeamusKirst or on Facebook @seamuspatrickkirst.

Devon Holzwarth earned her BFA from the Rhode Island School of Design, focusing on screen printing and painting. She currently lives in Aachen, Germany with her family. Visit her on Instagram @devonholzwarth and at devonholzwarth.com.

Selling points:

TIMELY AND TIMELESS STORY: a much-needed reminder that families come together in many ways

TENDER TREATMENT: the bonds of a child and her parents ring true.

Specifications:

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32 pages, 8 x 10

Hardcover, \$14.99

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ALSO AVAILABLE:



All Ways Family

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A Feel Better Book for Little Poopers

Written by Leah Bowen
and Holly Brochmann

Illustrated by Shirley Ng-Benitez

The latest addition to the critically acclaimed Feel Better series will help kids overcome their fear of going to the bathroom. In lively, upbeat, rhyming text and bright, cheerful illustrations, concrete coping strategies for young children struggling with potty issues and pooping are offered by the expert authors.

Developing a sound pooping routine is made fun in this book, which should be a #2 bestseller.



Selling points:

EXPANDING SERIES: this thoughtful, empowering series keeps adding useful topics for kids and families

UNIQUE APPROACH: the authors offer sound bathroom advice in cheery rhyming text

COMMON ISSUE: many kids will find solace in this book with its unique approach

Specifications:

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Hardcover, \$16.99

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ALSO AVAILABLE:



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Leah Bowen has a Master of Education degree in counseling with a focus in play therapy. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor and Registered Play Therapist in the state of Texas where she currently practices, and she is committed to helping her child clients work through issues including abuse, depression, and anxiety. Leah lives in Frisco, Texas.

Holly Brochmann is an advocate for managing common mental health issues through therapy and exercise. She has a degree in journalism and enjoys creative writing both as a hobby and as a primary part of her career in public relations. Holly lives in Alpharetta, Georgia

Shirley Ng-Benitez illustrates and writes picture books and is the owner of the design firm Gabby & Company. She lives in San Martin, California. Visit shirleyngbenitez.com.

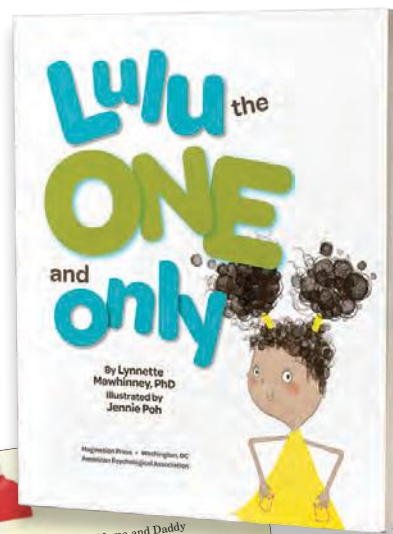
Empowers kids to share their true selves with others in one simple phrase

Lulu the One and Only

Written by Lynnette Mawhinney

Illustrated by Jeannie Poh

This clever book—part story, part writing prompt—will help boost kids' self-esteem as they follow Lulu's lead to discover their very own power phrase. Lulu loves her biracial family, but people are always asking What are you? Lulu hates that question. Her brother hates it too and inspires her to come up with one line that perfectly describes her so she can easily express who she is, not what she is.



Lynnette Mawhinney, PhD, is an author and an associate professor and chair of the department of curriculum and instruction at the University of Illinois at Chicago. This is her first children's book. She lives in Chicago, IL. Visit lynnnettemawhinney.com and @lkmawhinney on Twitter.

Jennie Poh studied Fine Art at The Surrey Institute of Art & Design as well as Fashion Illustration at Central St.Martins. Jennie lives in Surrey, England. Visit her on Twitter: @JenniePoh and Instagram @jenniepohillustration.

Selling points:

WIDE APPEAL: Useful in writing and English classes, as well as counseling office and social studies curricula

BONUS CONTENT: Includes a Note to Readers from the author, sharing her experience as a multiracial person

EMERGING TOPIC: Power phrases are helpful for kids in a variety of situations

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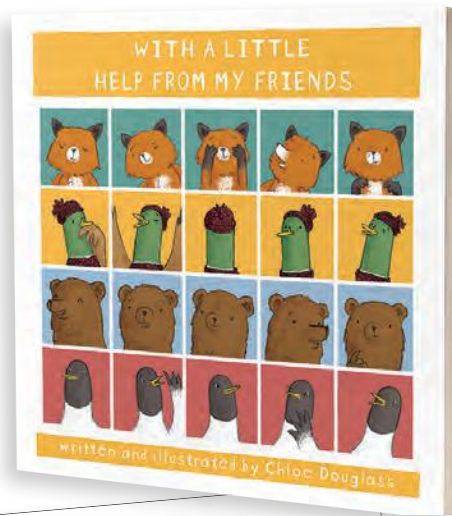
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The show must go on as a reclusive duck comes to the rescue

With a Little Help From My Friends

Written and illustrated by
Chloe Douglas

Music makes friendship more fun as a duck comes to the rescue for some new friends. Duck loves peace and quiet! But when Seagull gets sick and can't perform, will Duck jump into to join the band?. Why would they even want him around? This charming tale will become a favorite story to read time and again as being with friends, and making new ones, is a huge part of every kid's life.



Selling points:

FRIENDS MAKE LIFE MORE FUN: will inspire kids to break out of their comfort zone

MUSICAL MASHUP: an unlikely hero takes center stage

TEAMWORK EXEMPLIFIED: the characters work together to get the job done

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Hector's Favorite Place

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Line and Dot

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Chloe Douglas works in her home studio to create illustrations, character designs, and story ideas. She graduated from Kingston University with an MA Illustration degree in 2012. She lives in Tooting, London. Visit chloeillustrates.co.uk and on Twitter @chloillustrates and Instagram @chloeillustrates.

A tender story about unconditional love through medical strife

Ani's Light

Written by Dr. Tanu Shree Singh

Illustrated by Sandhya Prabhat

This sensitive, hopeful story will help kids explore their sadness when a close family member is undergoing medical treatment, while highlighting sources of light that can bring stability during uncertain times. It is also a terrific resource for anyone who wants to understand how coping has its ups and downs.

Ani's stuck in a dark cloud. His friends and family try to brighten his mood, but nothing helps. When his mother finally comes home, missing her hair, Ani's light gets brighter and brighter, chasing away his darkness. The unconditional love between Ani and his mother shines through as the two enjoy their precious time together, whether it's forever, or just for now. Includes a note by the author explaining ways to help a child cope.



Selling points:

EXPERT AUTHOR: Dr. Tanu knows her subject and approaches it with sensitivity

UNIQUE CONTENT: one of the few books that covers the emotions of medical procedures on young children

UNIQUE ART STYLE: Illustrator is a rising star, with a growing portfolio of forthcoming works

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Something Very Sad Happened

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Gentle Willow

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Dr. Tanu Shree Singh is an assistant professor of psychology in the Department of Higher Education, Haryana, India. She completed her studies in positive psychology at Maharshi Dayanand University and writes extensively on issues related to parenting. Her approach to parenting, rooted in her academic background, draws heavily from her experiences as a parent and a mentor. Her passion for reading and getting more children to read led her to set up two libraries in Faridabad and Tirthan Valley. She lives in Faridabad, India.

Sandhya Prabhat is an animator and illustrator originally from Chennai, India. She holds an MFA Degree in Animation and Digital Arts from NYU Tisch School of the Arts Asia, and a Bachelor's Degree in Literature from Stella Maris College. She lives in the Bay Area, California.

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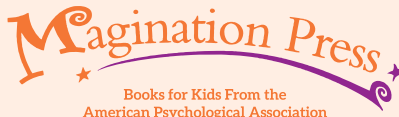
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