

# New Children's Books @ PPL – June 2022

## Juvenile Nonfiction

*Happy Sloth Day!*, April Pulley Sayre with Jeff Sayre

Take a stunning sloth's-eye view of the world in this beautiful and informative photographic nonfiction picture book. Meet sloths in the rainforest canopy where these slow, gentle creatures live and see what they eat, how they hide from predators, and much more. Young readers will also learn about some of the other creatures that share this interconnected and fragile tropical forest ecosystem.



## Fantasy/Science Fiction

*The Black Star of Kingston* (Tales of Old Natalia #1), S. D. Smith

*The Wreck and Rise of Whitson Mariner* (Tales of Old Natalia #2), S. D. Smith

*Prince Lander and the Dragon War* (Tales of Old Natalia #3), S. D. Smith

Over a century before Heather and Picket's adventures in *The Green Ember*, a displaced community fights for hope on the ragged edge of survival. Whitson Mariner and Fleck Blackstar face old fears and new enemies, forging a legend that will echo through the ages. Old wars haunt. New enemies threaten. An oath is born. A hero rises.



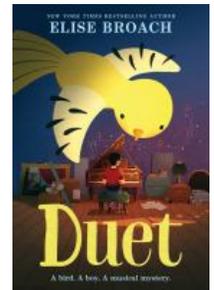
*The Counterclockwise Heart*, Brian Farrey

Tick . . . tick . . . tick . . . Time is running out in the empire of Rheinvelt. The sudden appearance of a strange and frightening statue foretells darkness. The Hierophants—magic users of the highest order—have fled the land. And the shadowy beasts of the nearby Hinterlands are gathering near the borders, preparing for an attack. Young Prince Alphonsus is sent by his mother, the Empress Sabine, to reassure the people while she works to quell the threat of war. But Alphonsus has other problems on his mind, including a great secret: He has a clock in his chest where his heart should be—and it's begun to run backwards, counting down to his unknown fate. Searching for answers about the clock, Alphonsus meets Esme, a Hierophant girl who has returned to the empire in search of a sorceress known as the *Nachtfrau*. When riddles from their shared past threaten the future of the empire, Alphonsus and Esme must learn to trust each other and work together to save it—or see the destruction of everything they both love.



*Duet*, Elise Broach, with pictures by Ziyue Chen

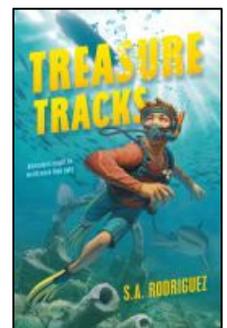
Welcome to the world of Mirabelle, a young goldfinch who loves to sing and dreams of becoming a musical star. She lives with her family in the backyard of a piano teacher, and she is quickly intrigued by Mr. Starek's newest pupil. Michael Jin is an eleven-year-old keyboard sensation, but lesson after lesson, he refuses to play. With the prestigious Chopin Festival looming at summer's end, how will he be ready in time? Mirabelle is responsible for Michael's breakthrough—to her own astonishment, she sings the Chopin piece he is beginning to play at the piano. It is their first duet. Thus begins a secret adventure that will take Mirabelle and Michael further than they ever imagined—in music, in friendship, and in solving the mystery of a lost piano that could be worth millions. A house full of treasures holds the clues. There, Mirabelle, Michael, and their friend Emily will make an important discovery that links the great composer Frederic Chopin, the trailblazing author George Sand, and the French Romantic painter Eugene Delacroix. A fast-paced, history-rich mystery will have young readers hooked as they root for boy and bird in this beautifully told novel, full of emotion and suspense.



## Realistic Fiction

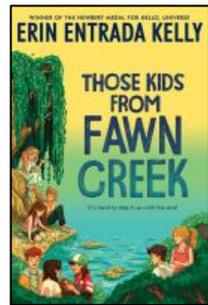
*Treasure Tracks*, S. A. Rodriguez

Twelve-year-old Fin joins his abuelo on a secret quest to find a long-lost treasure at sea. But when their first mission takes a near-deadly turn, leaving his grandfather weak and unable to speak, Fin's left to navigate the quest alone. Well, not exactly alone—his boring, totally unadventurous dad agrees to help out. With danger lurking at every turn, Fin dives in to track his legacy and save Abuelo's life. Between Dad's constant worrying, unwanted diving babysitters, and harrowing encounters in the deep sea, the boy finds himself in a race against time to locate the treasure. If he can't do it, he might lose Abuelo for good. *Treasure Tracks* is a fast-paced, lighthearted story about the bonds of family, the meaning of a legacy, and most of all, the discovery that true treasure isn't always gold.



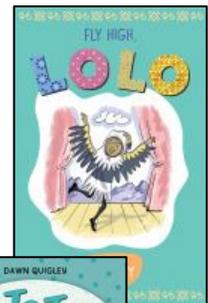
### *Those Kids from Fawn Creek*, Erin Entrada Kelly

There are twelve kids in the seventh grade at Fawn Creek Middle School. They've been together all their lives. And in this small factory town where everyone knows everything about everyone, that's not necessarily a great thing. There are thirteen desks in the seventh-grade classroom. That's because Renni Dean's father got a promotion, and the family moved to Grand Saintlodge, the nearest big town. Renni's desk is empty, but Renni still knows their secrets; is still pulling their strings. When Orchid Mason arrives and slips gracefully into Renni's chair, the other seventh graders don't know what to think. Orchid—who was born in New York City but just moved to Fawn Creek from Paris—seems to float. Her dress skims the floor. She's wearing a flower behind her ear. Fawn Creek Middle might be small, but it has its tightly knit groups—the self-proclaimed "God Squad," the jocks, the outsiders—just like anyplace else. Who will claim Orchid Mason? Who will save Orchid Mason? Or will Orchid Mason save them? Newbery Medal and Newbery Honor winner Erin Entrada Kelly explores complex themes centered on family, friendships, and staying true to yourself.



### *Fly High, Lolo (Lolo #4)*, written and illustrated by Niki Daly

More fun is on the way in the fourth book in Niki Daly's series for beginning readers. Lolo is kind-hearted, creative, full of joy, and—whether it's making homemade Christmas decorations from recycled plastics, or stepping in when the school play goes awry—she always knows just what to do to save the day! In this collection of easy-to-read stories, we meet Lolo, a girl who lives in South Africa with her mother and grandmother, Gogo. Charmingly illustrated by the author, *Fly High, Lolo* follows Lolo as she explores her world, and the new adventures each day brings.



### *Fancy Pants (Jo Jo Makoons #2)*, Dawn Quigley illustrated by Tara Audibert

Filled with lots of glitter, raised pinkies, and humorous misunderstandings, this second book in the Jo Jo Makoons series is filled with the joy of a young Ojibwe girl discovering her very own special shine from the inside out. First grader Jo Jo Makoons knows how to do a lot of things, like how to play jump rope, how to hide her peas in her milk, and how to be helpful in her classroom. But there's one thing Jo Jo doesn't know how to do: be fancy. She has a lot to learn before her Aunt Annie's wedding! Favorite purple unicorn notebook in hand, Jo Jo starts exploring her Ojibwe community to find ways to be fancy.



## Graphic Novels

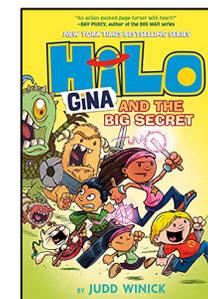
### *The Switcheroo Rescue*, FGTeEV

It's game time again in the third graphic novel in the awesome-packed, *New York Times* bestselling series by YouTube's favorite family of gamers, FGTeEV! The FGTeEV family have survived their fair share of glitchy gaming consoles! But now their luck has taken a decidedly strange turn-for-the-worse when Duddz bonks heads with Cecil and boom, the switcheroo happens. They wind-up flip-flopped into each other's body. Now Cecil has Duddz's lightning fast reflexes and mad gaming skills, while Duddz is stuck with Cecil's stubby fingers and really bad banana allergies. But the two frenemies have no choice but to work together if they want to get back into their own bodies and stop the mayhem-wrecking ghost that their antics has unleashed! But when their plans backfire, Moomy, Chase, Lexi, Mike, and Shawn have to step in to try to save the day. Can the family find a way to banish a nasty ghost, and get everyone back into their rightful bodies before it's too late?



### *Gina and the Big Secret (Hilo #8)*, Judd Winick

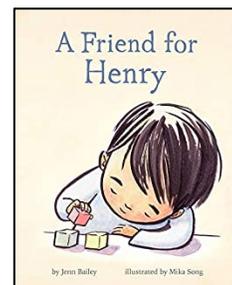
There's a NEW Earth! The world's timeline has been turned upside down, and now magical creatures are EVERYWHERE. Gina has to fix things—FAST! With DJ and HILO's help, can Gina find the key to turn the world back to what it was? Find out in Hilo 8—a laugh-out-loud, action-packed adventure filled with epic battles! True friendship! Good jokes! Bad jokes! Giant (hilarious) monsters! Spoiled royals! Prophecies! Good! Evil! And much, much more!



## Picture Books and Board Books

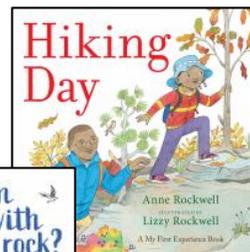
### *A Friend for Henry*, Jenn Bailey, illustrated by Mika Song

In Classroom Six, second left down the hall, Henry has been on the lookout for a friend. A friend who shares. A friend who listens. Maybe even a friend who likes things to stay the same and all in order, as Henry does. But on a day full of too close and too loud, when nothing seems to go right, will Henry ever find a friend—or will a friend find him? With insight and warmth, this heartfelt story from the perspective of a boy on the autism spectrum celebrates the everyday magic of friendship.



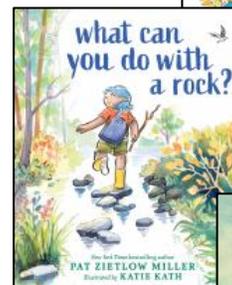
### *Hiking Day*, Anne Rockwell, illustrated by Lizzy Rockwell

A young girl and her family go hiking up a nearby mountain for the very first time. As they climb up and up the path, they see everything from a friendly toad to a prickly porcupine, tall leafy trees to tiny red berries. Anne Rockwell and her daughter, artist Lizzy Rockwell, celebrate a day the little girl will never forget, especially when she reaches the mountain's summit.



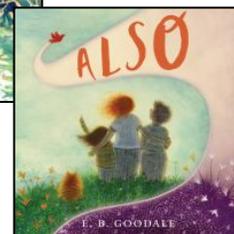
### *What Can You Do with a Rock?*, Pat Zietlow Miller, illustrated by Katie Kath

What can you do with a rock? You can skip them. You can sort them. Best of all, you can share them. Rocks are simple, but the things you can do with them are endless. Rocks can build, sparkle, and tell a story. They can be memories. They can even be a little bit magic.



### *Also*, E. B. Goodale

An ode to the way memories allow us to be in many places at once, *Also* follows one family through generations of time spent together and shows the reader how memories allow us to connect to the past, the present, and also each other. This gorgeously illustrated book explores the power of memory, teaches children subtle lessons about the passing of time, and celebrates the cherished bonds we share with those we love.



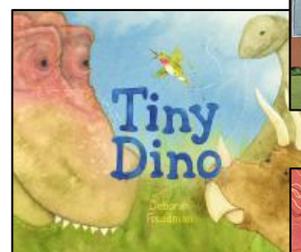
### *Someone New*, Anne Sibley O'Brien

In this companion story to *I'm New Here*, three elementary schoolers—who aren't new—begin to understand and embrace three immigrant students trying to adjust to a new country and school. An honest and heartwarming look at diversity, inclusion, and friendship.



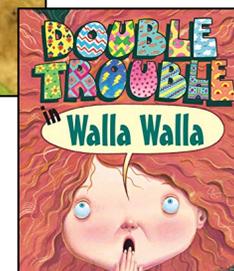
### *Tiny Dino*, Deborah Freedman

Did you know dinosaurs still roam the earth? A small but mighty bird declares it is a dinosaur! But no one believes that dinosaurs still exist. How can it be a dinosaur when it is so little? Dinosaurs didn't have feathers . . . or did they? This tiny dino is here to explain to its animal friends that birds are, in fact, dinosaurs, and all creatures are connected to one big animal family.



### *Double Trouble in Walla Walla*, Andrew Clements, illustrated by Salvatore Murdocca

It was an ordinary Monday morning in Walla Walla—until Lulu walked up to her English teacher's desk. "Mrs. Bell, I feel like a nit-wit. My homework is all higgledy-piggledy. Last night it was in tip-top shape, but not it's a big mish-mash." With those few words, things become not so ordinary after all, for it seems that Lulu has opened up a super-duper, helter-skelter WORD WARP. Luckily for Lulu and the rest of the English-speaking world, the school nurse has an idea about how to handle this hodge-podge of topsy-turvy chit-chat. Will it work? Zig-zag through the jibber-jabber and the yakety-yak to find out!



### *What If Pig*, Linzie Hunter

Pig is so incredibly kind and fabulously fun, but he also has a big secret—he's a tremendous worrier! When Pig gets the brilliant idea to throw a party for Mouse and their friends, he can't help but think of everything that could possibly go wrong. After all, what if a lion eats all the invitations? What if nobody comes? or worse, what if everyone comes and has an awful time?



### *Hello World! Weather*, Jill McDonald

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*Hello, World!* is a board book series designed to introduce first nonfiction concepts to babies and toddlers. Young children are fascinated with weather and the seasons. *Weather* teaches them about different types of weather and shows them how to dress for each different day. *Garden Time* teaches toddlers all about gardens—with easy-to-understand facts about how plants grow and how gardening puts food on our tables.

