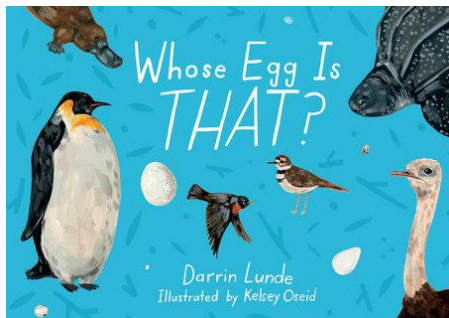


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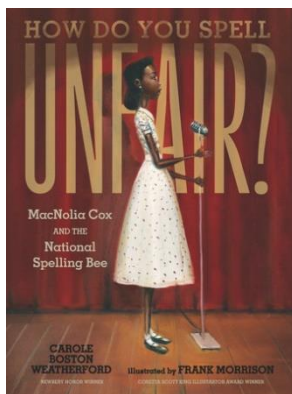


Whose Egg is That?

By Darren Lunde, Illustrated by Kelsey Oseid

A nonfiction guessing game that explores the connections between an animal, its eggs, and its habitat. Written by a mammalogist at the Smithsonian, this clever preschool page-turner pairs seven eggs with information about the animals' survival mechanisms, asking kids to guess which animal laid which egg.

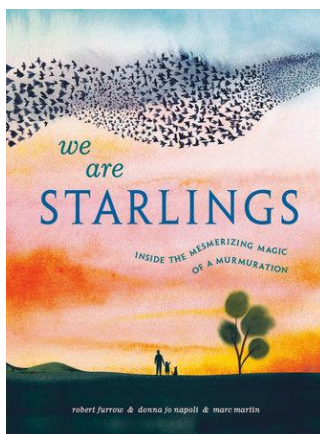
Adorable book that is great as a read aloud for a wide range of ages, allowing readers to guess who laid each egg.



How Do You Spell Unfair?

By Carole Boston Weatherford, Illustrated by Frank Morrison

In 1936, eighth grader MacNolia Cox became the first African American to win the Akron, Ohio, spelling bee. And with that win, she was asked to compete at the prestigious National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC, where she and a girl from New Jersey were the first African Americans invited since its founding. With a brief epilogue recounting MacNolia's further history, *How Do You Spell Unfair?* is the story of her groundbreaking achievement.

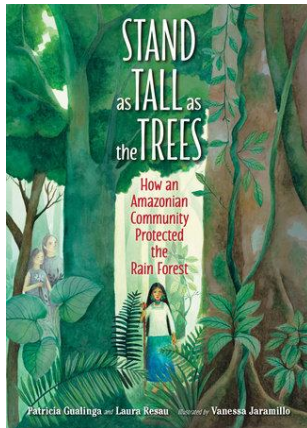


We Are Starlings: Inside the Mesmerizing Magic of Murmuration

By Robert Furrow and Donna Jo Napoli, Illustrated by Marc Martin

A stunning picture book for young nature lovers about starlings and the fascinating phenomenon of murmurations. The story is told from the point of view of the flock, which gives the reader an inside look at what is happening, and the breathtaking illustrations perfectly capture the ebb and flow of a murmuration.

Beautiful book that introduces the concept of murmuration in a simple yet captivating manner.

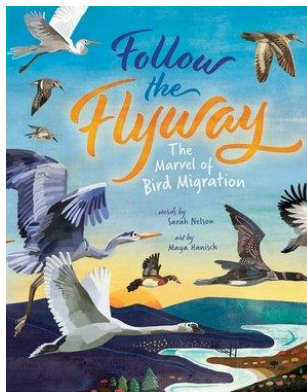


Stand as Tall as the Trees: How an Amazonian Community Protected the Rain Forest

By Patricia Gualinga & Laura Resau, Illustrated by Vanessa Jaramillo

An inspiring true story about how an activist in the Amazon worked with other Indigenous communities to protect and preserve their sacred lands and forests.

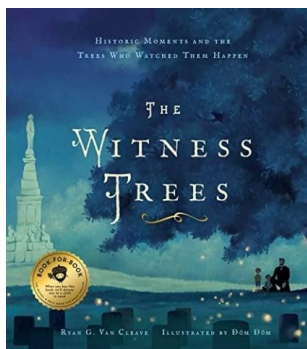
Empowering, full of hope, and needed.



Follow the Flyway: The Marvel of Bird Migration

By Sarah Nelson, Illustrated by Maya Hanisch

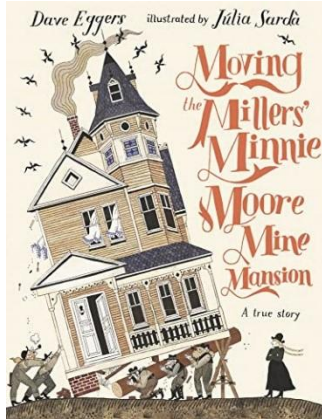
In this lyrical STEM gem, nests full of baby birds hatch, grow feathers, learn to fly, and then finally follow the autumn winds south along the majestic flyway for their first big migration. Illustrated endnotes provide factual information about bird migration, the four flyways of North America, the species of birds found in the book and sources for further reading.



The Witness Trees

By Ryan G. Van Cleave, Illustrated by Đóm, Đóm

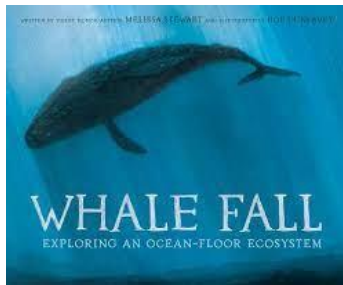
A beautiful dive into the historical events of our planet and the trees that witnessed them. This book will surely inspire children to investigate great historical moments as well as build a strong fascination with some of the oldest living beings on our planet, trees.



Moving the Miller's Minnie Moore Mine Mansion: A True Story

By Dave Eggers, Illustrated by Júlia Sardà

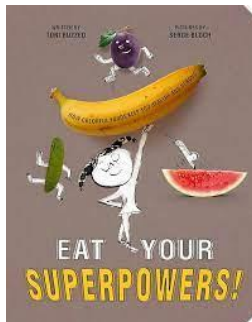
A hilarious narrator tells the true story of how one woman moves her house, keeps her pigs and saves her family. Complimented by amazing illustrations from Julia Sarda.



Whale Fall: Exploring An Ocean-Floor Ecosystem

By Melissa Stewart, Illustrations by Rob Dunlavey

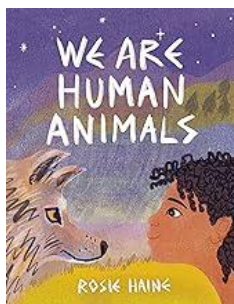
Has received positive reviews. This is an engaging book that takes something that may be considered tragic and shows what a gift it is to the sea.



Eat Your Superpowers: How Colorful Foods Keep You Strong and Healthy

By Toni Buzzeo, Illustrated by Serge Bloch

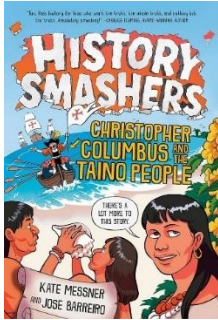
Bright colors and clean design make it easy to share with children. Has received starred review from Kirkus.



We Are Human Animals

By Rosie Haine

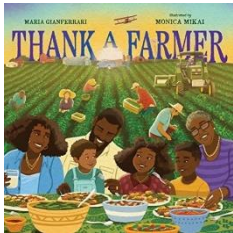
Lots of positive reviews. Lays out just how animal humans really are even today.



History Smashers: Christopher Columbus and the Taino People

By Kate Messner & Jose Barreiro

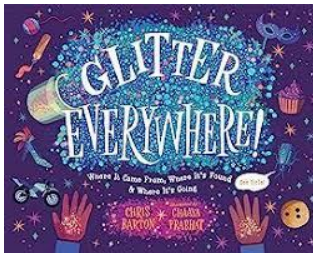
For kids in 3rd-4th grade. Kids who are into Hazardous Tales will like this series too.



Thank a Farmer

By Maria Gianferrari, Illustrated by Monica Mikai

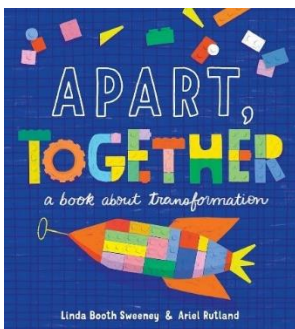
Super engaging book that encourages children to think about where their food comes from.



Glitter Everywhere!

By Chris Barton, Illustrated by Chaaya Prabhat

Glitter. You might love it. You might hate it. But did you ever wonder how we got it? Follow the evolutionary journey of glitter--with all the history, science, and math that was needed!



Apart, Together: A Book about Transformation

By Linda Booth Sweeney, Illustrated by Ariel Rutland

Many things exist on their own, but what happens when you put some things together? Something entirely new! Learn about cause and effect and the magical transformation when parts become a whole.

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