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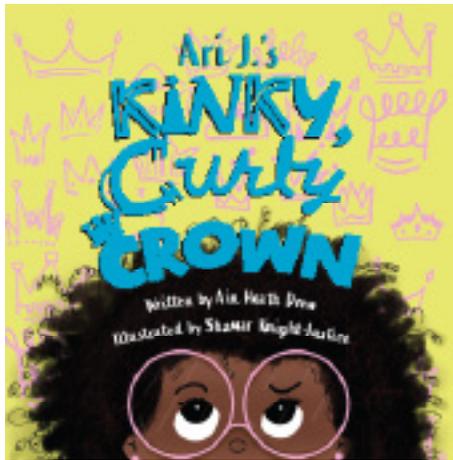


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*Magnifying the Voices of Black
Writers & Artists*





Ari J.'s Kinky, Curly Crown

by Ain Heath Drew

Illustrated by Shamar Knight-Justice

Themes: Self-love | Acceptance

Ari J. is heading into the first grade, and she has some high expectations. Everything will be *perfect* this year! Except...there's one thing that Ari J. *thinks* is not so perfect: her kindergarten hair! With the help of her Mom, Ari J. will soon realize her hair is part of what makes her perfect, beautiful, and unique.

An Interview With Ain



1) How did you get your start in writing?

I first fell in love with reading, falling into stories and getting lost in other worlds. I'm still an enthusiastic book collector. Through that process of becoming a reader, I naturally wanted to give people that same feeling and write the stories that have yet to be written.

Poetry was my first love. I began writing children's fiction when I started working in education and reading more children's literature. I love how children's stories have

the ability to communicate such important messages in the most simplified way.

2) What inspired you to write Ari J.'s Kinky, Curly Crown?

I was inspired by the children I've worked with over the years while working in education. It's a joy to watch children learn to embrace the things that make them unique. Ari's story isn't just a story about hair. It's about a child who learns that she was perfectly made. I'm hoping it speaks to all children who are exploring and falling in love with their own differences.

3) This story is a children's book, but do you think you would ever branch out and write in another genre?

I've written poetry, fiction, non-fiction, and even public relations materials. I love the challenge of writing in various genres because it keeps me sharp. Most recently, I've freelanced for a site dedicated to emerging tech, big data, etc.

4) Did you have similar experiences to Ari J. growing up?

My hair journey took much longer than Ari's. My long, kinky, ultra-thick hair was a blessing and a curse. I struggled with learning how to tame it (and it still causes me some stress), but I love my natural hair and its versatility.

5) It's so refreshing to see a book addressing diversity! Do you have any book recommendations that you think address diversity really well?

A Color of His Own by Leo Lionni, *I Am Enough* by Grace Byers, and *Chocolate Me* by Taye Diggs, among others. There are tons of children's books that address diversity and the beauty of us being our authentic selves.

6) What surprised you most about the publication process?

The publishing process has been so simple. The Orange Hat family answered every question, big and small, that I had.

7) What is it like to work with an illustrator who is creating artwork for your story?

Shamar Knight-Justice has been awesome to work with. I wanted him to have autonomy and bring Ari's story to life without my direction, and he delivered beyond my expectations. We met almost weekly with Kaeley Dunteman to review new illustrations, and through collaboration, everything

came out beautifully. This is Shamar's first book project and I'm glad he took the leap. His work is absolutely brilliant, and I'm looking forward to more collaborations.

8) Do you have any other books in the works?

I'm currently writing a novel about censorship, revolution, community, and love. It's based in Detroit, which is my hometown. I'm also wrapping up my second children's book, currently untitled, but it's about a boy who travels through the alphabet on a magical train and learns about the African diaspora.

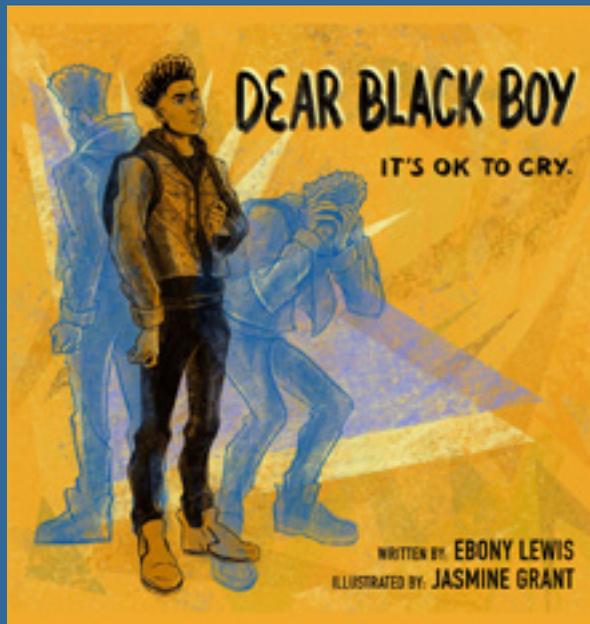
9) Do you have anything else you'd like your readers to know?

If there's a story in your heart, write it.

To purchase the book, please visit orangehatpublishing.com or contact Shannon at shannon@orangehatpublishing.com

HC ISBN: 9781645382188
US \$20.00

PB ISBN: 9781645382140
US \$15.00



Dear Black Boy: It's OK to Cry

by Ebony Lewis

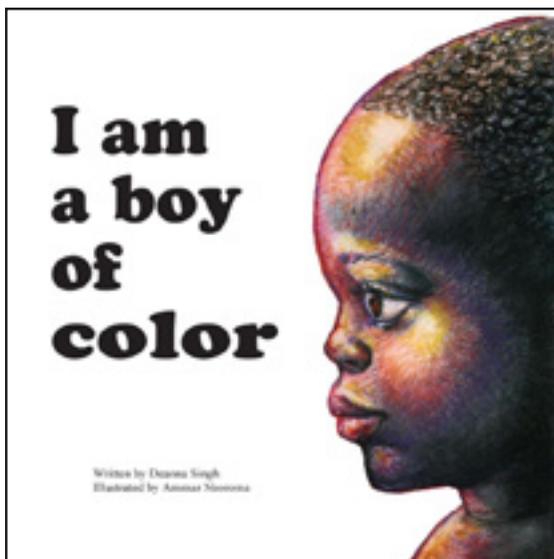
Illustrated by Jasmine Grant

Themes: Emotional Wellness, Vulnerability, Anti-Bullying

HC ISBN: 9781645380627, US \$20.00

Following the tragic suicide of her cousin in 2016, Ebony began her journey to become an author and mental health advocate. Growing up in a family and community that all too often ignored the very obvious signs of mental illness and trauma, she watched many relatives, friends, and youth fall to the hands of mental illness due to stigmas, lack of culturally relevant and affordable resources, and the idea that being strong and vulnerable are not one and the same.

Ebony hopes that *Dear Black Boy: It's OK to Cry* will serve as a part of the necessary conversations around the world about mental health, especially when it comes to the African-American community. She wrote this book not just for boys, but for parents, community leaders, youth, and everyone from all backgrounds to find the strength and courage to live free and feel comfortable embracing emotions and seeking help when needed.



I am a boy of color

by Deanna Singh

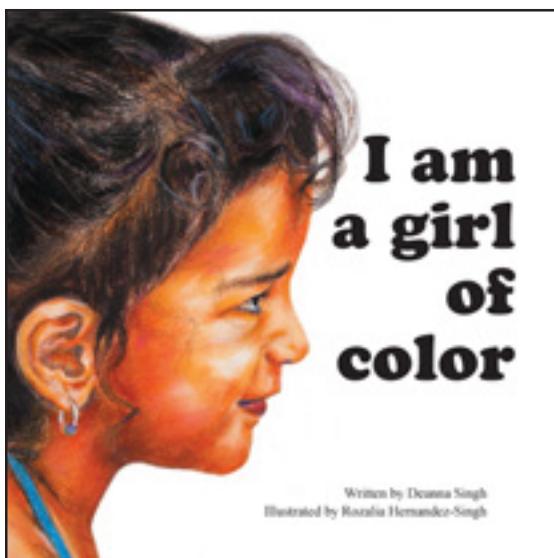
Illustrated by Ammar Nsoroma

A tribute to the beauty and power boys of color possess. Through the use of empowering words and beautiful illustrations, children are guided through a practice of self-affirmation. With a focus on boys of different ethnic backgrounds, the book highlights how all boys of color have intrinsic value.

HC ISBN: 9781943331215

US \$19.99

***When I look into a mirror,
I see ARTISTRY.
I can make the world
around me more beautiful.***



I am a girl of color

by Deanna Singh

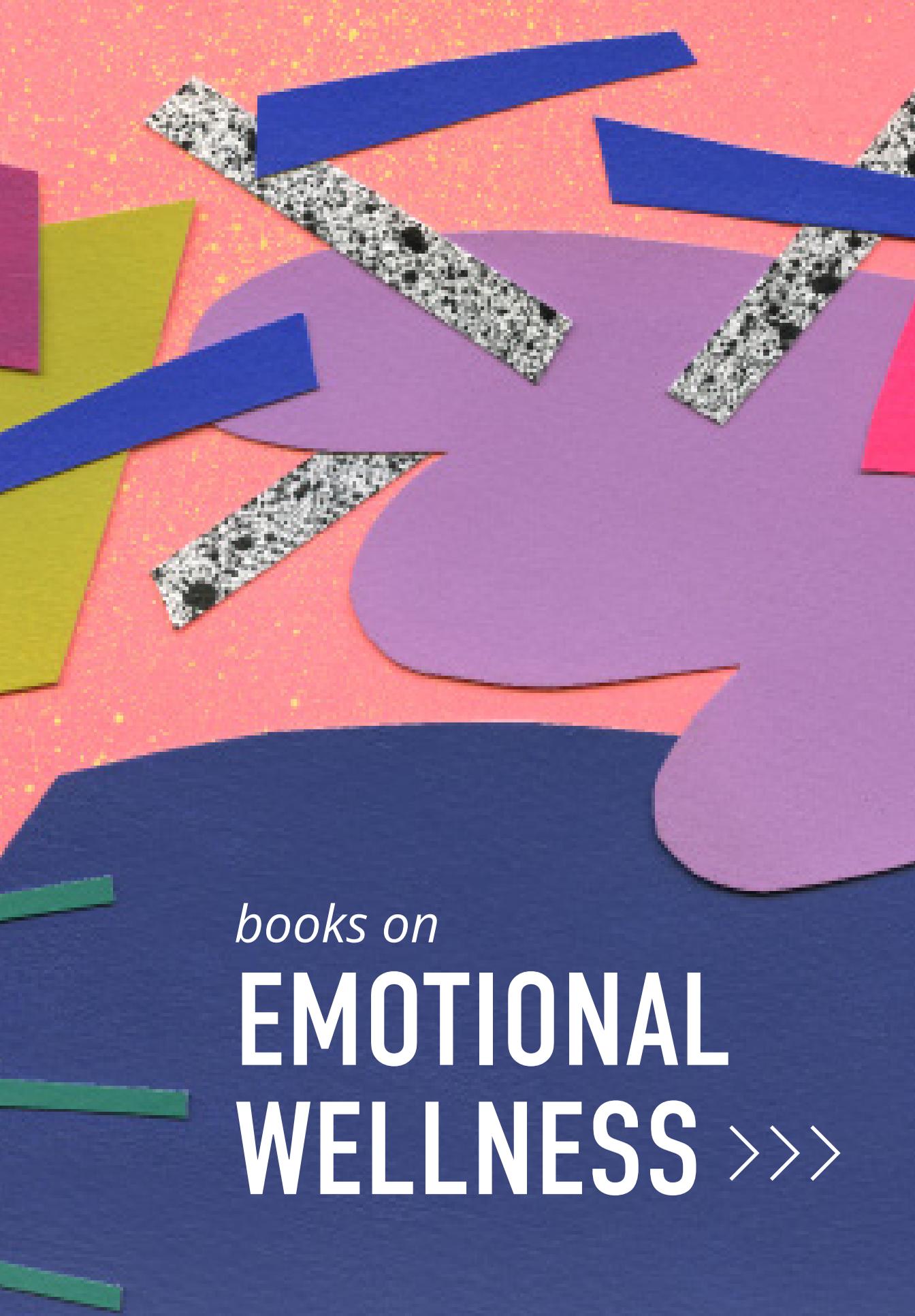
Illustrated by Rozalia Hernandez-Singh

"A wonderful, powerful example for all children! *I am a girl of color* showcases the beauty, possibility, and love that exists in our young girls. A must have for every school library!"

- Angela Patterson, Principal
Lake Bluff Elementary

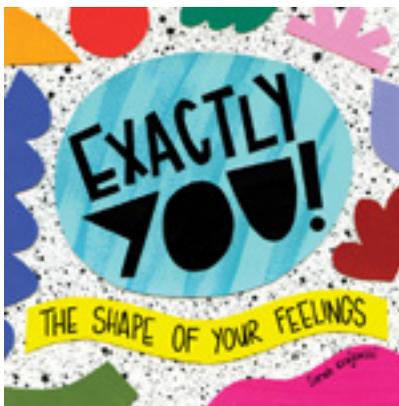
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The background is a vibrant, abstract collage. It features a large, central purple shape that resembles a stylized human figure or a splash. This shape is set against a background of a bright orange-red color with a fine, yellow speckled texture. Overlaid on these are several rectangular strips of different colors and patterns: blue, green, pink, and a grey and white speckled pattern. The overall composition is dynamic and layered.

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**EMOTIONAL
WELLNESS >>>**



Exactly You!
The Shape of Your Feelings

Written & Illustrated by Sarah Krajewski

Exactly You! The Shape of Your Feelings creates an outlet for starting conversations about big feelings such as anxiety, depression, and self-esteem. Author and illustrator Sarah Krajewski (globally known on Instagram as @ArtRoomGlitterFairy) created this colorful children's book with a dream to help people of all ages accept, love, and normalize everything they feel.

PB ISBN: 9781645381914, US \$12.99

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ABOUT SARAH KRAJEWSKI, ART ROOM GLITTER FAIRY

As an elementary art educator in WI, Sarah loves being in her art room, creating, giggling, and working with her young artists. On days when using glitter in the Art room, Sarah will sport a tiara, glitter wings and a wand, acting as the magical art room glitter fairy! (Only the glitter fairy gets to touch the glitter...it's the best kept secret to glitter classroom management.)

Sarah enjoys creating art with bright, happy colors and abstract shapes to share positivity with the world. She uses a combination of interior house paint, acrylic inks, and metallic enamel. She also dabbles with hand painted wearable art such as beaded necklaces and polymer clay earrings, fabric decoration, and pretty much anything else she can splash with color.

Follow Sarah on Instagram for fun, colorful content!
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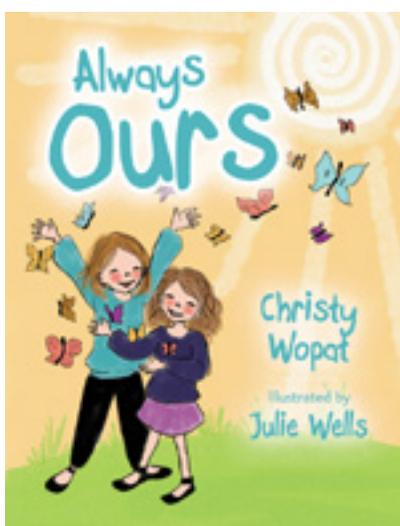


Reggie the Hedgehog Builds a Safety Sanctuary

by McKenzie Hensen
Illustrated by Jayden Ellsworth
Coping | Emotional Wellness
Available in Spanish!

PB ISBN:
9781948365857
US \$9.99
HC ISBN:
9781645381662
US \$16.99

Reggie is a hedgehog with a big heart who finds himself struggling because of scary memories from his past. With the help of a caring teacher, he learns to be resilient with tools he didn't know he had all along. Join Reggie as he finds hope and strength through his journey of coping.



Always Ours

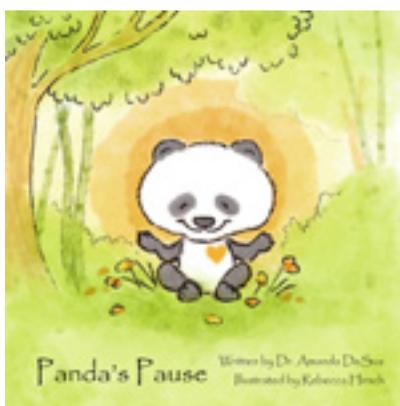
by Christy Wopat
Illustrated by Julie Wells
Infant Loss | Coping

PB ISBN: 9781645381235
US \$12.00
HC ISBN: 9781645381396
US \$17.99

Erin and Mae are sisters who are eagerly waiting to meet their new baby brother, James. When the girls find out that he has died before he even got to come home, they are confused and sad. With her teacher's help and a heart full of bravery and love, Mae embarks on a journey to find a way to honor and cherish a family member that couldn't stay. She and her sister help us see that even after our family members are gone, they will always be ours.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Christy Wopat's award-winning memoir, *Almost a Mother: Love, Loss, and Finding Your People When Your Baby Dies*, was published in 2018. A fourth-grade teacher, busy mama, and wife, Christy has always relied on writing as a way to cope. Recently she decided to use that strength as a way to help others so they don't have to feel alone, especially in grief. She lives with her husband and kids in Holmen, Wisconsin.



Panda's Pause

by Dr. Amanda DeSua
Illustrated by Rebecca Hirsch
Coping | Emotional Wellness

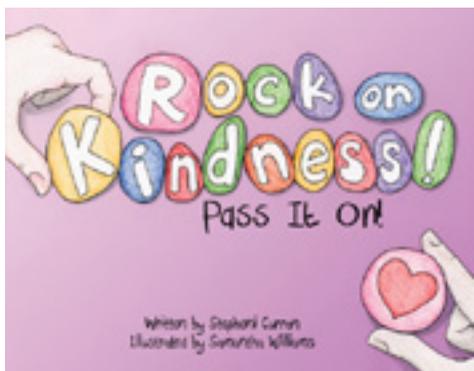
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US \$9.99

Join Paz the Panda on a mindful journey that unveils the value of a pause.

Pause.
Always be aware.
Wait until you are calm to respond with love and care.
Speak from the heart.

books on
**KINDNESS
& LOVE**





Rock On, Kindness!

Pass It On!

by Stepheni Curran

Illustrated by Samantha Williams

Kindness | Art

PB ISBN:

9781948365055

US \$9.99

Rock On, Kindness! Pass It On! takes readers on a journey of Ally's day when she wants to show her friends how much she appreciates them. This seven-year-old's favorite hobby is painting and hiding rocks to bring happiness to others. Ally explains how she met each friend and notes their uniqueness, discovering it's what makes their friendship so

much more special. Readers will enjoy engaging opportunities in the story to make predictions and learn new vocabulary as Ally introduces her five best friends who will be receiving her painted rocks.



Everything You Say About Me That's Wonderful is True

by Catherine Blewett Miller

Illustrated by Amy Kleinhans

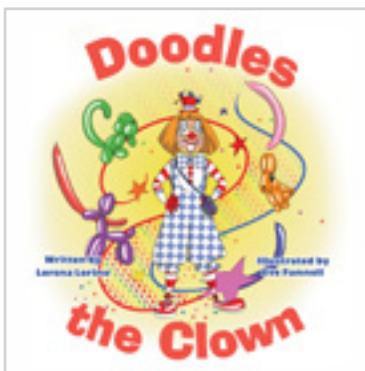
Kindness | Positivity

HC ISBN: 9781645380856, US \$21.95

PB ISBN: 9781645380849, US \$18.95

Dr. Casey thinks you're absolutely FABULOUS! He thought you should know, so he wrote you an A to Z prescription for

happiness! With the help of his friends, both human and doggy, this book is an alphabetical adventure through 26 poems and pictures of positive qualities we all possess.



Doodles the Clown

by Lorena Lorino

Illustrated by Eve Funnell

Kindness | Belonging

HC ISBN: 9781645381266

US \$15.00

PB ISBN: 9781645380184

US \$10.00

Doodles the Clown loves her life in Clown City, but when her family has to move somewhere new, she is nervous about what people might think of her and how she can make new friends. After Doodles arrives in Big City, she realizes that as long as she is kind and stays true to herself, she will have many friends in her new town!



Box of Balloons

by Nicole Moll

Illustrated by Julie Wells

Kindness | Belonging

HC ISBN:

9781948365734

US \$19.99

Jack and Pippa are classmates who share the same birthday. Jack gets to have an over-the-top superhero party while Pippa prepares to go another year without a celebration. Life is tough and her parents just can't give her a party. As Jack blows out his candles and opens his gifts, he can only think about Pippa and wants her to be celebrated too. Jack and his mom put everything needed for a grand birthday celebration into a box, turning it into a Box of Balloons... and so much more.



Nonfiction | Fiction | YA | Poetry

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Nonfiction



Terrence's mission is to give every student hope and empower them to give hope to others. A talented public speaker who travels the country for student assemblies, Terrence believes that what happens to a student today will affect their community tomorrow. That's why it's not only important to educate students, but touch their hearts as well. He and his family have committed to making a lasting and positive impact in the lives of students everywhere.

Secrets Revealed

by Terrence Lee Talley
Journal | Suicide Prevention | Mental Wellness

PB ISBN: 9781645382058
US \$20.00

You have a story to tell, so tell it!

No matter who you are, you have a story to tell. But maybe you've kept it secret and feel afraid to reveal the heavier parts of your story. Maybe you struggle with:

Family problems.
Emotional exhaustion.
Negative self-image.
Depression.
Addiction.

The list goes on. It's hard to deal with those things by yourself, and it's even harder to talk about. Trust me, I know. On the flip side, it's hard to be a good friend to someone who is struggling when you don't know what that feels like or what to say or what they're thinking.

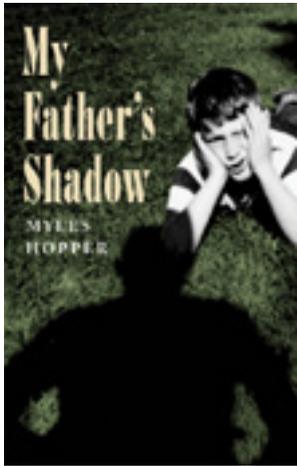
So what do you do?

Secrets Revealed is a journal that helps put words to your story and reveal what's there. You may not struggle with some of the things mentioned in this book, but once you reach the final pages, you'll have a deeper understanding of what people who do struggle with those things are dealing with. No matter what the struggle is, you will know that you are not alone and that hope can be revealed in your own story.

To learn more about Terrence, please visit his website: terrencetalley.com.

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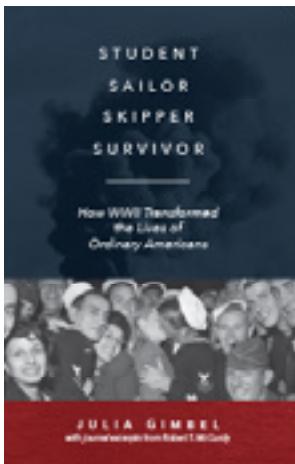
My Father's Shadow

by Myles Hopper
Narrative Nonfiction

A little boy with hair the color red—his scarlet letter—and family secrets to be disclosed only decades later. A man late in life confronted with looming mortality. These are the bookends of *My Father's Shadow*, a narrative nonfiction collection of timely stories with universal themes that are heartwarming, painful, distressing, and humorous. This memoir examines how one person has managed to thrive in a world replete with wild imperfections and an eclectic array of people and relationships, some nurturing, others much less so. *My Father's Shadow* delves deep into the pain and joy of life itself.

PB ISBN: 9781645381174, US \$16.95

HC + Jacket ISBN: 9781645381617, US \$23.99



Student, Sailor, Skipper, Survivor: How WWII Transformed the Lives of Ordinary Americans

by Julia Gimbel with journal excerpts from Robert T. McCurdy
History

Student, Sailor, Skipper, Survivor goes beyond the often-told battle stories to describe the life experiences shared by millions of Americans serving during WWII. Using her late father's journal as the framework, researcher and author Julia Gimbel fleshes out what it was like to go through accelerated officer training, set sail, and live life at sea during the tumultuous war years.

PB ISBN: 9781645381068, US \$16.95

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INTENDED: A Marriage in Black & White

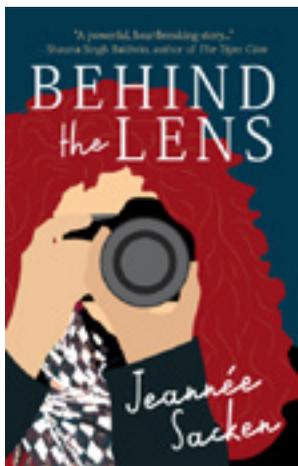
by Sharon Nesbit-Davis
Memoir

In 1976, when Sharon and George were wed in a simple outdoor ceremony, there were many concerns from family and friends. George's mother wondered why her Black son would choose to make his life more difficult by marrying a White girl. Sharon's parents were not in attendance, despite having given their hard-earned blessing after five years. Even among well-meaning friends arose a question: "What about the children?" On a basic level, many people would accept the marriage of Sharon and George as normal: two people who loved each other. But in 1976, race complicated things. It still does. But that doesn't mean Sharon and George weren't intended to be together.

PB ISBN: 9781645382065, US \$16.95

Fiction

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Behind the Lens

by Jeannée Sacken
Women's Fiction | Suspense

PB ISBN:
9781645381945
US \$17.99

Eight years ago, seasoned photojournalist Annie Hawkins Green barely survived a Taliban ambush that left her military escort dead and a young Afghan girl dying in her arms. Since then, she has managed to suppress her memories of that brutal day—until she returns to Afghanistan to teach a photography workshop at the secondary school for girls run by her expat best friend Darya Faludi. As the Taliban gains prominence in the once peaceful region, Annie's nightmares from her last time in-country come roaring back with a vengeance. But are they just dreams? The unshakable feeling of a grim, watchful presence makes Annie think otherwise.

As Annie struggles with her nightmares, more trouble brews with the suspicion that Darya's teenage daughter is sneaking away at night to meet her shadowy boyfriend. Meanwhile, Annie's own daughter wages war with her father and stepmother back home, feeding Annie's all-consuming mom-guilt. Her only comfort, a poetry-writing U.S. Naval officer who saved her life all those years ago, is now at the other end of a satellite phone 7,000 miles away. How can he possibly keep her safe? How can anyone?

PRAISE FOR *BEHIND THE LENS*

"A powerful, heartbreaking story..."

- Shauna Singh Baldwin, author of *The Tiger Claw*,
What the Body Remembers, and *The Selector of Souls*

"I dare you to read the first chapter of *Behind the Lens* and put it down. It can't be done. Before you know it, you are in for a great ride all the way to the end. Jeannée Sacken's writing is that good."

- Judy Bridges, author of *Shut Up & Write*

"...a poignant and riveting work of art..."

- Heba Elkobaitry, Muslim Cultural Advisement Consultant

"A gripping Afghan tale..."

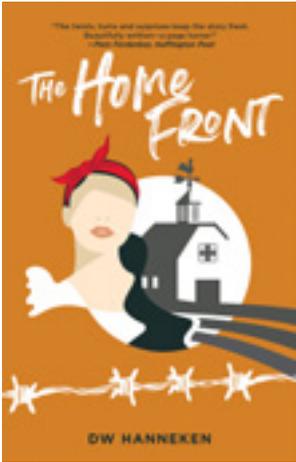
- *Kirkus Reviews*

"...a hair-raising ride from beginning to end."

- Jennifer Trethewey, author of the Highlanders of Balfors series

A former English professor, Jeannée Sacken is a photojournalist who travels the world documenting the lives of women and children. She lives in Shorewood, Wisconsin, with her husband and cat, where she's hard at work on her next novel also featuring Annie Hawkins Green. **Follow Jeannée at jeanneesacken.com.**

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The Home Front

by D.W. Hanneken

Historical Fiction - WWII

PB ISBN: 9781645381273

US \$17.99

Set in rural Wisconsin during 1944-1945, this story centers around Maggie Wentworth, a wife, mother and farmer who struggles to keep her life in balance after her physically abusive husband enlists in the Army and is shipped to Europe during WWII. On one hand, she's happy he left. On the other, she has to deal with the challenges of an aging father, a young son, and the temptation of an attractive German POW who is harvesting apples on her farm.

Follow D.W. Hanneken on social media!

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PRAISE FOR THE HOME FRONT

"The twists, turns and surprises keep the story fresh. Beautifully written-a page turner!"

- Pam Ferderbar, *Huffington Post*

"An engaging tale...A variety of tensions keep the engrossing narrative moving."

- *Kirkus Reviews*

"Perfectly paced and so real, I could feel the mud on my shoes."

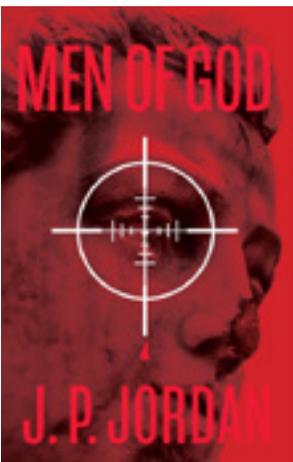
- Brad Hicks, Emmy-Winning Journalist

"This book grabs you and draws you in from the start. Breathtaking imagery and compelling characters . . . a tale of intrigue and suspense. A wonderful debut."

- Jim Palmer, Milwaukee Magazine Contributor

"A gripping tale."

- Bobby Tanzilo, OnMilwaukee.com



Men of God

by J.P. Jordan

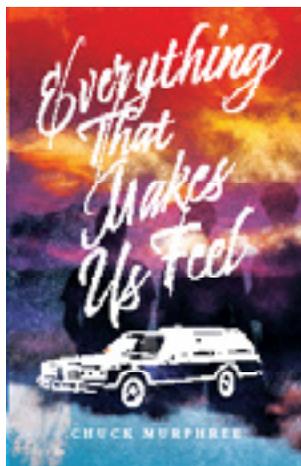
Thriller | Mystery

PB ISBN: 9781645381563, US \$18.95

HC ISBN: 9781645381587, US \$29.99

Having reluctantly accepted a job from family friend and CEO Emil Swenson, former pararescueman Nick Hayden quickly transitions from rescuing soldiers in Afghanistan to desk jockeying at Weston, a Wisconsin-based insurance company. He's tasked with closing a failing division responsible for insuring religious institutions, but recent investigations surrounding the murder of a formerly insured priest, a known pedophile, leave Nick feeling suspicious. Without any leads except a cryptic letter found at the crime scene, the case quickly goes cold, but another murder of a previously insured religious leader leads Nick to a chilling realization: a serial killer is on the hunt. When more obscure messages lead him to believe the next target has been chosen, the race to stop the ruthless killer begins.

YA Fiction



Everything That Makes Us Feel

by Chuck Murphree
Mental Illness | Suicide

PB ISBN:
9781645381655
US \$14.99

Fifteen-year-old Neil lost his brother to suicide one year ago, and in the process, he lost his voice. Now, with his parents drifting apart and another first day at a new school, his life feels like it's spiraling out of control. That is, until Neil meets a high school counselor who gets him involved in the Polar Bear Club, where he connects with a group of classmates he can finally relate to. As their friendship grows, so do their adventures. Life throws out many challenges, and death forces us to ask "why" far too many times. In *Everything That Makes Us Feel*, Neil tries to navigate a world in search of the answers to those questions.

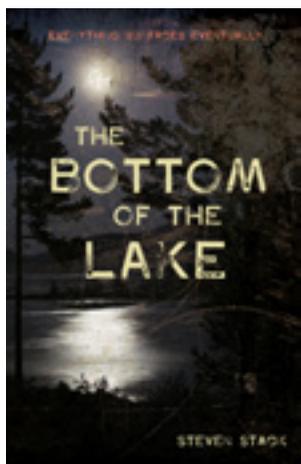
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Stratagem

by Christina Haggmann
Thriller | Magical Realism

PB ISBN:
9781645380351
US \$15.00

At seventeen years old, Meda is ripped from her family to train as a shapeshifting operative for the Agency. It's her job to seek out and discredit political figures. While on a high stakes mission, Meda is kidnapped by three teenage boys. It's the last thing she needs. She's behind schedule, and if the mission fails, her family pays the price. However, the longer she spends playing hostage, the more information she gathers on her kidnappers. Fueled by revenge, the boys are gathering intel on the Agency in hopes to take them down. Allegiance and family are tested to their limits as bullets fire from all sides. Meda finds herself caught in a political conspiracy that shakes her to her core, and it'll take all her strength to trust her own instincts and stop following orders.



The Bottom of the Lake

by Steven Stack
Supernatural | Ghost Stories

PB ISBN:
9781948365826
US \$15.00

When Vanessa, Lindsey, and Claire sneak away from Camp Kimi for a night of junk food and ghost stories, they meet Dani, a strange and distant girl none of them have seen before. As each tells her own scary tale, they reveal personal truths they could never share directly. But the newcomer has a story of her own, and before they know it, the three friends find themselves an unwitting part of it—and there might be no escape.

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