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Best Friends By: Donald Steffanus Best Friends is a delightful tale about two little animals—a little green frog named Hoppity and a little green snake named Slivers—who live in a pond on a farm. Join this pair of seemingly unexpected friends as the two little creatures find themselves on some unexpected adventures! A foodie French bulldog finds a forever home in this heartwarming and adorable debut picture book, sure to appeal to fans of Gaston, Ellie, and Little Elliot, Big City. Meet Louie. He's a dog of very fine taste. He knows every chef in town, and each day he wanders the city, visiting his favorite restaurants. It's a good life, except... Louie is all on his own. What Louie wants more than anything is a family. But try as he might, Louie can't seem to find a family that's right for him. At the beach, he meets a little boy and his mother... but they're eating green jello salad and sardine sandwiches (Louie's least favorite foods!). At his favorite sushi restaurant, Louie spies a father and daughter with an open seat at their table... but their cat chases him away. At the park, he meets a nice family having a yummy barbecue, but when they invite him to play frisbee... Louie just can't keep up. Where-oh-where will Louie find a just-right family of his very own? Kids' Indie Next List When Bill Gaston Released The Cameraman almost a decade ago, critics raved about the writer's brilliance and inventiveness. Now this searing, funny and prescient gem from one of our most gifted writers is available again in a re-edited version. The story is told in "scenes" from the point of view of Francis, a cameraman who has trained his lens on the life of his friend and mentor, an enigmatic director named Koz. The plot pivots around an actress' death-on-film by lethal injection, an act that has sinister implications for director Koz, who knew what was happening, and for cameraman Francis, who didn't. When Koz is brought to trial and Francis is asked to testify, the sordid "truth" is revealed. Here is a novel as timeless, engrossing and transgressive as cinema verite. Book jacket. The message "You matter to God" is presented using the parable of the Prodigal Son. Cartoon. Age range: Children, Youth, Adults Usage: Evangelistic What if Belle's mother cursed the Beast? As Old as Time is the third book in a new YA line that reimagines classic Disney stories in surprising new ways. When Belle touches the Beast's enchanted rose, memories flood through Belle's mind—memories of a mother she thought she would never see again. And, stranger still, she sees that her mother is none other than the beautiful enchantress who cursed the castle and all its inhabitants. Shocked and confused, Belle and the Beast will have to unravel a dark mystery about their families that is 21 years in the making. This is a little book about cultivating the art of self-care and nurturing a joyous, comforting sense of 'home' within you. Feeling at home within ourselves involves caring for ourselves in loving, thoughtful and joyous ways; noticing, honoring and meeting our unique needs. In At Home Within you can explore pathways to peace, balance and contentment in your daily life. Learn to nurture your inner world with kindness and compassion. The affirmations and inspirations in these ten chapters will assist you to create positive change within. As you change within, your perceptions of the world around you will transform in a positive way too. At Home Within shows you the small steps you can take on your journey to living your best life. Golden Girl is excited for her first Family Day at Storm Cliff Stables. But where is her family? She looks right. She looks left. No luck! Luckily, her farmyard friends know just what to do! Aligned to Common Core standards and correlated to state standards. Calico Kid is an imprint of Magic Wagon, a division of ABDO. Cupcake dresses to impress. Her smile is brilliant. Her wave is flawless. She even wears a tiara. Everyone loves a tiara. And Cupcake wants everyone to love her. But when she tries too hard to make everyone happy, she crumbles under the pressure and realizes that sometimes just being yourself is enough. Everyone's favorite zombie romance picture book is now available as an enhanced eBook with animation and audio narration! Mortimer is looking for love. And he's looking everywhere! He's worked out at the gym (if only his arm wouldn't keep falling off). He's tried ballroom dancing lessons (but the ladies found him to be a bit stiff). He's even been on stalemate.com. How's a guy supposed to find a ghoul? When it seems all hope has died, could the girl of Mortimer's dreams be just one horrifying shriek away? What happens when a young boy encounters his shadow with fear? He sees his shadow as a monster and not a friend. Finally, once their friendship is revealed, he realizes his shadow is a great friend, protector and everything he could possibly imagine him to be. A funny, heartwarming picture book by two New York Times best selling creators about an elephant who will not move, the townspeople who really wish he would, and a young girl who teaches them an important lesson. When Poe plants himself in the road and refuses to budge, the people of Prickly Valley try all sorts of methods to get him to go—but one thoughtful little girl works up the courage to do what no one else has done: asks him. Balancing both hilarity and sensitivity, Poe Won't Go has the feel of a contemporary classic, reminding readers that there is power in one, power in listening, and power in being a friend. A bulldog and a poodle learn that family is about love, not appearances in this adorable doggy tale from New York Times bestselling author Kelly DiPucchio and illustrator Christian Robinson. This is the story of four puppies: Fi-Fi, Foo-Foo, Ooh-La-La, and Gaston. Gaston works the hardest at his lessons on how to be a proper pooch. He sips—never slobbers! He yips—never yaps! And he walks with grace—never races! Gaston fits right in with his poodle sisters. But a chance encounter with a bulldog family in the park—Rocky, Ricky, Bruno, and Antoinette—reveals there's been a mix-up, and so Gaston and Antoinette switch places. The new families look right...but they don't feel right. Can these puppies follow their noses—and their hearts—to find where they belong? Chloe is very good at sewing and crafts and when her best friend's birthday approaches, she not only creates a fabulous gift, she also saves the day for a classmate who had been unkind to her. Woof! Woof! Follow your heart—and your nose—and fall in love with two adorable puppies in one sweet boxed set! Gaston works the hardest at his lessons on how to be a proper pooch. He sips—never slobbers! He yips—never yaps! And he walks with grace—never races! Gaston fits right in with his poodle sisters. Doesn't he? Antoinette's three burly brothers each have a special talent. Rocky is clever. Ricky is fast! And Bruno is STRONG. Mrs. Bulldog reassures Antoinette that there is something extra special about her...but Antoinette is not so sure. Join Kelly DiPucchio and Christian Robinson's beloved characters Gaston and Antoinette as they discover where they belong—and find each other! A storm is coming to Storm Cliff Stables, and Gaston the goat is scared. Rain! Lightning! Thunder! Gaston fears he'll never get to sleep with all that flashing and booming. Luckily, his farmyard friends know just what to do! Aligned to Common Core standards and correlated to state standards. Calico Kid is an imprint of Magic Wagon, a division of ABDO. "Raised in a family of talented bulldogs, Antoinette the poodle wonders what makes her special. She gets the chance to prove herself and find what she's good at when puppy Ooh-la-la goes missing"-- Unique interactive board book design. The book's patented Alternative Storyline Pathways concept allows YOU to actually CHOOSE where you want the adventure to go! Each turn of the page invites you to select the next story pathway. You then insert your finger into the chosen cutout notch and turn the pages! Now, do you want to climb the ladder or go through the closed door? ... The Adventure awaits! Daisy the cow can't wait to go to the county fair this year. Who doesn't love winning blue ribbons? But Daisy has a cold. Moo, moo, ahchoo! Luckily, her farmyard friends know just what to do! Aligned to Common Core standards and correlated to state standards. Calico Kid is an imprint of Magic Wagon, a division of ABDO. Six thousand years. Sixty languages. One "brisk and breezy" whirlwind armchair tour of Europe "bulg[ing] with linguistic trivia" (The Wall Street Journal). Take a trip of the tongue across the continent in this fascinating, hilarious and highly edifying exploration of the many ways and whys of Euro-speaks—its idiosyncrasies, its histories, commonalities, and differences. Most European languages are descended from a single ancestor, a language not unlike Sanskrit known as Proto-Indo-European (or PIE for short), but the continent's ever-changing borders and cultures have given rise to a linguistic and cultural diversity that is too often forgotten in discussions of Europe as a political entity. Lingo takes us into today's remote mountain villages of Switzerland, where Romansh is still the lingua franca, to formerly Soviet Belarus, a country whose language was Russified by the Bolsheviks, to Sweden, where up until the 1960s polite speaking conventions required that one never use the word "you." "In this bubbly linguistic endeavor, journalist and polyglot Dorren thoughtfully walks readers through the weird evolution of languages" (Publishers Weekly), and not just the usual suspects—French, German, Yiddish, Irish, and Spanish, Here, too are the esoteric—Manx, Ossetian, Esperanto, Gagauz, and Sami, and that global headache called English. In its sixty bite-sized chapters, Dorret offers quirky and hilarious tidbits of illuminating facts, and also dispels long-held lingual misconceptions (no, Eskimos do not have 100 words for snow). Guaranteed to change the way you think about language, Lingo is a "lively and insightful . . . unique, page-turning book" (Minneapolis Star Tribune). Join Curious George as

he snoops around a wide variety of houses and homes. Twelve full-to-bursting spreads represent home interiors from lighthouses to castles. Jaunty rhymes introduce each inviting scene and list the objects readers can find: “Find the candle, find the sword, / Knight’s strong shield, orange gourd. / Ruby in the golden crown. / Look for monkey, up and down. / Where is George?” For more monkey fun, investigate www.curiousgeorge.com and discover all the latest on Curious George, books, promotions, games, activities, and more. How to show up and make a difference in a world that tells you not to care When the world’s problems seem overwhelming, as they so often do, it’s easy to fall into feelings of helplessness. It becomes too painful to care, so we turn to the latest “how to not give a f*ck” self-help book. Yet caring about our world and each other is a natural instinct all humans have. What is it doing to our minds, bodies, and souls to ignore this part of our humanity? In *Love without Reason: The Lost Art of Giving a F*ck*, LaRayia Gaston helps us connect with our hearts, reawaken our innate desire to make a difference, and then actually make that difference in a way that is both enjoyable and impactful. In other words, she teaches us how to show up and care about each other and our world. Central to Gaston’s teachings is the idea that giving doesn’t have to be difficult, and you don’t have to go out of your way to do it. “Need is all around us,” she writes. “You’ll never know the ripples one small act of kindness can create.” Gaston calls these acts micro-gestures, moments when you stop, look around, and ask yourself how you can contribute in your own way. Throughout the book, Gaston pulls apart the stories we tell ourselves about helping—it’s too difficult, we’ll just be in the way, it won’t change anything—and provides strategies to help us get started. In the end, you’ll discover that showing you care isn’t about sacrifice—it’s about joy. From Caldecott Honor winner Christian Robinson and acclaimed author Renee Watson, comes the inspiring true story of Florence Mills. Born to parents who were both former slaves, Florence Mills knew at an early age that she loved to sing, and that her sweet, bird-like voice, resonated with those who heard her. Performing catapulted her all the way to the stages of 1920s Broadway where she inspired everyone from songwriters to playwrights. Yet with all her success, she knew firsthand how prejudice shaped her world and the world of those around her. As a result, Florence chose to support and promote works by her fellow black performers while heralding a call for their civil rights. Featuring a moving text and colorful illustrations, *Harlem’s Little Blackbird* is a timeless story about justice, equality, and the importance of following one’s heart and dreams. A CARTER G. WOODSON ELEMENTARY HONOR BOOK (awarded by the National Council for the Social Studies, 2013) *Lady Wexin*, once the Ton’s foremost beauty, has been abandoned by her family and friends, and creditors hound her. Her husband’s scandalous death has left her impoverished, and the gossip-mongering press is whipped into a frenzy of speculation when it becomes clear the widow is with child. Who is the father? Only one man knows: Adrian Pomroy, Viscount Cavanley. He has cultivated the reputation of a rake, but in truth yearns for something useful to do. Delicate beauty Lydia Wexin could pose an intriguing and stimulating challenge. This comical and heartfelt picture book is a winning celebration of invention, creativity, and friendship. With gorgeous underwater scenes and a crowd-pleasing tale, this is one little mermaid who is here to make a splash! New York Times bestselling author Kelly DiPucchio and Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award winner Raissa Figueroa would like to introduce Oona—the big wide sea’s littlest mischief-maker. Oona and her best friend Otto love to search for treasure...and often find trouble instead. Messy trouble. Tricky trouble. Even shark-related trouble. That’s never stopped them before, though! After all, no proper treasure hunt is without some adventure. But when the grandest treasure yet is stuck in a deep, dark rift, Oona’s not sure if she can dive right in. What might be waiting for her in those unknown waters? On a Sunday afternoon in 1959 in Shuqualak, Mississippi, Ella and her husband Nelse were arrested in front of their children and hauled off to the notorious Noxubee County Jail. The Gastons were simply in the wrong place at the wrong time--caught up in a manhunt for Nelse's cousin who had allegedly beaten up the city marshal. The court appearances and legal wrangling that followed resulted in Ella's being found guilty of intimidating an officer and the all-white Mississippi Supreme Court reversing and remanding her conviction on grounds of racial prejudice in testimony--a first. To avoid retrial, Ella and Jewell engaged in multiple cat-and-mouse games that placed Ella "sick" in the hospital, Jewell standing guard, and would-be tormenters at bay. Eventually, the women prevailed, Ella remained free, and the story faded away into obscurity--until now. An Instant New York Times Bestseller! In their first collaboration since the Newbery Medal- and Caldecott Honor-winning *Last Stop on Market Street*, Matt de la Peña and Christian Robinson deliver a poignant and timely new picture book that's sure to be an instant classic. When Carmela wakes up on her birthday, her wish has already come true--she's finally old enough to join her big brother as he does the family errands. Together, they travel through their neighborhood, past the crowded bus stop, the fenced-off repair shop, and the panadería, until they arrive at the Laundromat, where Carmela finds a lone dandelion growing in the pavement. But before she can blow its white fluff away, her brother tells her she has to make a wish. If only she can think of just the right wish to make. . . . With lyrical, stirring text and stunning, evocative artwork, Matt de la Peña and Christian Robinson have crafted a moving ode to family, to dreamers, and to finding hope in the most unexpected places. Oona is one determined little mermaid, but she faces her biggest challenge yet in trying to make friends with Stanley the shark. Whatever will she do? A fun-filled and gorgeously illustrated celebration of friendship, creativity and perseverance. Captures the exceptional life, imagination, and passion of the author of "Goodnight Moon," drawing on unpublished manuscripts, songs, personal letters, and diaries that the author discovered in the attic of Margaret Wise Brown's sister. In his eagerly anticipated debut as author-illustrator, Caldecott and Coretta Scott King honoree Christian Robinson brings young readers on a playful, imaginative journey into another world. What if you... encountered another perspective? Discovered another world? Met another you? What might you do? Hunter the raccoon is not sure what he should do when his best friend Stripe starts acting up at preschool. A cautionary tale about a little slice of bacon with a big, greasy ego. Sure, everyone loves Bacon-until Bacon's popularity goes right to his head. He's so busy soaking up the attention from his fans, that he soon forgets the important things in life, like friendship and family. How will things end for our deliciously crispy hero? What does it mean to be a good neighbor? From Central Park to Broadway to Times Square, Walter the French Bulldog is on a mission of kindness in this hilarious dog adventure story from ABC's Good Morning America's Eva Pilgrim. Walter's heart is full of kindness, but this little dog's efforts to help his neighbors don't go as planned. Journalist Eva Pilgrim's charming narrative and Jessica Gibson's vibrant illustrations make *Walter Does His Best* a wonderful way to introduce kids ages 4-8 to new adventures in kindness. This beautiful jacketed hardcover encourages children to look for opportunities to be kind affirms that everyone makes mistakes appeals to kids' enjoyment of animals celebrates authors of color can be read aloud for story time or enjoyed as an independent read introduces kids to New York City landmarks in a fun, colorful way! Join Walter for a jaunt through Central Park, inside a Broadway theater, onto subway cars, through the Rockefeller Center gardens, and all the way to Coney Island as he tries his very, messy best to be a good dog--and learns that what matters most is the love you share with others every day. *The Good Body* is a triumphant blend of mordant humor and heartbreak. By turns hilarious and poignant, it’s the story of retired pro-hockey ruffian Bobby Bonaduce, who is stubbornly ignoring a disease that may be killing him. Bobby returns to his hometown and scams his way into university in a misguided attempt to redeem his messy past and lay emotional claim to a son he abandoned 20 years earlier. With this acclaimed novel, Bill Gaston demonstrates yet again that he is one of the best chroniclers of men and sports. Theodora "Teddy" Getty Gaston—now one hundred years old—reveals the glamorous yet painful story of her marriage to J. Paul Getty. As formidable as Getty was, his wife was equally strong-minded and flamboyant, and their clutches and clashes threw off sparks. She knew the vulnerable side of Getty—he underwent painful plastic surgery and suffered terrible phobias—that few, if any, saw. A vivid love story, *Alone Together* is also a fascinating glimpse into the twentieth century from the vantage point of one of its most remarkable couples. This is how the other half lived—dinner dances, satin gowns, beach houses, hotel suites, first-class cabins on the *Queen Mary*. Teddy's extra-ordinary life story moves from the glittering nightclubs of 1930s New York City to Mussolini's Italy, where she was imprisoned by the fascist regime, to California in the golden postwar years, where Paul and Teddy socialized with movie stars and the elite. But life with one of the world's richest men wasn't all glitz and glamour. Though terrifically charismatic in person, Getty grew more miserly as his wealth increased. Worse, he often left Teddy and their son, Timothy, behind for years at a time while he built planes for the war effort in the 1940s or brokered oil deals—he was the first American to lease mineral rights in Saudi Arabia, which made him, at his death, the richest man in the world. Even when Timothy was diagnosed with a brain tumor, Getty complained about medical bills and failed to return to the United States to support his wife and son. When Timothy died at age twelve, the marriage was already falling apart. Teddy's unrelenting spirit, her valiant friendship, and her winning lack of vanity transform what could have been a sob story into a nuanced portrait of a brilliant but stubbornly difficult man and the family he loved but left behind, as well as an enchanting view into a bygone era. This was a life lived from the heart. No one in the kingdom can tame a very naughty dragon, except a little boy with a good book. A little girl and her pet French bulldog are the perfect playmates in this all-day outdoors adventure! When his family sets out to explore the neighborhood, one puppy is eager to join in the fun! He gets to do everything his sister does—with his own added flair, of course. Together they eat (pancakes for her, kibble for him), bathe (tub for her, sink for him), and play (chasing squirrels for both). Side by side, they enjoy the same things, each in their own way. And when the long day comes to an end, both settle down for a restful sleep—that is, until tomorrow comes. Because when every day’s a dog’s day, every day is the best day . . . especially when you can spend it with the person you love.

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