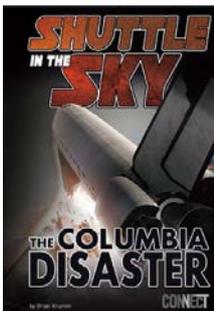
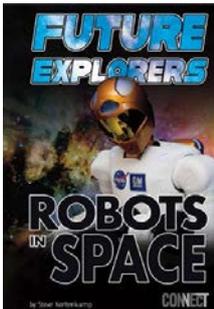
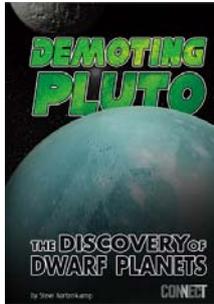




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Exploring Space and Beyond

US publisher: Capstone Readers, by Steve Kortenkamp, by Brian Krumm

Product type: Nonfiction

First publication: 01 October 2015

Product line: Nonfiction

Ages 8-13

Specifically crafted to help students explore space topics through different text structures, including primary sources, compare/contrast, and chronology

Demoting Pluto: The Discovery of Dwarf Planets

When is a planet not a planet? Dwarf planets orbit the sun, are solid bodies, and are not moons. But they are not considered regular planets. Learn more about these spherical oddities and why Pluto is still hotly debated today.

Future Explorers: Robots In Space

There's no air in space. But robots don't care! Learn more about how these mechanical robonauts can help us understand more about the solar system in which we live.

Shuttle In the Sky: The Columbia Disaster

It fell from the sky as it re-entered Earth's atmosphere. The Columbia space shuttle is a sight that will never be forgotten. What caused this national tragedy? How did it change the future of space flight? Learn the risks and challenges that come with exploring our final frontier.

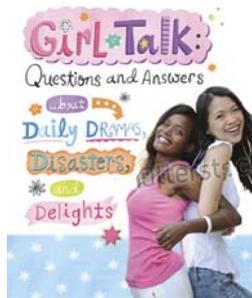
Brian Krumm

Brian Krumm is a writer and editor with more than 15 years of experience working in educational publishing. Also a songwriter and musician, Krumm recently wrote a guide for young musicians starting their first bands as well as books about art, history, and chocolate. A history series that Krumm edited, *Snapshots in History*, was awarded a Distinguished Achievement Award from the Association of Educational Publishers, and a graphic novel series he worked on was honored by the Chicago Book Clinic. Krumm lives in Chicago with his wife and two daughters.

Steve Kortenkamp

Dr. Stephen Kortenkamp is a professional astronomer who studies small solar system objects like asteroids, comets, and moons. His research also involves the formation of planets, both in our solar system and around other stars. Dr. Kortenkamp is a Senior Research Scientist at the Planetary Science Institute and he also teaches planetary science at the University of Arizona and in 2011 won the prestigious "Innovations in Teaching" award from the College of Science. Steve's wife Jane is also a professional astronomer and together they have three young children.





Girl Talk

by Nancy Loewen, by Paula Skelly, illustrated by Julissa Mora, US publisher: Capstone Young Readers

Product type: Nonfiction

First publication: 01 January 2015

Product line: Nonfiction

112 pages

Ages 8-12

Subject categories: Social Issues/Friendship

Translation; Nonfiction; Bologna 2015

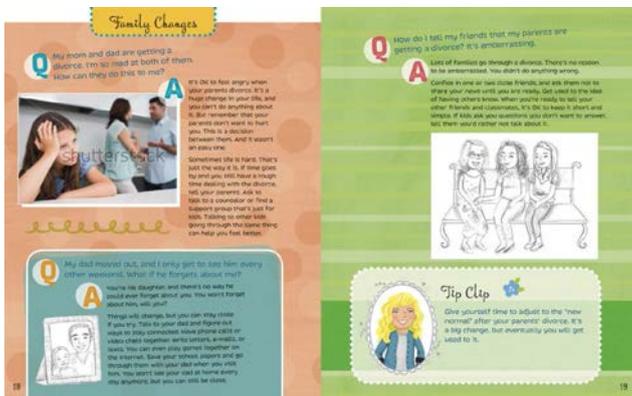
Questions and Answers about Daily Dramas, Disasters, and Delights

Tween girls have tons of questions about everything from best-friend squabbles to cell phone privileges to getting braces to surviving a bad grade. Girl Talk's illustrated peer mentors answer more than 100 friend, family, growing up, and school questions in a way that's on-level, true, and expert-approved.

Answers important, age-relevant, everyday questions in a comfortable, peer-to-peer fashion

Serious subject matter handled in a sensitive, easy-to-understand way

Sound, expert-approved advice provided through a diverse group of older girls who've already experienced the situations raised by the tween audience



Nancy Loewen

Nancy Loewen writes fiction and nonfiction for children and young adults. Recent awards include: 2012 Minnesota Book Awards finalist (The LAST Day of Kindergarten); 2011 Bank Street's Best Children's Books of the Year (Share a Scare: Writing Your Own Scary Story); 2011 Book of Note, Tri-State Young Adult Review Committee (Stubborn as a Mule and Other Silly Similes); and 2010 Distinguished Achievement Award from the Association of Educational Publishers (Writer's Toolbox Series). She's also received awards from The American Library Association, the New York Public Library, the Independent Book Publishers Association, and the Society of School Librarians International. Nancy holds an MFA in creative writing from Hamline University, St. Paul. She lives in the Twin Cities with her husband and two teenage children.

Julissa Mora

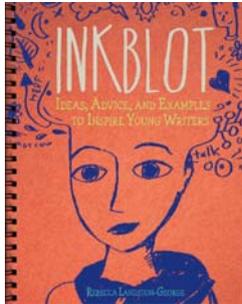
Julissa Mora has been a freelance illustrator for more than eight years. She specializes in the children's and tween markets. Her work has been featured by top industry publications such as American Girl as well as by the award-winning toy company Educational Insights. Julissa has been a part of the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization, helping to mentor her own little sister. Julissa currently lives and works out of her home/studio in Brooklyn, New York.

Paula Skelly

Paula Skelly is a blogger who writes about life, loss, and pediatric cancer awareness. She holds a BA in English and Sociology and an MA in English (creative writing concentration) from Minnesota State University, Mankato. She is a mother of two and lives in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, with her family.

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Inkblot: Inspiring Teen Writers Through Genre

US publisher: Capstone Readers, by Heather Schwartz, Laura Purdie Salas, Rebecca Langston-George and Nadia Higgins

From the series: Writer's Notebook Series

Product type: Nonfiction

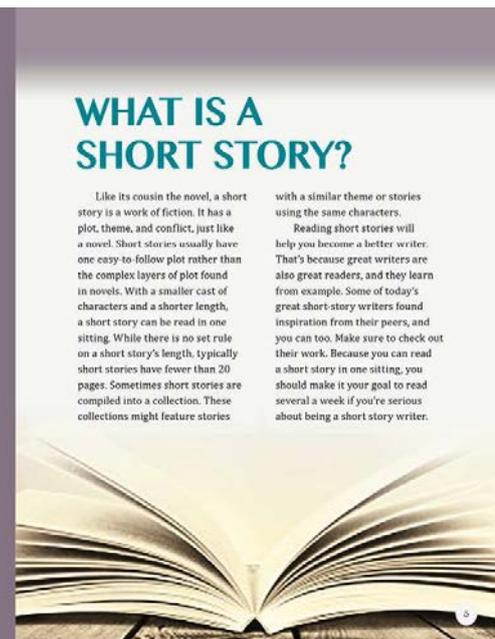
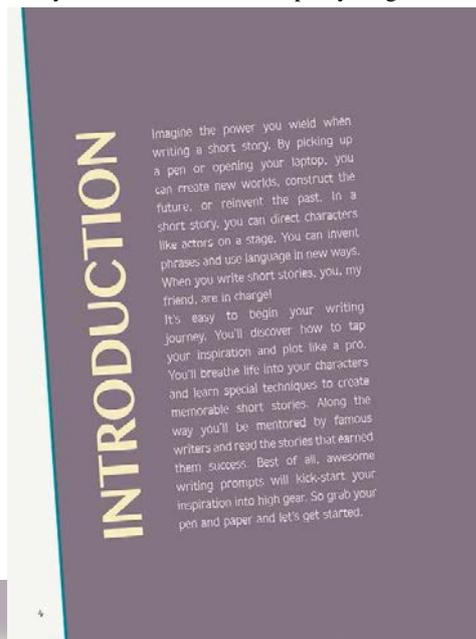
First publication: 01 July 2015

Product line: Nonfiction

Ages 9-13

Inform and engage young writers with this contemporary, creative breakdown of four creative-writing genres—poetry, nonfiction, drama, and short stories. Clear, concise text introduces and defines key skills. Fun and inspiring writing prompts launch new skills into practice, while author bios and mentor texts provide creative blueprints for budding writers.

- Interactive writing prompts make the learning process more engaging
- Mentor texts by famous authors will inspire young authors



GET INSPIRED

What if?

Can you guess the number-one question authors are asked? It's "Where do you get your ideas?" The answer is easy—inspiration is everywhere. It's just waiting to be discovered. The trick is to train yourself to look for inspiration around you. Asking questions often gets your inspiration juices flowing.

One way to get inspired is to ask "What if?" Washington Irving asks this question in his classic short story Rip Van Winkle. Irving takes an everyday event, napping, and asks what if a person didn't wake up from his nap for 20 years?

"On awakening he found himself on the green knoll from whence he had first seen the old man of the glen. He rubbed his eyes—it was a bright, sunny morning. . . . Surely," thought Rip, "I have not slept here all night." Upon returning to his home everything has changed. "It was with some difficulty that he found the way to his own house, which he approached with silent awe, expecting every moment to hear the shrill voice of Dame Van Winkle. He found the house gone to decay—the roof fallen in, the windows shattered, and the doors off the hinges. A half-starved dog that looked like Wolf was sulking about it. Rip called him by name but the cur snarled, showed his teeth and passed on. This was an unkind cut indeed—"My very own dog," sighed poor Rip, "has forgotten me."

PROMPT

Choose an everyday activity and ask yourself "what if?" What if this activity took a strange turn? Make a list of habits you do every day, such as brushing your teeth, eating breakfast, tying your shoes, or opening your school locker. Choose one activity and let your imagination run wild! What if your bowl of corn flakes made ears of corn sprout from your head? What if you reached into your locker for a book and a hand pulled you into a new world? Take 5-10 minutes and jot down as many ideas as you can. Save your ideas in case you might need ideas for writing short stories!



Make It, Gift It: Handmade Gifts for Every Occasion

US publisher: Capstone Readers, by Mari Bolte

Product type: Nonfiction

First publication: 01 August 2015

Product line: Nonfiction

Ages 9-13

There's nothing more fun than giving the perfect hand crafted gift! From simple hostess gifts to fully personalized gifts for that very special someone, Make It, Gift It has everything you need to get started. Learn how to create one-of-a-kind masterpieces for every important person in your life.

- Fun, easy-to-make gifts readers can create themselves and vibrant photographs make these appealing

- Part of the CIY (Craft It Yourself) brand with a proven track record for young teens

Mari Bolte

Mari Bolte is an author of children's books and a lover of art. She lives in southern Minnesota with her husband, daughter, and two wiener dogs. A degree in creative writing has taught her the value of fine writing. Parenthood has made her a purveyor of fine art, with specializations in sidewalk chalk, washable markers, and glitter glue.

Colorful Charge

Grab an old bottle, some decoupage glue, and some pretty fabric. In a few simple steps, you can create a cute charging station that keeps cords safely out of the way.

What You'll Need:
 craft bottle
 rubber band
 decoupage glue
 fabric
 wash tape
 scissors

TIP: Fill one charging station with rechargeable devices. Use phone covers or game cases that fit through. Buttons and covers should be accessible.

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Labels and Lids

There are many recipes for gifts in a jar. But there's no rule saying the jar can't be as great as the gift that's inside!

What You'll Need:
 mason jar with lid
 decorative paper
 decoupage glue and paintbrush
 marking or pattern tape
 chalkboard paint and paintbrush
 craft knife

TIP: If your jar has a two-piece lid, use superglue to connect the lid to the bowl lid for completely smooth coverage.

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- Trace the lid onto the plain side of the decorative paper.
- Cut a circle at least 1/4 inch wider around than the lid. Cut thin strips all the way around the circle, from the edge of the paper to the edge of your traced circle.
- Paint a thin layer of decoupage glue onto the top of the lid. Gently press the paper onto the lid, smoothing out any bubbles.
- Paint a thin layer of decoupage glue onto the inside of the lid. Fold and press the cut strips of paper into the glue. Let dry completely. Add another layer of glue over the entire paper-covered area. Let dry completely.
- Trace off the areas of the jar you want to paint. Apply a thin coat of chalkboard paint. Let dry completely, at least 30 minutes. Add additional coats, if desired.
- Remove tape. Use a craft knife to remove any areas where the paint may have scuffed or bled through the tape. Fill the jar to cure for at least three days before using for writing.



Here are a few ideas on filling your gift jar:

- cookies, candy, or other sweet selections
- soothing items such as wool socks, lip gloss, and scented sugar scrubs, body butters, and bath bombs
- mixes for treats such as soups, dips, baked goods, or drinks
- a sewing kit with a simple pattern, fabric to make the pattern, and thread, needles, buttons, and pins

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Infinity Tee

Nothing says "eco gift" like recycling a well-loved tee. Use a favorite shirt or just pick something in your recipient's color scheme.

What You'll Need:
 two old t-shirts in two different colors
 1/2-inch seam
 fabric scissors
 matching tape
 needle and thread
 buttons

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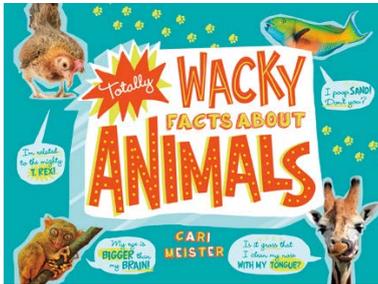
- Lay a shirt flat on your work surface. Cut straight across the shirt from armpit to armpit. Discard the top part.
- Measure six inches down from your cut line. Cut straight across. You should have a wide loop of fabric.
- Fold the loops lengthwise, so the cut ends are together. Sew down the whole cut side. Then turn inside out, so your stitches are on the inside.
- Repeat steps 1-3 with the second shirt.
- Fold one fabric strip in half and lay flat on your work surface, with the ends facing out. Fold the other fabric strip in half, and have it the opposite direction. Its knees and should overlap the first fabric strip.
- Slide your hand through the fabric loop on the bottom. Gently pull the ends of the other fabric strip through. You should have a donut-headed knot.
- Repeat step 4, gently pulling the knot tighter. This should give you a knot with overlapping color layers.
- Sew the ends of the scarf together. Add pins to cover the seam ends.



Sewing by Hand:

Slide the thread through the eye of the needle. To the end of the thread, tie a knot. Push the needle through the underside of the fabric. Pull the thread through the fabric to knotted end. Push your needle back through the fabric and top again to make a stitch. Continue sewing the needle in and out of the fabric, making small stitches in a straight line. When you are finished sewing, make a loose stitch. Thread the needle through the loop and pull tight. Cut off remaining thread.

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Mind Benders

US publisher: Capstone Readers, by Cari Meister, by Emma Berne

Product type: Nonfiction

First publication: 01 July 2015

Product line: Nonfiction

Ages 8-13

Mind Benders makes common subjects—like animals and space—amazing. Wacky, wild facts and a bright, bold design will keep struggling and reluctant readers wanting more! Entice browsers with quick facts that pack a punch.



Totally Wacky Facts About Animals

If you're looking for wacky animal facts and wild trivia, look no further! Did you know that vultures pee on their legs to keep cool? Or that mantis shrimp can punch with the force of a bullet? Hundreds of facts and an in-your-face design will keep kids coming back for more.

Totally Wacky Facts About Space

Ever wondered what astronauts do with their dirty underwear? Or which astronaut played golf on the moon? If you're looking for wacky factoids and out-of-this-world trivia, this book has it all! A bright, bold design and hundreds of facts will keep browsers busy for hours.



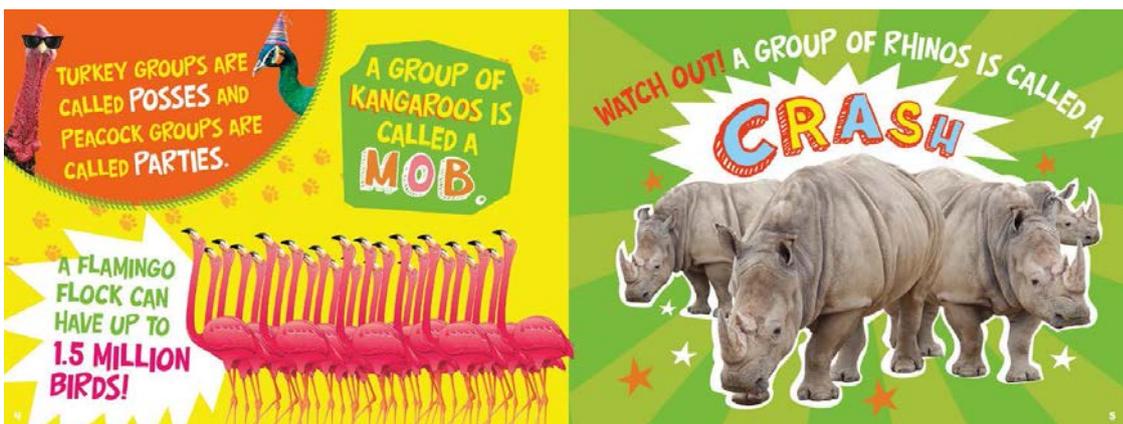
Emma Carlson Berne

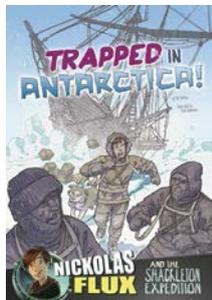
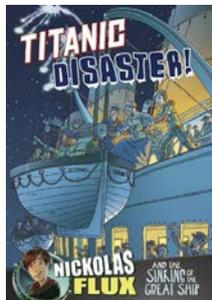
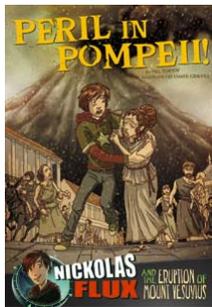
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Cari Meister

Cari Meister has written more than 130 books for children, including the Tiny series (Penguin) and the Fast Forward Fairy Tales series (Scholastic). Cari is a school librarian. She loves to visit other schools and libraries and talk about the joy of reading and writing. Cari lives in the mountains of Colorado, with her husband, four boys, one horse and one dog. You can find out more about her at www.carimeister.com.





Nickolas Flux History Chronicles

by Nel Yomtov, illustrated by Mark Simmonds, illustrated by Dante Ginevra, US publisher: Capstone Young Readers

From the series: Nickolas Flux History Chronicles

Product type: Nonfiction

Product line: Graphic novel

40 pages

Ages 8-14

Translation; Nonfiction; Graphic Novel

Nickolas Flux is a teenage history buff with the power of unpredictable time travel. The slightest trigger sends him back in time to history's most important moments and eras. With full-color, action-packed graphic novel storytelling, the Nickolas Flux History Chronicles series compels readers to learn about and experience history as Nickolas struggles to simply survive it.

Peril in Pompeii!: Nickolas Flux and the Eruption of Mount Vesuvius
by Nel Yomtov, Illustrated by Dante Ginevra. October 2014

When a spontaneous time leap sends Nickolas Flux back to the eruption of Mount Vesuvius, what's a teenage history buff to do? Try to avoid being buried alive in Pompeii, of course! From hot falling ash to a catastrophic pyroclastic surge, Nick must survive one of the most famous volcanic eruptions in history.

Trapped in Antarctica!: Nickolas Flux and the Shackleton Expedition
by Nel Yomtov, Illustrated by Mark Simmons. February 2015

When a spontaneous time leap sends Nickolas Flux back to Ernest Shackleton's ill-fated Endurance Expedition to Antarctica, what's a teenage history buff to do? Try to avoid becoming stranded at the bottom of the world, of course! From the crushing of the Endurance by ice to the heroic lifeboat journey to South Georgia Island, Nick must survive one of the most amazing expeditions of the early 1900s.

Titanic Disaster!: Nickolas Flux and the Sinking of the Great Ship
by Nel Yomtov, Illustrated by Mark Simmons. February 2015

When a spontaneous time leap sends Nickolas Flux back to the Titanic's maiden voyage, what's a teenage history buff to do? Try to avoid going down with the ship, of course! From trying to help spot icebergs to getting off the sinking ship safely, Nick must survive one of the most disastrous events of the early 1900s.

Nel Yomtov

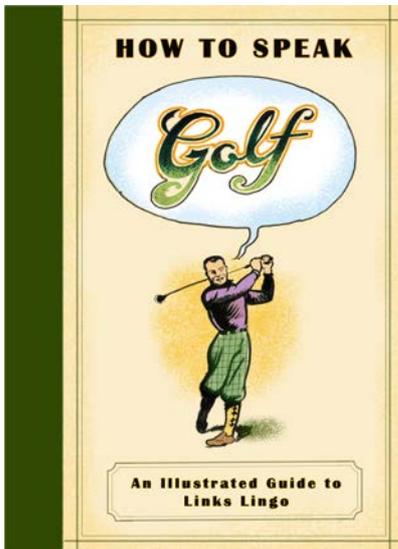
Nel Yomtov is a writer of children's nonfiction books and graphic novels. He specializes in writing about history, country studies, science, and biography. His graphic novel adaptation, *Jason and the Golden Fleece*, published by Stone Arch Books/Capstone was a winner of the 2009 Moonbeam Children's Book Award and the 2011 Lighthouse Literature Award. Nel is an avid American military history buff and has written two additional graphic novels for Capstone, *True Stories of World War I* and *True Stories of the Civil War*. He lives in the New York City area.

Dante Ginevra

Dante Ginevra's work can be found in numerous publications in his home country of Argentina. These include comics and comic strips in *Fierro*, *Télam*, and a variety of other magazines. In addition, he has illustrative work in graphic novels that span the globe. They include *Cardal*, published in Uruguay, and *Entreactos* and *El Muertero Zabaletta*, both published in Spain. Throughout his career he has also participated in numerous exhibitions in Argentina, Italy, Russia, Brazil, France, and Germany.

Mark Simmons

San Francisco-based artist Mark Simmons is a 2009 graduate of the Academy of Art University. His specialties include comics, storyboards, sequential art, and giant robots. His work can be seen in the British sci-fi anthology "2000 AD," the iPad games *Santa's Village*, *Run Monkey Run*, and *Get Rocky*, board games from 1A Games and R.Talsorian Games, and his website at www.ultimatemark.com.



HOW TO SPEAK series

by Sally Cook, illustrated by Ross MacDonald,

Proprietor: Pippin Properties

US publishers: Chronicle Books and Flatiron Books

Product type: Illustrated book

Product line: Nonfiction

128 pages

Ages 10+

Translation; NonFiction; Frankfurt 2014

These handsome guides to the language of sports decode the amusing, clever phrases that pepper commentary. This humorous mix of definitions and anecdotes makes the perfect gift for sports fans!

Praise for HOW TO SPEAK BASEBALL:

"an elegantly designed little book...capturing the colorful, frequently fanciful vocabulary that describes the world of baseball." - Litchfield County Times

Series titles

HOW TO SPEAK BASEBALL (Chronicle Books, 2014): Translation rights only

HOW TO SPEAK GOLF (Flatiron Books, 2015): Translation and UK & Comm

HOW TO SPEAK FOOTBALL (Flatiron Books, 2016): Translation and UK & Comm

HOW TO SPEAK AMERICAN FOOTBALL (Flatiron Books, 2017): Translation and UK & Comm

James Charlton (Co-author on HOW TO SPEAK BASEBALL)

James Charlton is the publications director for the Society for American Baseball Research, a founding editor of the Pushcart Prize, and a judge of the Casey Award, which is given annually to the best baseball book. He has written numerous books about baseball, and lives in New York City.



Sally Cook

Sally Cook is the co-author of many books on baseball including YANKEE MIRACLES: LIFE WITH THE BOSS AND THE BRONX BOMBERS, published in September 2012 by W.W. Norton and HEY BATTA BATTA SWING! THE WILD OLD DAYS OF BASEBALL, illustrated by Ross MacDonald (Simon & Schuster, 2007), as well as the picture book GOOD NIGHT PILLOW FIGHT, illustrated by Laura Cornell (Joanna Cotler Books/HarperCollins).

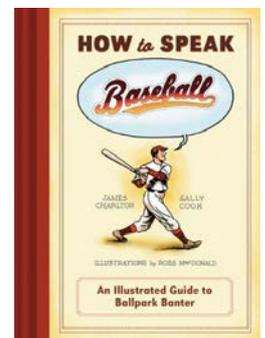
Before entering the magical world of books, Sally was a reporter for the Associated Press and interviewed and wrote features. Sally is the special advisor for the book club at Project Sunshine, a nonprofit organization that provides free social, educational and recreational programs to children living with medical challenges. Sally lives in New York City.

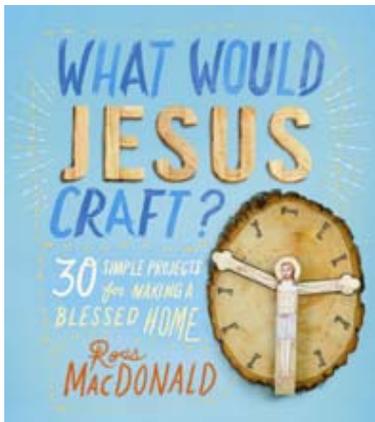


Ross MacDonald

Born and raised in Canada, Ross MacDonald lives in Connecticut with his wife, two children, two dogs, four cats, and a large collection of 19th century type and printing equipment. His illustrations have appeared in many publications and he has worked as a prop designer and as a consultant for movies and TV shows, including Boardwalk Empire.

He has written and illustrated four picture books: ANOTHER PERFECT DAY (Roaring Brook), ACHOO! BANG! CRASH! THE NOISY ALPHABET (Roaring Brook), and HENRY'S HAND (Abrams). In addition, he has illustrated many other books for children and adults.





What Would Jesus Craft?

by Ross MacDonald, Proprietor: Pippin Properties, US publisher: Flatiron Books (Macmillan US)

Product type: Illustrated book

First publication: 01 September 2015

Product line: Nonfiction

Ages 12+

A sincere, yet playful look at what our savior would make to create a blessed home.

From Boardwalk Empire prop designer and fabricator Ross MacDonald comes WHAT WOULD JESUS CRAFT? Reminiscent of a Sunday school's biblical craft book, simple projects are featured using commonly found items like paper plates, clothespins, and glitter and include step-by-step instructions for projects including Jesus Light Switch Plates, Last Supper Lunch Box, Jesus Jean Jacket, and more—all based on Christianity's biggest rock star.

EXAMPLE: Update your old jean jacket by adding a back panel made from a yard sale wall hanging rug. If you can't find one of these at your neighborhood yard sales, then you live in the wrong neighborhood! (Cut rug panel and glue to back of jean jacket with Fabri-tac or fusible web)

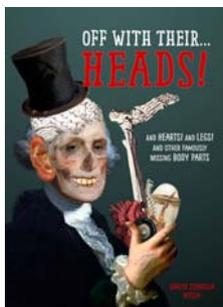


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OFF WITH THEIR HEADS

by Carlyn Beccia, Proprietor: Red Fox Literary, Bloomsbury USA

Product type: Nonfiction

First publication: Fall 2015

Product line: Nonfiction

188 pages

Ages 8-12

Van Gogh's ear, Beethoven's hair, Louis XIV's heart, Albert Einstein's brain: Each of these famous body parts has a story to tell. OFF WITH THEIR HEADS features 33 such tales, some tragic, some sweet, and some downright bizarre but all darkly, chillingly, morbidly intriguing. From a 14th century Spanish King's undying love to the 21st century's experiments in cloning, science blends with history in this fascinating exploration of the post-mortem adventures of world's most famous bits and pieces.



Carlyn Beccia

Carlyn Beccia (pronounced Betcha) is an author, illustrator, graphic designer, historian and self-professed shoe addict. Beccia's children's books, including *Who Put the B In the Ballyhoo?*, *Raucous Royals*, and *I Feel Better with a Frog In My Throat*, have won numerous awards including the Golden Kite Honor, the International Reading Association's Children's and Young Adult Book Award, and the Cybil Award. In a starred review *Publishers Weekly* said of Beccia's *Raucous Royals*, "Her stylish mélange of witty illustrations...and interactive text demands reader participation." Beccia teaches digital painting throughout the United States and is author of the best selling, *Digital Painting for the Complete Beginner*. Visit carlynbeccia.com



Debunk It! How to Stay Sane in a World of Misinformation

by John Grant, Proprietor: Zest Books

Product type: Nonfiction

First publication: 01 February 2015

Product line: Nonfiction

192 pages

Ages 14+

We live in an era of misinformation, much of it spread by authority figures like broadcasters, politicians, and religious leaders. (The various pundits on blogs and websites don't help either.) With so much bogus information from so many sources, how can anyone be expected to discover the truth?

In *Debunk It!*, author John Grant uses modern, ripped-from-the-headlines examples to clearly explain how to identify bad evidence and dismantle poor arguments. He provides a roundup of the rhetorical tricks people use when attempting to pull the wool over our eyes, and even offers advice about how to take these unscrupulous pundits down. So if you're tired of hearing blowhards spouting off about climate change, history, evolution, medicine, and more, this is the book for you. *Debunk It!* is the ultimate guide for readers seeking a firmer footing in this very slippery world.

** "This enlightening new title not only successfully debunks myths and commonly held beliefs—it's an essential primer for encouraging critical thinking skills. ...Teen readers will appreciate Grant's brutal honesty and snarky tone, as well as his liberal use of the term bullshit (to describe distorted or fabricated info). However, he never stoops to merely mocking those he believes to be spreading erroneous information, instead using logic and evidence to dismantle poor arguments piece by piece. Grant's enthusiasm for his subject is infectious, and students and educators alike will appreciate both his style and substance. ...This can't-miss title is great recreational reading for budding skeptics as well as an outstanding addition to units on science, current events, or debate. A must-have." – School Library Journal (Starred Review)*

John Grant

John Grant is author of about seventy books, including the highly successful *Discarded Science*, *Corrupted Science*, and *Denying Science*. For a number of years he ran the world-famous fantasy artbook publisher Paper Tiger. He has won the Hugo Award (twice), the World Fantasy Award, and various other international literary awards.



Don't be a Martyr (Color One Instead)

by Hallie Fryd, illustrated by Julia Gfrorer, Proprietor: Zest Books

Product type: Nonfiction

First publication: 09 August 2015

Product line: Nonfiction

128 pages

Ages 14+

The lives of the saints are filled with inspiring, life-changing moments—but the deaths of the martyrs are where you'll find the real “Oh, hell no!” moments of history. This adult (very adult, as the body count will quickly indicate) coloring book gives aspiring crayon and paper artists the chance to hone their craft while also buffing up their knowledge of Catholic history and tales. The attending stories will go down pretty easy at cocktail hours as well. Each intricately detailed illustration leaves plenty of room for interpretation. How will you render the sea that drowned St. Clement (or the anchor that was tied around his neck at the time)? The clubs and arrows that stilled St. Valentine's heart? The gladiator that finished St. Perpetua? And what about the scene surrounding St. Elmo when he passed on? (Don't ask.) The lives and deaths of the saints are shockingly detailed, but in the text they always appear in black and white—and now it's time to color. (Pro tip: Make sure you have more than one red crayon handy.)

-Adult coloring books — usually focused on celebrities — have been popular for several years, and the time is ripe for parody

-Author Hallie Fryd and artist Julia Gfrorer each bring a unique set of skills to this project, and will attract different audiences (Hallie a pop history readership, Julia a graphic novel fan base)

-People may not read *The Lives of the Saints* any more, but these stories remain bizarrely powerful and powerfully interesting

-Beautifully detailed illustrations from Julia Gfrorer (author of *Black Is the Color*) retain the intensity of the original stories but also readily mark them out as deeply foreign.



Julia Gfrorer

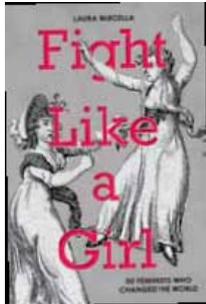
Julia Gfrorer lives in Portland, Oregon. She is the author and illustrator of *Black Is the Color*, a 'Notable Comic' of 2013. It also ranked #22 on Rob Clough's Top 25 long form comics. Her name is pronounced something like "gff RUE er" to an actual German speaker, but generations of American accents have evolved closer to "gff RARE" or "grr FAIR." She won't be upset if you get it wrong.



Hallie Fryd

Hallie Fryd grew up in Moorestown, NJ a Philadelphia suburb, founded by Quakers and voted best place to live in America by Money Magazine in 2005. She was awarded the Andrew Carnegie Scholarship by Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, where she graduated in 2000 with a BFA in Communication Design and a minor in History.

Now living in Oakland, Hallie writes about pop-culture, politics, history and miscellaneous. A life-long history nerd Hallie hoped that a sugary spoon full of scandal would help what can be a dry dose of history go down. Researching and writing her first book, *Scandalous!* was the most interesting experience of her life, but it has left her interjecting only partially related historical facts into every conversation. When not interjecting (but more often, while interjecting), Hallie enjoys thrift shopping, seeing bands, yelling at cable news and hoping it doesn't rain.



Fight Like a Girl: 50 Feminists

by Laura Barcella, Proprietor: Zest Books

Product type: Nonfiction

First publication: 01 May 2015

Product line: Nonfiction

224 pages

Ages 14+

Profiles fifty people who have worked to make the world a safer, healthier, and better place for women. Nearly every day there's another news story, think piece, or pop cultural anecdote related to feminism and women's rights. But what's often missing from these discussions is an understanding of how we've gotten to this place. *Fight Like A Girl* introduces readers to the history of feminist activism in the U.S. through profiles of fifty incredible women, including Hilary Clinton, Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Roxanne Gay, and more.

-Incredible diversity on offer - in terms of race, ethnicity, sphere of influence, and even gender

-Cool, up-to-date aesthetic also provides gift potential

-Like so much great feminist writing online, this book will focus on the ways that pop culture can serve to both advance and obstruct progress



Laura Barcella

Born and raised in Washington, DC, Laura Barcella loves writing about women who do, say, and make cool things. She is a contributing editor to xoJane, contributing writer to The Fix, and a regular contributing writer to Refinery29.com.

Friends and Frenemies

by Jennifer Castle, Proprietor: Zest Books

Product type: Nonfiction

First publication: 15 May 2015

Product line: Nonfiction

192 pages

Ages 10+

Nonfiction; Translation; UK & Comm; Frankfurt 2014

Middle school friendships can be a source of great joy one day, then pain and anxiety the next. *Friends and Frenemies* examines the complexities of friendship and helps readers start building communication tools that will last a lifetime. The book tackles big questions such as:

"How can I make friends?" and "What if I feel like I need to end a friendship?"

Friends and Frenemies includes not just advice, but also comments from real kids, advice from older teens who have been there and done that, quizzes, polls, and other interactive elements that encourage readers to engage with the book, adding their own thoughts and experiences.

*Includes quizzes, polls, activities, and advice from kids

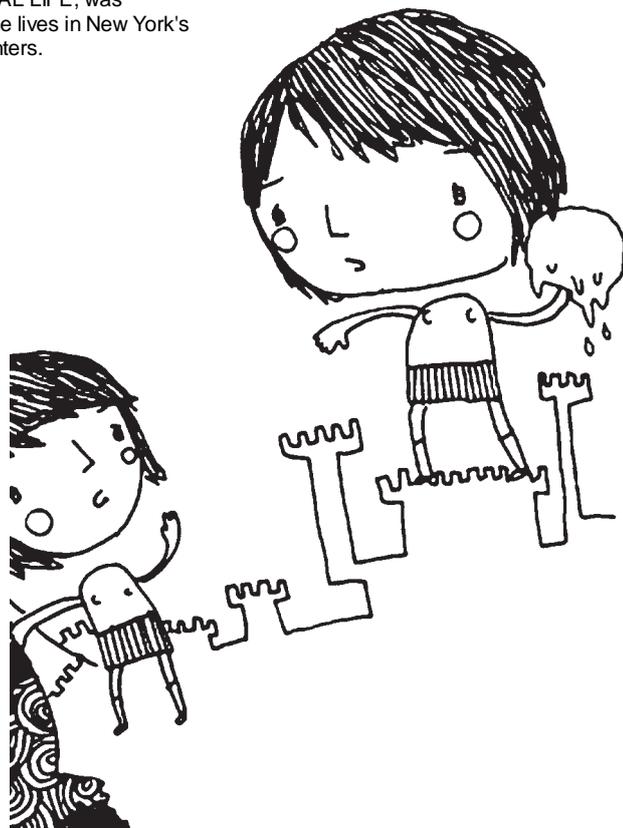
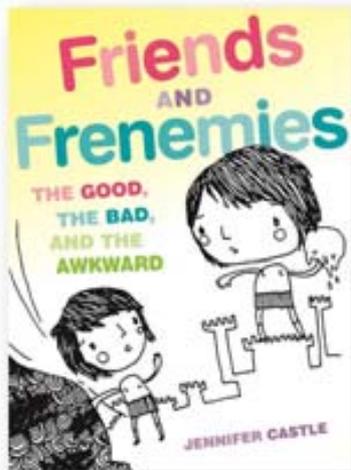
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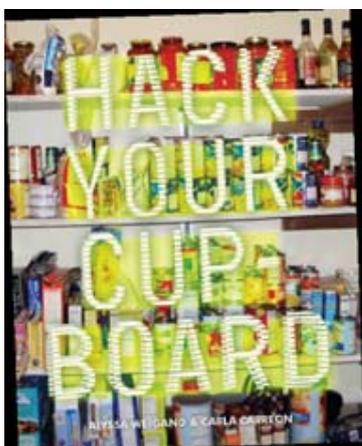
*Uses tactics that the author has developed over a decade of working with tweens to help them empathize with others and stand up more for themselves

*Ultimate guide to middle school friendships

Jennifer Castle

Jennifer Castle received her B.A. in Creative Writing at Brown University and worked as a celebrity publicist's assistant, an advertising copywriter, and a struggling screenwriter (yes, that's an actual job) before falling into a niche producing websites for kids and teens. Her first novel, *THE BEGINNING OF AFTER*, was a 2012 YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults selection as well as a Chicago Public Library "Best of the Best" book. Her next novel, *YOU LOOK DIFFERENT IN REAL LIFE*, was published by HarperTeen in June 2013. She lives in New York's Hudson Valley with her husband and daughters.





Hack your Cupboard

by Alyssa Carreon, Proprietor: Zest Books

Product type: Nonfiction

First publication: 02 February 2016

Product line: Nonfiction

208 pages

Ages All

A well-stocked pantry is the home cook's greatest asset— but in the meantime, even the most impoverished pantry can revive a boring meal. With hints on storage necessities and real-life “cupboard challenges,” this beautifully illustrated book will be one to take with you as you move on to ever-larger cupboards and more ambitious meals.

-Uses real cupboards from various times of life to illustrate the best options under the circumstances

-Each section begins by examining a typical cupboard selection and concludes with a “cupboard challenge”

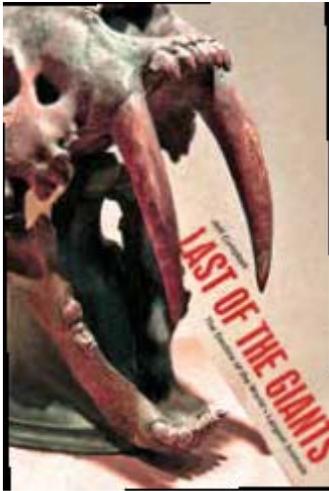
-Intuitive organization allows readers to move from (often surprising) first ingredients to full recipe ideas in a flash



Alyssa Wiegand and Carla Carreon

Alyssa Wiegand and Carla Carreon operate the cooking and lifestyle blog AlyssaAndCarla.com, which draws over fourteen thousand unique visitors each month. They also contribute regularly to Bright, Bold and Beautiful and The Oh So Pretty Diaries. Their ideas have been featured at Apartment Therapy, BuzzFeed, and Today.com.





Last of the Giants: The Rise and Fall of the World's Largest Animals

by Jeff Campbell, Proprietor: Zest Books

Product type: Nonfiction

First publication: 01 December 2015

Product line: Nonfiction

288 pages

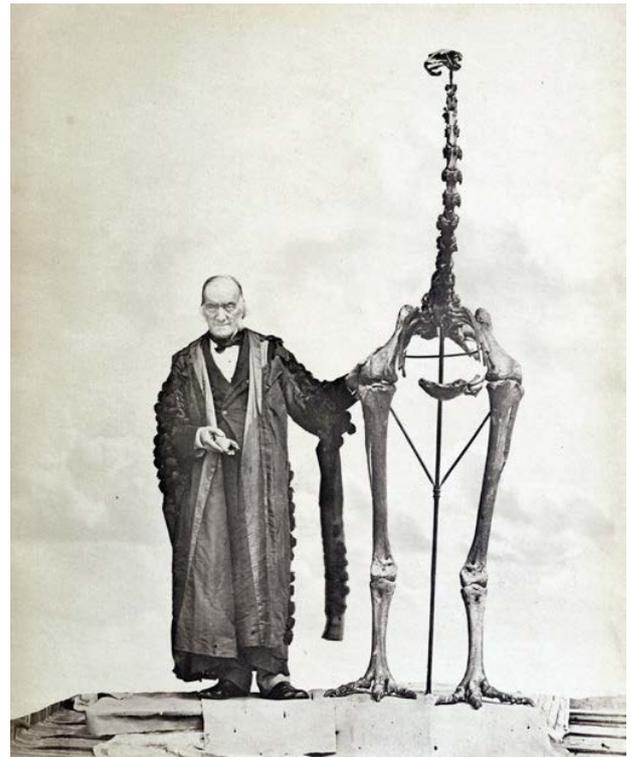
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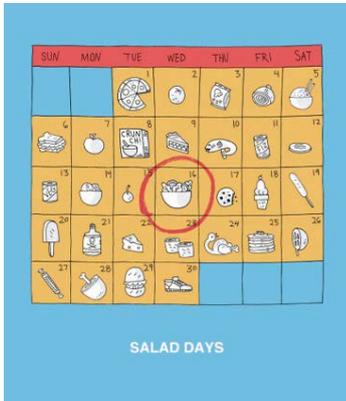
Introducing younger readers to the impact of environmental damage and to the science of evolutionary change, this title contains a wealth of high quality art and graphics - including habitat maps, comparative size charts, and timelines. The book covers recently endangered animals as well as those long extinct, so that readers can get a sense of how our planet's landscape has changed and is still changing.



Jeff Campbell

Jeff Campbell is a freelance writer and book editor. For twelve years he was a travel writer for Lonely Planet, coauthoring guidebooks on Hawaii, Florida, the Southwest, and other US destinations. As an editor for the past twenty years, he has specialized in animal intelligence and emotions, among other topics. In particular he has worked with Dr. Marc Bekoff on several books, such as the highly regarded *The Emotional Lives of Animals*. He lives in Northern New Jersey.





Mixed Metaphors

by Daniel Harmon, illustrated by James Lloyd, Proprietor: Zest Books

Product type: Nonfiction

First publication: 10 June 2015

Product line: Nonfiction

160 pages

Ages All

This book is about mistaking language literally - because bearing things in mind is fine, but one does not want to have a bear within one's mind. (Bear that in mind in future.) Taking pieces of everyday speech and teasing them out in myriad ways, the author shows when they were first used, how they might be misused, and offering some surprising new uses. The accompanying full color artwork is in a guileless style that highlights the deep weirdness of everyday speech.

THINGS TO BE TAKEN LITERALLY...

The apple of my eye (is painful)

In a pickle (requires large pickles to be practical)

Jumping Jehosophats (amazing circus show)

Jumping the shark (amazing aquarium show)

Landslide victory (oxymoron)

A melting pot (is a terrible pot)

A perfect match (high praise for a stick)

Puppet governments (hilarious)

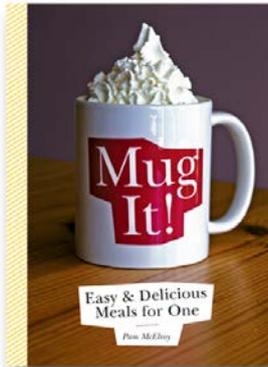
Tunnel vision (important in tunnels)

Win by a nose (scariest poker game ever)



Daniel Harmon

Pop Culture connoisseur Daniel Harmon, a longtime editor of pop culture projects for a variety of publishers, is the author of the book, *Super Pop!: Pop Culture Lists to Help You Win at Trivia, Survive in the Wild, and Make It Through the Holidays*. A former staff writer at *Brooklyn.com*, Daniel is currently the editorial director of Zest Books, as well as a provider of unsolicited feedback on a wide variety of topics. Also the author of "Oh, Hi Humanity"—an essay about Tommy Wiseau's film *The Room*, published in the *Cult Pop Culture* anthology, Daniel loves free podcasts, midnight movies, and other things that are both cheap and fine.



Mug It

by Pam McElroy, Proprietor: Zest Books

Product type: Nonfiction

First publication: 13 May 2015

Product line: Nonfiction

192 pages

Ages 14+

This clever cookbook takes a new spin on the “one-pot meal” using “one mug” instead!

Dinner for one can be a lonely, tasteless prospect. But when dinner (or lunch, breakfast, or a snack, for that matter) is made in a mug, it suddenly becomes a whole lot more fun. From blueberry muffins and quiches to mac ‘n cheese and chocolate peanut butter cake, Mug It contains 60 simple, delicious, recipes for every taste and craving. Perfect for after-school snacks, dorm room dinners, quick lunches at the office, and more, this book will change the way you think about mealtime. Easy-to-follow recipes and four-color photographs make Mug It the perfect cookbook for nearly anyone who has a mug, a microwave, and an appetite.

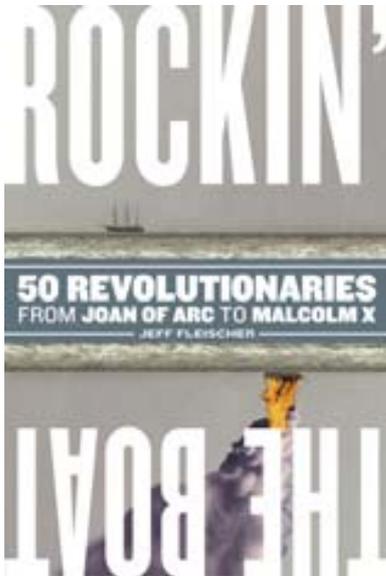
- * Easy and simple recipes for one in ten minutes or less!
- * Recipes include healthy ingredients, vegetarian and gluten-free options.
- * A great adaptation of the one-pot meal, perfect for students, office workers, and those on the go!
- * Full color photos for each recipe feature fun and quirky mugs.



Pam McElroy

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Rockin' the Boat

by Jeff Fleischer, Proprietor: Zest Books

Product type: Nonfiction

First publication: 04 February 2015

Product line: Nonfiction

224 pages

Ages 14+

Nonfiction; Translation; UK & Comm; Frankfurt 2014

An inspirational look at 50 revolutionaries throughout history who changed the world

We love to root for the underdog, and that's part of why we're drawn to the stories of revolutionaries. They're the people who try to topple the massive institutions that dominate the world at any given time — and whether they fail, succeed, or succeed only to become a new kind of enemy, there's something inherently fascinating about the effort to disrupt the status quo.

Rockin' the Boat tells the stories of 50 legendary iconoclasts — including the gladiator Spartacus, Boudica, the woman who threatened Roman ambitions in England, the Carthaginian emperor Hannibal Barca, the inspired religious fighter Joan of Arc, the abolitionist John Brown, women's rights icon Margaret Sanger, and Maori chief Hono Heke — from incredibly diverse places and times. Many of these men and women were born into virtual dystopias, and fought throughout their lives to find a path to a better future. (And, spoiler alert: Their plans didn't always work out.)

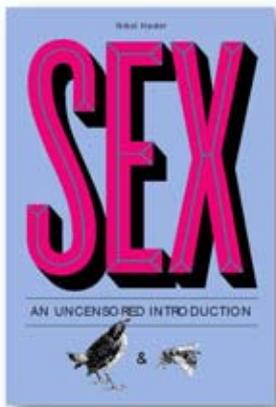
The men and women in Rockin' the Boat include the good, the bad, and the ambiguous — both winners and losers. Each of the entries will include a mix of the person's biography, the story of their revolution from its cause to its impact, and their own actions during the revolution. Each entry will also include a photo, two or three sidebars of "fun facts" trivia about their lives and their impact. The revolutionaries included represent a diverse sampling from across time, regions, and cultures. Their causes are also varied, including anti-slavery issues, women's rights, LGBT rights, civil rights, workers' rights, national independence movements, as well as human rights and champions of socio-cultural reform.

- * History presented in a fun, illustrated, and easy-to-read format for teens
- * This engrossing and original mix of history and pop culture is a fantastic gift
- * Eye-catching, full-page photos supplement each of the historical and biographical entries to draw in readers
- * The perfect blend of information, history, and entertainment to keep reluctant readers riveted
- * Something to pique the curiosity of readers of all backgrounds, genders, and areas of interest

Jeff Fleischer

Jeff Fleischer writes non-fiction books and articles for national and international publications - about politics, climate change, the Pacific, history, and heaps more.





Sex: An Uncensored Introduction

by Nikol Hasler, Proprietor: Zest Books

Product type: Nonfiction

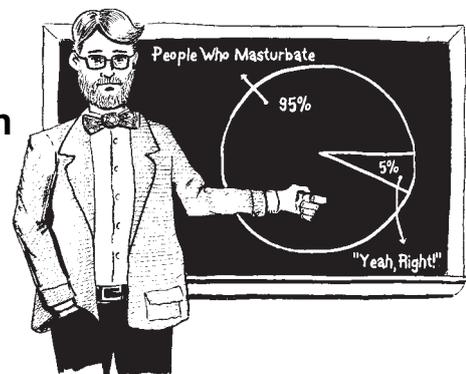
First publication: 04 February 2015

Product line: Nonfiction

224 pages

Ages 15+

Nonfiction; Translation; UK & Comm



Today's teens are faced with decisions not just about whether to have sex or how to protect themselves if they do, but they also need to navigate sexting, online dating, and sex-related bullying. This relatable resource gives them the information they need!

Sex: A Book for Teens provides honest, in-depth information about sex, sexual orientation, masturbation, foreplay, birth control options, and protection against disease. This revised and updated edition includes updated information about everything from STIs to new sex-related legislation as well as brand new sections on sexting, online dating and safety, and sex-related bullying of all kinds. The hilariously straightforward contents of the book will be augmented by a new foreword written by a trusted "sexpert" to lend added expertise to this new edition.

* This newly revised and expanded edition of an acclaimed resource for teens covers everything from sexting to STIs in a straightforward yet humorous way.

* Modern teens are faced with sex-related decisions on a daily basis and need this engaging and relatable resource for getting the right information.

* This isn't your mother's sex book: It's punchy and unapologetic, humorous and honest.

* Teaches teens the practical ins and outs of being sexually active and, above all, how to stay safe.

* May is National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month and April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

YALSA Quick Pick for Reluctant Young Adult Readers, Top Ten List Winner*

CRITICAL PRAISE for Sex: A Book for Teens (first edition):

"Hasler . . . offers a book that's funny, accurate, and packed with the information readers need to make informed decisions. Hasler is a clear and precise writer, and her book can be referenced either by chapter or read cover to cover. This frank and unflinching book is perfect for older teens." –School Library Journal

"...This excellent resource takes a frank, funny approach to sex education." –Booklist

"...This is a solid, frank resource for teens." –Kirkus Reviews

"What a clever, well-written and creatively illustrated book that speaks to teens and their parents about teenage sexuality! Both the content and form are superb." –M. Joycelyn Elders, MD, former Surgeon General of the United States, Professor Emeritus at the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences

"I love Nikol's fabulous sense of humor as she delivers straightforward and accurate sex information." –Betty Dodson, PhD, author, and one of Cosmopolitan's Top Ten Sexual Revolutionaries You Should Know

Nikol Hasler

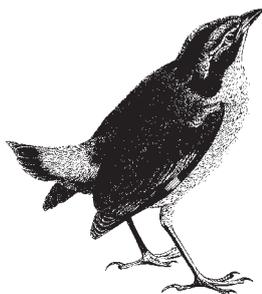
Nikol Hasler is a Wisconsin native who spent years in the foster care system, an experience described as "tumultuous", but one that provided her with a diversity of life experiences.

Hasler gained attention in 2008 as the host of the video podcast Midwest Teen Sex Show, an informative comedy show known for frank discussions about teenage sexuality. She lives in Los Angeles with her three children.

Michael Capozzola draws cartoons for the San Francisco Chronicle.

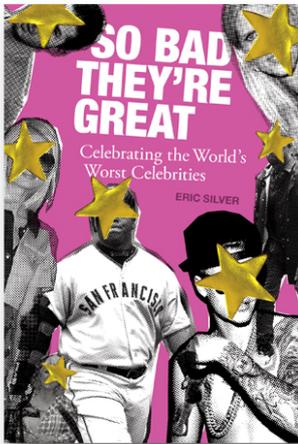
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AN UNCENSORED INTRODUCTION



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So Bad, They're Great

by Eric Silver, Proprietor: Zest Books

Product type: Nonfiction

First publication: 03 June 2015

Product line: Nonfiction

224 pages

Ages 14+

A guide to the quotes, tactics, and unbelievable anecdotes from the most accomplished assholes from the last one hundred years.

As a society, we find several occasions to heap accolades on the artists among us: the musicians, painters, writers, actors, and athletes who inspire us with their accomplishments. But rarer is the celebration of an equally audacious and inspiring achievement: that of being the perfect asshole. This book collects and profiles the most accomplished assholes from the last hundred years, from Ernest Hemingway to Kanye West.

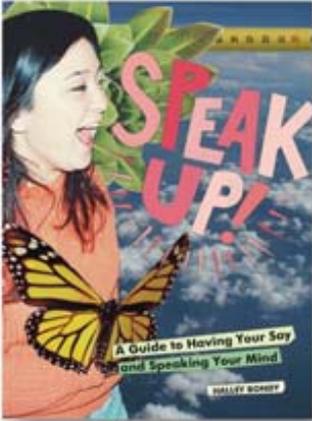
How was it they managed to offend an entire demographic and apologize by blaming them for not understanding? How did they somehow center themselves in the middle of a tragedy that had absolutely nothing to do with them? How is it that every single move they made in each "episode arc" of public life seems to troll horrified onlookers further and further, until they begin to question their own sanity? These are questions answered in the form of loving, nonjudgmental profiles reveling in the effectiveness of each move, as well as sidebars pulling out lessons for the novice asshole. For example, you may not know this, but claiming any selfish or sociopathic behavior on your part is simply "performance art" is one of the best ways to rise in the upper echelons of assholery—just ask Shia Labeouf!

Each profile includes an illustrated portrait, a short biography, a catalog of their achievements in the art of being an asshole, and an in-depth explanation of what makes these achievements so noteworthy. Other features include their score on the asshole scale, sidebars pointing out master maneuvers, and infamous quotes.

Profiles include: Ernest Hemingway, Kanye West, Paris Hilton, Shia Labeouf, Amanda Palmer, Donald Trump, Walt Disney, Ann Coulter, Barry Bonds, Lance Armstrong, John Mayer, Robert Moses, OJ Simpson, Paula Deen, Justin Bieber

Eric Silver

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Speak Up!

by Halley Bondy, Proprietor: Zest Books

Product type: Nonfiction

First publication: 13 May 2015

Product line: Nonfiction

192 pages

Ages 10+

Nonfiction; Translation; UK & Comm; Frankfurt 2014

This comprehensive guide will empower tween girls to challenge stereotypes, examine their own feelings, and speak their minds confidently.

Middle school is a tough time for nearly everyone, but it can be especially hard on girls. Between social and cultural pressures, academic challenges, family dynamics, changing hormones, and a growing awareness of the world around them, middle school girls often end up feeling voiceless and powerless. They can struggle with speaking in class, standing up for their beliefs, navigating complicated social situations, and generally letting their voices be heard.

Speak Up confronts these issues head on. In a relatable, frank tone, Speak Up lets young girls know that what they have to say is important and that their thoughts are worth hearing. By presenting real issues and scenarios that girls will recognize from their own day-to-day lives, as well as exploring the negative thoughts and feelings that can hold them back, Speak Up will supply girls with the tools they need to understand their feelings and speak up in any situation. Interactive exercises, lists, real-life examples, and attractive graphics will keep the readers engaged from start to finish. More than a book about self-esteem, Speak Up addresses the cultural factors that hold girls back, and features real strategies to enable them in finding, and using, their voices.

* A relatable guide to empower young women.

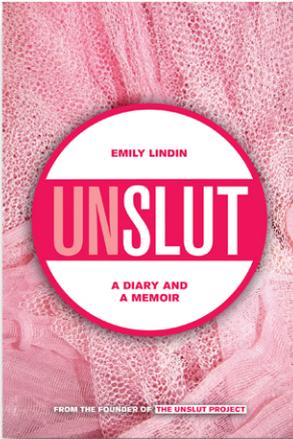
* More than a self-help book, Speak Up! addresses the barriers that have historically held girls back and shows tweens how to break them

* Strikingly designed without being overly pink and girly, the book's presentation says as much as the information inside about what it means to be empowered.



Halley Bondy

Halley Bondy is a Brooklyn-based writer who has worked as a news reporter for the Newark Star Ledger, an arts journalist for Back Stage, and as editor for MTV World. She is currently Editor for Oxygen Networks. A playwright, comedian, and the winner of the 2008 Fringe Festival NYC for Outstanding Playwright, she is the author of *Don't Sit on the Baby* (Zest Books 2012) and *77 Things You Absolutely Have to Do Before You Finish College* (Zest Books 2014).



UNSLUT: A DIARY AND A MEMOIR

by Emily Lindin, Proprietor: Zest Books

Product type: Nonfiction

First publication: 06 October 2015

304 pages

Ages 12+

When Emily Lindin was eleven years old, she was branded a “slut” by the rest of her classmates. For the next few years of her life, she was bullied incessantly at school, after school, and online. At the time, Emily didn’t feel comfortable confiding in her parents or in the other adults in her life. But she did keep a diary.

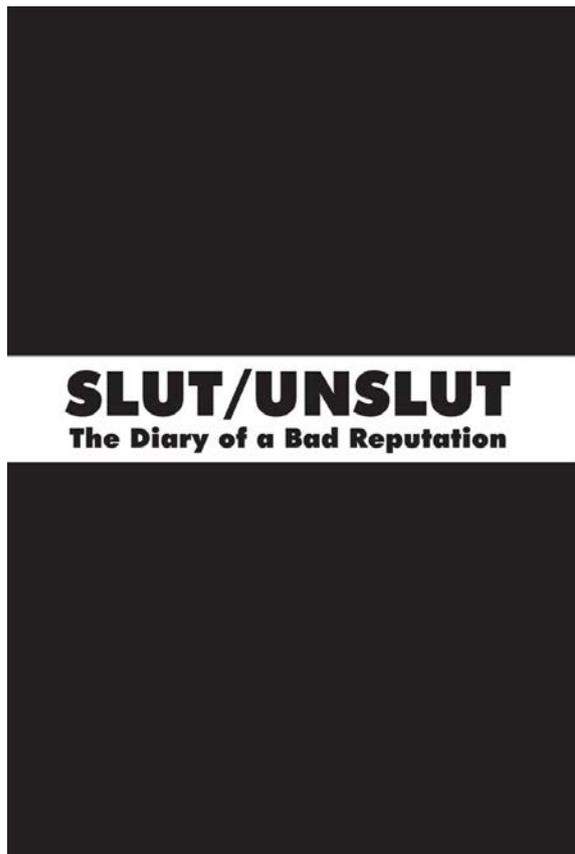
UnSlut presents that diary, word for word, with split-page commentary to provide context and perspective. This unique diary and memoir sheds light on the important issues of sexual bullying, slut-shaming, and the murky mores of adolescent sexual development. Readers will see themselves in Emily’s story—whether as the bully, the shamed, or the passive bystander. This book also includes advice and commentary from a variety of distinguished experts.

Emily was motivated to start the Unslut project after a spate of slut shaming stories made tragic headlines: "When I heard about the tragic suicides of girls like Rehtaeh Parsons, Amanda Todd, and Audrie Pott, I was devastated. I would have loved to be able to access an online community of women who had survived what I was going through. That's why I decided to share my own diary entries and encourage other women to share their stories. I wanted to provide some perspective to girls who currently feel trapped and ashamed, to reassure them that life will get better."



Emily Lindin

Emily Lindin founded the Unslut Project in 2013. She is currently in post-production of the Kickstarter funded Unslut documentary, which is due for release in autumn 2015.



January 23, 1998

The sixth-grade dance was postponed because of the weather. Zach got like, five teeth pulled, and his face is all swollen. So I wouldn't be able to French kiss him anyway. He looks pretty weird.

While I was walking to lunch today, I ran into Aaron. He said, "Did you and Zach fuck?"

I was like, "No! Who told you that?"

He said, "Matt." I asked Matt why he would say that and he denied it. But he was obviously lying.

On the way back from lunch I saw Aaron again and he said, "Matt just told me that you had sex with Zach!"

I wonder why Matt is having so much fun with this theory. Maybe Zach told him to! Oh, that would be great! That would mean Zach really likes me, or is proud of me or something. But it's more likely that Matt is just full of shit.

January 26, 1998

Today when I got home from school, Matt called. I said immediately, "Zach dumped me, right?"

"Well... yeah."

"Why does he always do this?"

"Are you sad?"

"No," I quickly answered. "I just don't understand him."

Matt giggled and said, "You know tomorrow he'll just say he likes you again. Lisa does that to me, too. In school I'll be like, 'Are we going out?' and she'll say we're not, but then she'll call me and say she wants to."

We ended up talking a lot about that — Lisa and Zach and how weird they are — and then I said, "All right well... bye."

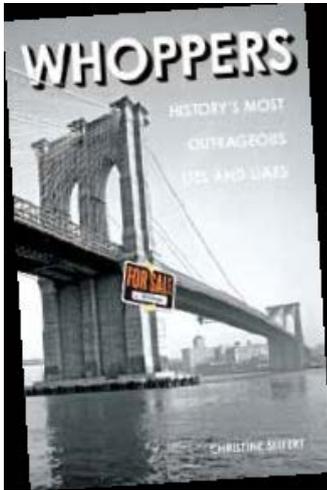
"NO!" He cried. It surprised me.

So we kept talking about other things, like how girls don't eat so boys will think they're thin. It was weird — we never ran out of things to talk about.

Oh, I'm fine, how are you?

No. That is not what it would mean. Obviously, when a guy lies to his friends about having slept with you, it's a turn on. Unless he just had like, five teeth pulled and looks weird.

Yes!



Whoppers: History's Most Outrageous Lies and Liars

by Christine Seifert, Proprietor: Zest Books

Product type: Nonfiction

First publication: 09 September 2015

Product line: Nonfiction

248 pages

Ages 14+

History is full of liars. Not just little-white-telling liars, but big-honkin', whopper-telling liars—people who can convince us that even the most improbable, outrageous, nonsensical stories are true. And the worst part is that we believe them. *Whoppers* tells the story of history's greatest liars and the lies they told, providing a mix of narrative profiles of super-famous liars, lies, and/or hoaxes, as well as more obscure episodes.

-Contains a mix of profiles, tales of famous historical deceptions, and coverage of some more recent hoaxes as well

-Each entry supplemented with photos and sidebars on related topics

-This is of course a fun book, but it does engage with very real questions of morality and values

-A great companion book to any ethics classes



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