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The solar system unfolds before your eyes in this cheeky, myth-busting book (grounded in real math)!

Quick: Picture the solar system. Do you see nine planets on tidy rings around the Sun? Then you have been lied to!

It’s not without reason: We have to draw the solar system that way to fit it on a place mat or into an ordinary book. But that familiar diagram is wrong about almost everything—and so this is no ordinary book. Seven double-gatefold pages open not once but twice, capturing the planets at scale.

At a 100,000,000,000-to-1 scale, the Sun is about the size of a dime. And five feet away, we find . . . Earth, the size of a pinhead. A hundred-billion-to-one scale is not nearly small enough to fit our solar system into a book (or onto a soccer field)!

“Sure to leave audiences feeling incredulous—and incredibly small.”—PUBLISHERS WEEKLY

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Maxine’s Critters Get the Vaccine Jitters

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A shot can be a little frightening—but it’s quick, as quick as lightning!

When Maxine tells her pets, “Let’s get to the vet!,” Scott does not want a shot. Jervis is nervous, Franky is cranky, Biffy is iffy, and Cary is wary.

Can Maxine help her critters get over their jitters?

Perfect for any child afraid of shots or needles, this rhyming book in free meter is a “must-read-aloud”! Spunky Maxine takes charge of her vaccine fears with a playful game of pretend: Her adorable stuffed animals are the patients, and Dad steps in as the “vet.”

Just in time for the kids’ COVID vaccine—and relevant to any pediatric shot—Maxine’s Critters Get the Vaccine Jitters will delight children ages 5 and under who face this understandable fear. No need to be grouchy about this little ouchy!

Some Days

A Tale of Love, Ice Cream, and My Mom’s Chronic Illness

BY JULIE A. STAMM
ILLUSTRATED BY CHAMISA KELLOGG

Nothing can stop Wyatt and Rosie in this heartwarming tale about having a parent with a chronic illness

Even when Wyatt’s mom isn’t feeling her best, he still thinks she’s a superhero! Rosie and Wyatt go on adventures every day: On sleepy days, they build a cozy pillow fort just for two. On wobbly days, Wyatt gets out Rosie’s magical walking stick and they cast spells on his toys. And on one super-special day, the whole family heads to town for the big “funraiser”!

Warm and uplifting, Some Days is the perfect story to share with your child about life with multiple sclerosis—or any chronic illness. Although some days are fast and some are slow, Rosie and Wyatt fill each one with love, excitement, and fun . . . not to mention ice cream!

“A perfect and charming book [that] my own child has asked me to read again and again . . . [Offers] invaluable assurance to children that when mom is fragile with MS, time spent together is still perfect time. Even with imperfections.”

—SELMAN BLAIR, actress

JAN ZAUZMER
is also the author of If You Go with Your Goat to Vote. A graduate of Princeton University and Stanford Law School, Jan lives with her husband near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where they raised their three children. CORLETTE DOUGLAS loves creating whimsical, fun, and adventurous images of POC kids and silly animals. She knew from a very young age that all she ever wanted to do was draw, so she dedicated herself to getting better and better and building a unique style that delivers a blast of colors and fun chaos on every page. Corlette is a born-and-raised resident of Brooklyn, New York.

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If You Go with Your Goat to Vote

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What happens when you go with your grown-up to vote?

If you are a kid, you may chew over the ballot.

If you are a bunny, you may hop to the polling place.

If you are a piglet, you may squeal with delight when you get a sticker.

And best of all, if you go with your grown-up to vote . . . you will grow up to vote yourself!

Lighthearted and colorful, If You Go with Your Goat to Vote shows little ones just what to expect on Election Day—and will inspire grown-ups to be model voters.

Hello Numbers! What Can You Do?

EDMUND HARRISS
AND HOUSTON HUGHES
ILLUSTRATED BY BRIAN REA

Learning meets wonder when you invite numbers to come play in your imagination!

First think of One peeking out from the night, like a point, or a dot, or a shimmering light. But when One finds a friend to run from or run to, then we can’t call both “One”—that new One must be Two!

And should you want something to go in between, you’ll need a new number, a number like Three.

Four makes a square when it’s standing around, but what would you see if it flies off the ground?

And then when another new One comes to mind, tell out its name if you know it . . . it’s Five!

Hello Numbers! What Can You Do? is not like any other counting book. As each new One appears on the scene, the numbers’ antics hint at ever-deeper math. Young readers ages 3 to 6 will not only count along but begin to wonder about symmetry, angles, shapes, and more. This rollicking, rhyming book will take you to a whole new world of numbers.

JAN ZAUZMER is the author of Maxine’s Critters Get the Vaccine Jitters. A graduate of Princeton University and Stanford Law School, Jan lives with her husband near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where they raised their three children. ANDREW ROBERTS, an illustrator and animator, loves storytelling in all its forms. Andrew received his MFA in illustration from the School of Visual Arts in New York City and is now based in Portland, Oregon. You can find him online at AndrewDraws.com.

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Adventures with Zap
107 Creative Prompts for Beginning Writers—for Earthlings Ages 4 and Up
DIANE LANDY
ILLUSTRATED BY ALLISON HERSHEY

Calling all Earth kids!

Meet Zap, a spunky blue alien from the planet Vox Nova. When a stowaway from Earth sneaks onto his spaceship, he makes lots of mistakes. Is the furry creature friendly? Or dangerous? Zots! Quick, grab a pencil to teach Zap about our world. Share memories, too, and make up adventures of your own. Writing coach Diane Landy brings years of elementary and preschool classroom experience to this one-of-a-kind book, in which each writing and drawing prompt is carefully crafted around a comic story. Kids will

• create characters, settings, and action scenes
• bring pictures to life with words
• brainstorm when stuck
• write thoughts and dialogue
• express feelings and wishes

Adventures with Zap introduces the magic of storytelling through playful writing practice. Children build skills and confidence while creating a precious keepsake.

“Both simple and clever. Kids won’t realize how much they’re learning as they have fun writing and drawing with Zap. And, what’s this? A creative star award at the end!”
—EVE BUNTING, award-winning children’s book author

Paint This Book!
Watercolor for the Artistically Undiscovered
THACHER HURD AND JOHN CASSIDY

Put the brush in your hand. Stick it in water, then smush it around in one of the colors. Now take a deep breath and plop it down on the page . . . You’re an artist.

Young or old, there is an artist in each of us. If yours is hiding (perhaps behind a shred of self-consciousness?), just remember: Art is personal expression. You have your talent. Nobody else has anything like it! If you are ready to discover (or rediscover) your genius, Paint This Book! is here to help. The paints, the brush, and the watercolor paper are all included—plus, irresistible encouragement and exercises from authors John Cassidy and Thacher Hurd.

• Work small: Quick, spontaneous strokes will happen more naturally.
• Trust your instincts: Watercolor can turn to mush with a lot of revision. You’re better than you think you are!
• Choose your techniques: You’ll learn about light and shadow, perspective, and more.

Sometimes a shimmer of color on the page can look even fruitier than a real bowl of fruit. Between these covers, there are no mistakes. Just add imagination (and water)!

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