







# Buzzworthy Announcements

November 2025

## **Reviews**



Affirming Schools

Wind Whirls (9798885544573) by Mélina Mangal

"Lovely language and scenes from a windy day create an homage to the power of wind . . . a simple, winsome stroll will inspire lapsitters and emerging readers alike to get outdoors and look around."

—School Library Journal, October 2025

**Neurodiversity-Affirming Schools** (9798885543972) by Emily Kircher-Morris and Amanda Morin

"The book serves as a valuable call to action, encouraging educators to reevaluate our practices and consider neurodiversity as a permanent and valuable component of equitable education."

—MiddleWeb, online review October 2025



I See You Sing (9798885540834) by Deborah Farmer Kris

"Back matter includes tips for caregivers for making music accessible to young children. The book validates the child's moods, from yelling to pouting to singing and laughing." —School Library Journal, online review October 2025

# Features, Articles & Highlights

Sometimes Stormy (9798885546980) and The Survival Guide for Gifted Kids (9798885549509) were included in the Children's Book Council October Hot Off the Press. (October 17)

Jayden's Impossible Garden (9781631985904) was included in New England Aquarium's article on their favorite children's books that inspire care for our blue planet. (September 8)

I Think I Think a Lot (9798885540087) was included in a Parents article listing books that celebrate neurodivergent brains. (October 15, average monthly visitors; 4,390,783)

The Spanish versions of the *iCivics* and *Social Studies: Informational Text* series were listed in the Booklist Spanish series nonfiction preview for fall 2025. (October issue, average monthly visitors: 32,484

School Library Journal rounded up 77 picture book series that encourage readers to embrace the journey and included the Mini-Musical Tales from Bird Mountain School series (*Bravo for Backstage*!, 9798885544030; *Chicken Predicament*, 9798885544061; *The Great Dance-On*, 9798885544092) and the Outside Our Window board book series (*Squirrels Scamper*, 9798885544566; *Wind Whirls*, 9798885544573). (October 3, average monthly visitors: 74,497)

The Many Colors of Cam E. Chameleon (9798765999769) made the Chesapeake Family Life magazine editor's picks for November. (October 8, average monthly visitors: 3,840)

School Library Journal rounded up 23 delightful board books for toddlers and preschoolers and their grown-ups and included **Wind Whirls** (9798885544573). (October 24, average monthly visitors: 74,497)

**Jayden's Impossible Garden** (9781631985904) was mentioned in a Milwaukee Community Journal article about <u>affirming Black children through books</u>. (October 28, average monthly visitors: 3,813)

#### **Interviews**

Christine Alemshah was interviewed on the Reading with Your Kids podcast about why children's books matter and **Bea's Balikbayan Box of Treasures** (979885546416). (October 2, listenership: 1k to 10k monthly listeners)

Mary Rand Hess and Randy Preston were interviewed on Deborah Kalb's website <u>about their working relationship and the Mini-Musical Tales from Bird Mountain School series</u> (*Bravo for Backstage!*, 9798885544030; *Chicken Predicament*, 9798885544061; *The Great Dance-On*, 9798885544092). (October 25, average monthly visitors: 2,993)









**Education** 

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## Author News & Events

#### **Author Preorder Partnerships**

Check out these exciting preorder campaigns, created by authors in partnership with local bookstores.

- I Spark Like Lightning (9798885547253) at Ruby's Books
- Arlo All Over Again (9798885547642; pub date April 21, 2026) at Books of Wonder

## **Author Events Coming Your Way in 2026**

February 23, 2026: Yvette R. Murray, *Celebrate We Gullah Geechee* (9798330905065), book launch at Buxton Books, Charleston, SC April 19, 2026: Miso Kwak, *More Than What Eyes See* (9798885547307), book event at A Room of One's Own, Madison, WI

# New Releases to End 2025 and a Look Ahead to January 2026!

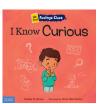
Celebrate the power of stories and learning with our newest releases—an inspiring mix of board books, picture books, and a new professional development title designed to engage young readers and support educators in every community.



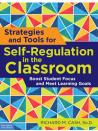




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#### New Series Arriving in January 2026!

Baby's First Moments is a series of six original board books featuring high-contrast black-and-white illustrations that promote cognitive growth and emotional connection in babies while their eyes are developing. Each book features a unique theme relevant to an infant's early experiences: nature, family, home, feelings, play, and bedtime.

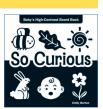
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## Available August 2026



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