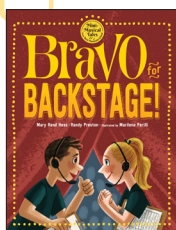




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Reviews



Bravo for Backstage! (9798885544030)
by Mary Rand Hess and Randy Preston

"Readers get a behind-the-scenes look at what goes into putting on a play as well as dealing with disappointment when the lead role Oscar auditions for goes to another student. A satisfying look at how those who perform behind the scenes are just as essential as those on center stage."
—Booklist, October 2025



Mini-Musical Tales from Bird Mountain School
Bravo for Backstage! (9798885544030); *Chicken Predicament* (9798885544061); *The Great Dance-On* (9798885544092)
by Mary Rand Hess and Randy Preston

"Both the children and animals are illustrated with care, and a wide variety of skin tones is displayed. Even silly scenes like the kids dancing with dogs exude charm. Back matter includes information on managing disappointment, descriptions of behind-the-scenes theater roles, text about the importance of self-expression, and tips on creating a welcoming space."
—School Library Journal, Series Made Simple Review, October 2025



I See You Wonder (9798885540810)
by Deborah Farmer Kris

"A cheerful, fun and entertaining board book with an important message about the value asking questions and fostering curiosity."
—Children's Bookwatch, Midwest Book Review, September 2025



Outside Our Window
Squirrels Scamper (9798885544566);
Wind Whirls (9798885544573)
by Mélina Mangal

"A useful tool for parents to illustrate nature's beauty, perfectly suited for home-based education opportunities."
—School Library Journal, Series Made Simple Review, October 2025

Awards

Congrats, 2025 National Parenting Product Award Winners!



Congrats, 2025 NYC Big Book Award Winners!



Picture Books
Preschool



Distinguished Favorite
Children's Educational

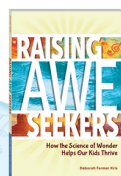


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- *Dominique's Thrifted Treasures* (9798765924860)
- *I Love Harriet Kippley* (9798765922507)
- *Jesse and the Snack Food Genie* (9781631987403)
- *Meow's Christmas to All!* (9798330914128)
- *Buddies Like Us* (9798765961261) Picture Books – Preschool
- *Welcome to School!* (9798330904815) Distinguished Favorite, Children's Educational
- *There's Research for That* (9798765971734) Education
- *Meet the Megalodon* (9798765968642) Distinguished Favorite, Young Adult Nonfiction
- *It's Their World* (9798885547949)
- *Raising Awe-Seekers* (9798885549349)
- *Thank You, Sun* (9798885544887)
- *Thanksgiving Puppy Parade* (9798330914142)



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Author News & Events

Author Preorder Partnerships

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

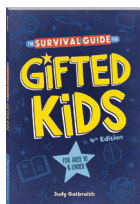
- *I Spark Like Lightning* (9798885547253) at [Ruby's Books](#)
- *Arlo All Over Again* (9798885547642; pub date April 21, 2026) at [Books of Wonder](#)

Upcoming Author Events

November 1: **Joy Jones**, *The Sky Is Not Blue* (9798885544153), appearance at the Louisiana Book Festival, Baton Rouge, LA
 November 11: Free Spirit Publishing presents picture books in *School Library Journal* webinar
 November 15: **Christine Alemshah**, *Bea's Balikbayan Box of Treasures* (9798885546416), storytime at Barnes & Noble, Huntington Beach, CA
 November 19: **Chris Amirault**, *Spark Learning in Young Children* (9798765971956), leading a session at the National Association for the Education of Young Children annual conference, Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, FL
 November 22: **Mélina Mangal**, Picture Books Are for Everyone panelist, National Council of Teachers of English annual conference, Denver, CO
 February 23, 2026: **Yvette R. Murray**, *Celebrate We Gullah Geechee* (9798330905065), book launch at Buxton Books, Charleston, SC

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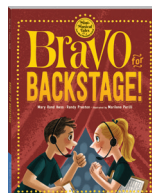
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