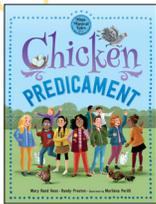




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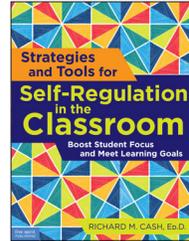
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Reviews



Chicken Predicament (9798885544061)
by Mary Rand Hess and Randy Preston

“This interactive adventure teaches about teamwork, problem-solving, and responsibility.”
—*Children’s Bookwatch, Midwest Book Review*
January 13, 2026



Strategies and Tools for Self-Regulation in the Classroom (9798885549844)
by Richard Cash

“Extraordinary in its approach, organization, and presentation style.”
—*Library Bookwatch, Midwest Book Review*,
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Awards

It’s Their World: Teens, Screens, and the Science of Adolescence (9798885547949) 38th Annual Minnesota Book Award Finalist, General Nonfiction category.

Sometimes Stormy (9798885546980) Hindi’s Libraires 2025 Females of Fiction Award Winner, Picture Book, Best Book



Features, Articles & Highlights

Thank You, Snow (9798885544894), **So Curious** (9798330923328), **So Loved** (9798330923335), and **So Silly!** (9798330923342) were included in the Children’s Book Council [January Hot Off the Press](#) (January 5).

In the [Children’s Spring 2026 preview in Publishers Weekly](#), Free Spirit Publishing books mentioned includes: **Santiago and Great Bear** (9798885549813), **Celebrate We Gullah Geechee** (9798330905065), **Arlo All Over Again** (9798885547642), **More Than What Eyes See** (9798885547307), **I Spark Like Lightning** (9798885547253), and **Uncommonly Curious, Eternally Autistic** (9798885547369). (January 30, unique visitors per month: 428,986; print distribution: 68,000)

Erin Walsh, author of **It’s Their World** (9798885547949) appeared on CBS 58 News Milwaukee to [talk about teens, screens, and mental health](#). (January 8, unique visitors per month: 232,463).

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](#)

2026 Author Events

March 22: Christine Alemshah, **Bea’s Balibkayan Box of Treasures** (9798885546416), storytime at Barnes & Noble, Victorville, CA

April 9: Lucy Payne, **Academic Intervention Success** (9798330903740), presenting at the National Catholic Education Association Convention, Minneapolis, MN

April 16, 2026: Jacob Lockett, **My Life as an Asthmanaut** (9798885547970), book signing at the Pennsylvania School Librarian Association Conference, Blair County Convention Center in Altoona, PA

April 19, 2026: Miso Kwak, **More Than What Eyes See** (9798885547307), book event at A Room of One’s Own, Madison, WI

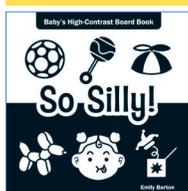
June 30, 2026: Lisa Johnston Hancock, **Santiago and Great Bear** (9798885549813), launch event at The Haunted Bookshop, Mobile, AL

New Releases

New High-Contrast Board Book Series!

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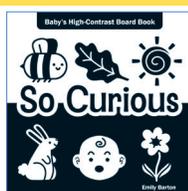
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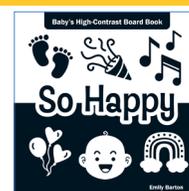


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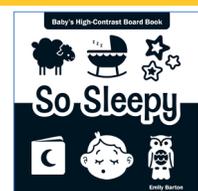
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