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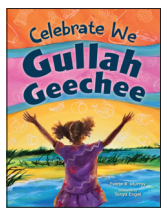
June 2026

Discover Authentic Disability Representation in This Special Author Showcase

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DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH AUTHOR SHOWCASE
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Reviews



Celebrate We Gullah Geechee (9798330905065)
by Yvette R Murray

“Unique and very special . . . recommended.”

—*Children’s Bookwatch, Midwest Book Review May 2026*

Flowers Bloom (979888544580)
by Mélina Mangal

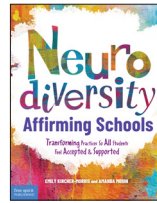
“Colorful, charming, informative, and fun . . . highly recommended.”

—*Children’s Bookwatch, Midwest Book Review, May 2026*

So Curious (9798330923328)
by Emily Barton

“Baby buzzing bees, singing birds, and dancing leaves come to life in this high-contrast board book. The developmentally appropriate visuals and sparse text make this an excellent choice for babies under six months.”

—*School Library Journal May 2026*



Neurodiversity-Affirming Schools (979888543972)
by Emily Kircher-Morris and Amanda Morin

“Offers a timely and thoughtful guide for educators who are committed to creating school environments where neurodivergent students are not only accommodated but genuinely understood and valued.”

—*School Administrator, June 2026*

Santiago and Great Bear (979888549813)
by Lisa Johnston Hancock

“Lovely double-page illustrations feature sensitive character portrayals . . . a noteworthy picture-book debut.”

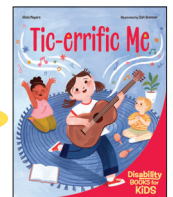
—*Booklist June 2026*



Tic-errific Me (979888547529)
by Alicia Meyers

“A useful addition to classrooms, doctor’s offices, and children’s collections.”

—*School Library Journal, May 2026*



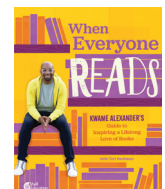
Blurbs & Endorsements

Praise for *When Everyone Reads* (9798330916771) by Kwame Alexander

“This book is an important call to honor kids’ personhood and an essential reminder that at the heart of every reading program should be the readers themselves: children.” —**Kass Minor**, author of *Teaching Fiercely: Spreading Joy and Justice in Our Schools*, and **Cornelius Minor**, author of *We Got This: Equity, Access, and the Quest to Be Who Our Students Need Us to Be*

“This book will transform your teaching life. This is more than a guide to teaching reading for educators, librarians, and everyone supporting young people; it is a definitive roadmap for the development of a lifelong relationship with words.” —**Julia Torres, M.A.Ed., M.A., and MLIS**, librarian and literacy educator, Denver, Colorado

“Kwame shares his luminous wisdom for inspiring young readers in the classroom, bringing us this extraordinary book: a brilliant road map for teaching and nurturing lifelong readers. Chock full of practical strategies to use every day with ways to turn your learning environment into a reading haven, Kwame also reminds us on every page, with an unmatched passion, why reading matters so much, for every child, now and always.” —**Pam Allyn**, Award-winning author, speaker, educational leader, and founder of LitWorld



Features, Articles & Interviews

For their [Mental Health Awareness Month booklist](#), NOLA family included *I’m Here* (979888543767) by James J Crist. (May 1, unique visitors per month: 7,272)

Ohio Parent included *Kids Need to Be Safe* (9781575421926) on their [list of books to help foster care families](#). (May 1, unique visitors per month: 4,975)

Flowers Bloom (979888544580) and *So Loved* (9798330923335) were included in the [combined Children’s Book Week and Screen Free Week booklist](#). (May 4)

Cincinnati Children’s included *In My Feelings* (9798885540001) on their [list of books about emotions and mental health for kids](#). (May 15)

School Library Journal included their review of *So Curious* (9798330923328) in a list of [29 sturdy and fun board books to delight little ones](#). (May 29, unique visitors per month: 87,267)



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Features, Articles & Interviews (cont.)

Jake Lockett, author of *My Life as an Asthmanaut* (9798885547970), had a media blitz, including:

- [Take 5 with Becky Walker](#), interview (April 6)
- [Altoona Mirror](#), author profile (April 7, print distribution: 13,313)
- [Author Guild](#), member spotlight (April 13)
- [Pat Brown Books](#), interview (May 2)
- [Seasons of Kid Lit](#), interview (May 5)
- [Writers' Rumpus](#), interview (May 5)
- [Christine Alemshah's Creator Interview Series](#), interview (May 5)
- [Lit Kids magazine](#), interview (May 8)
- [April Berry Books](#), picture book postcard (May 18)
- [Susanna Hill](#), picture book Friday (May 22)

Sayuri Stabrowski, author of *Arlo All Over Again* (9798885547642), was interviewed in Writer's Digest Magazine with other [debut authors on how they landed their first publishing deal and what they learned](#). (May 22, unique monthly visitors: 274,710)

Dr. Korie Leigh, author of *When Everything Changes* (9798885547338), appeared on the Live Happy Now podcast to talk about [how children grieve and how adults can support them](#). (May 12, listenership: 10K-100K monthly listeners)

Author News & Events

2026 Author Events

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

July 18: Lisa Johnston Hancock, *Santiago and Great Bear* (9798885549813), bookstore event at Bel Canto Books, Long Beach, CA

July 23: School Library Journal's [Picture Book Palooza](#) featuring panels with these Free Spirit Publishing authors: Maryam Kia (*A Suitcase Full*, 9798885549707), Yvette R Murray (*Celebrate We Gullah Geechee*, 9798330905065), and Alicia Meyers (*Tic-errific Me*, 9798885547529)

November 19-22: Sayuri Stabrowski, *Arlo All Over Again* (9798885547642), panel presentation, Anti-Bias Books: Innovative Classroom Strategies to Open Minds and Normalize Diversity, NCTE, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA

New Releases

Parenting & Teens Titles



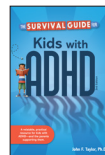
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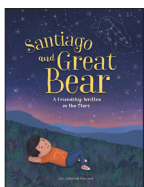


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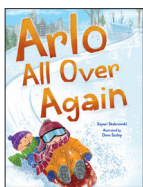


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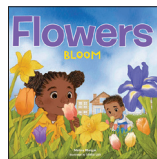
Picture Books, Board Books, and Professional Development



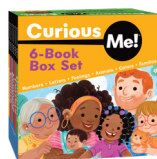
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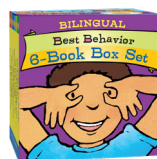
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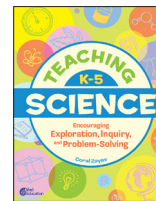
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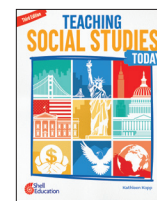
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Disability BOOKS for KIDS

New Series!

Disability Books for Kids—authentically explores visible and invisible disabilities through the voices of children. Authored by individuals with lived experience, these vibrant and thoughtful books help build inclusive communities, foster empathy, and celebrate disability joy.



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Autism
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Epilepsy
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Asthma
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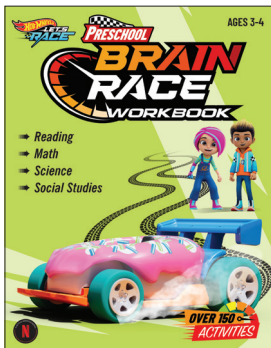


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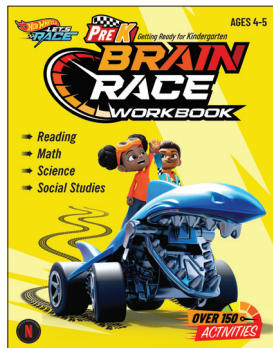
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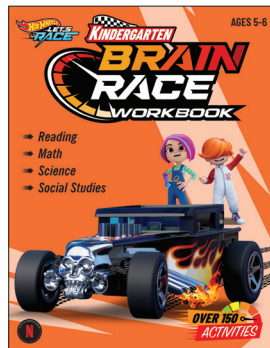
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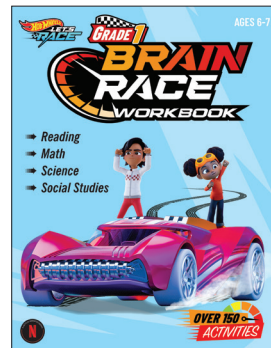
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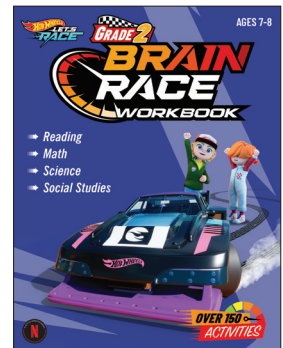
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Workbooks

- ✓ Grade- and age-appropriate exercises
- ✓ Curriculum-aligned activities ensure learning at the right level
- ✓ Full-color pages with favorite Hot Wheels™ Let's Race characters capture and hold attention
- ✓ Simple directions support independent learning
- ✓ A helpful answer key for quick and easy review
- ✓ A certificate to celebrate completion



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Workbooks

Paperback · Full-color 8.5 in x 11 in. · 176 pages
Preschool through Grade 2

Flash Cards

Boxed · Full-color, Double-sided · Card Size 3.5 in x 5.375 in · 101 Cards
Preschool through Kindergarten/Ages 3-6
Includes foldout instructions for games and parent support.



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