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29 Ridiculously Wonderful New Books To Read With Kids

Picture books guaranteed to make both children and adults excited for story time.



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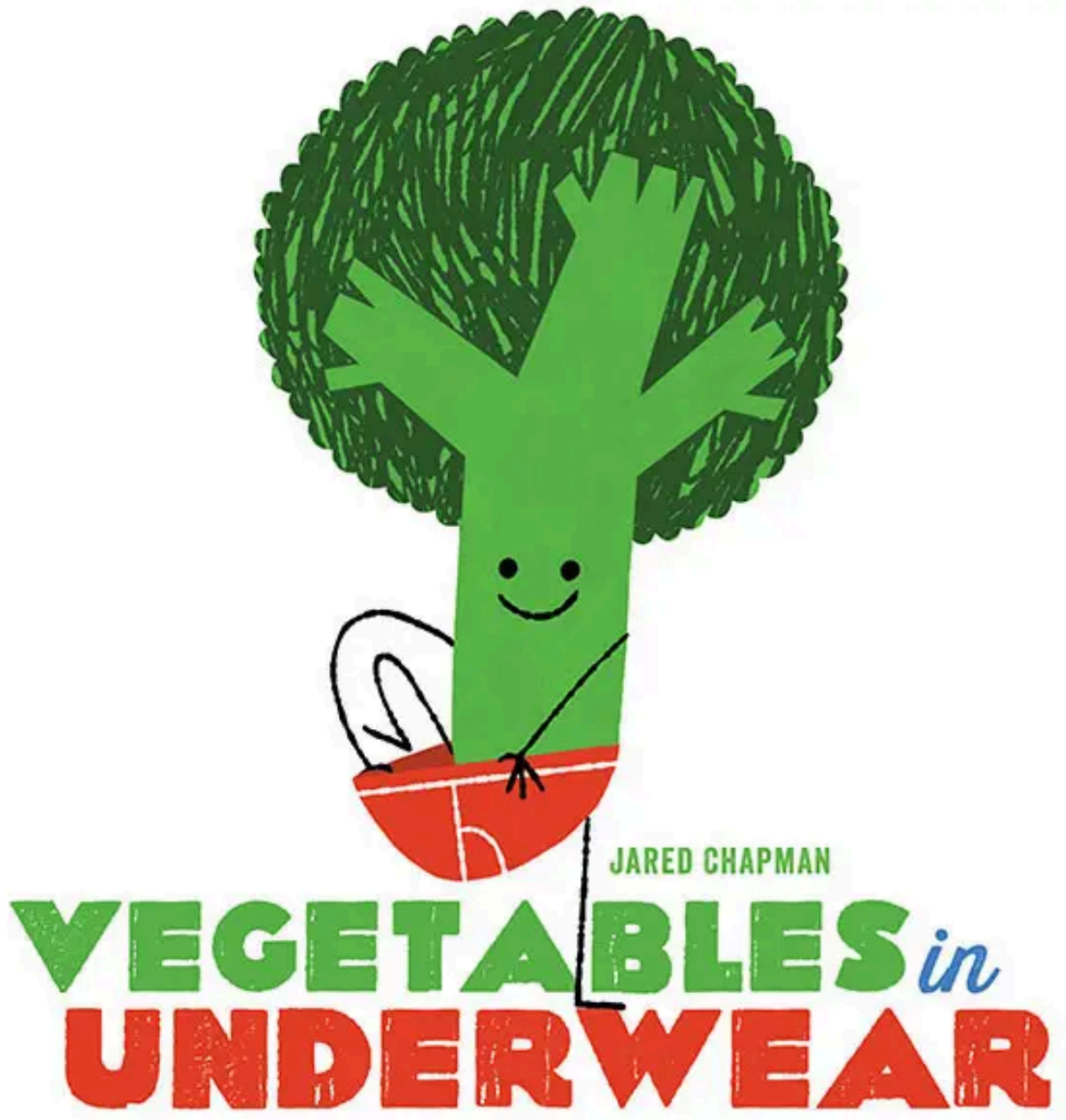
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1. *Vegetables in Underwear* by Jared Chapman



Abrams Appleseed

Vegetables on their own = sometimes cute. Vegetables with faces = very cute. Vegetables wearing underwear = completely and utterly adorable.

What kind of reader is it for? Anyone who wants to "celebrate the universal joy of undies" (AKA every single kid in the world--underwear is always good for a laugh).

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The New York Times

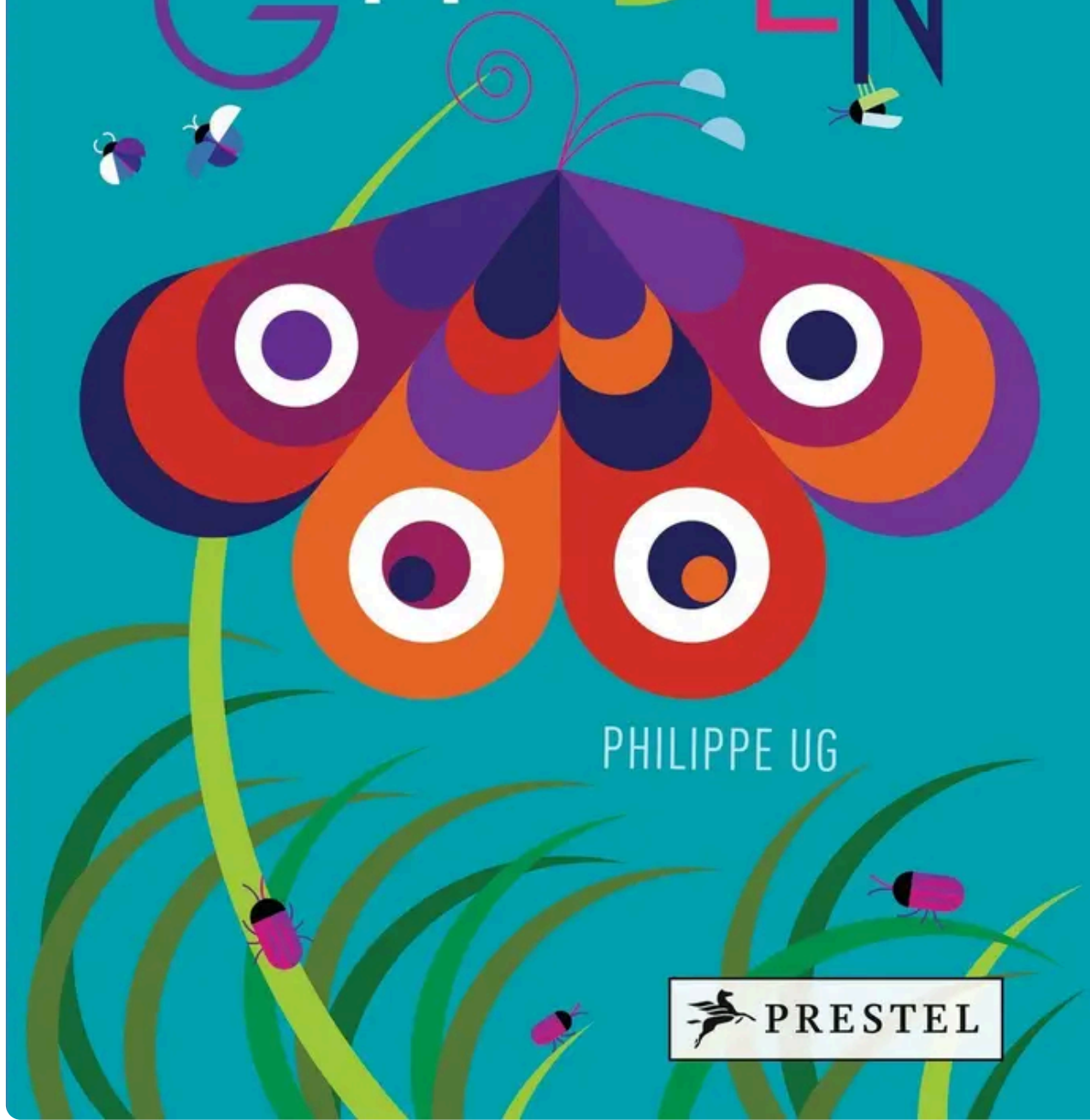
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2. *In the Butterfly Garden* by [Philippe Ug](#)

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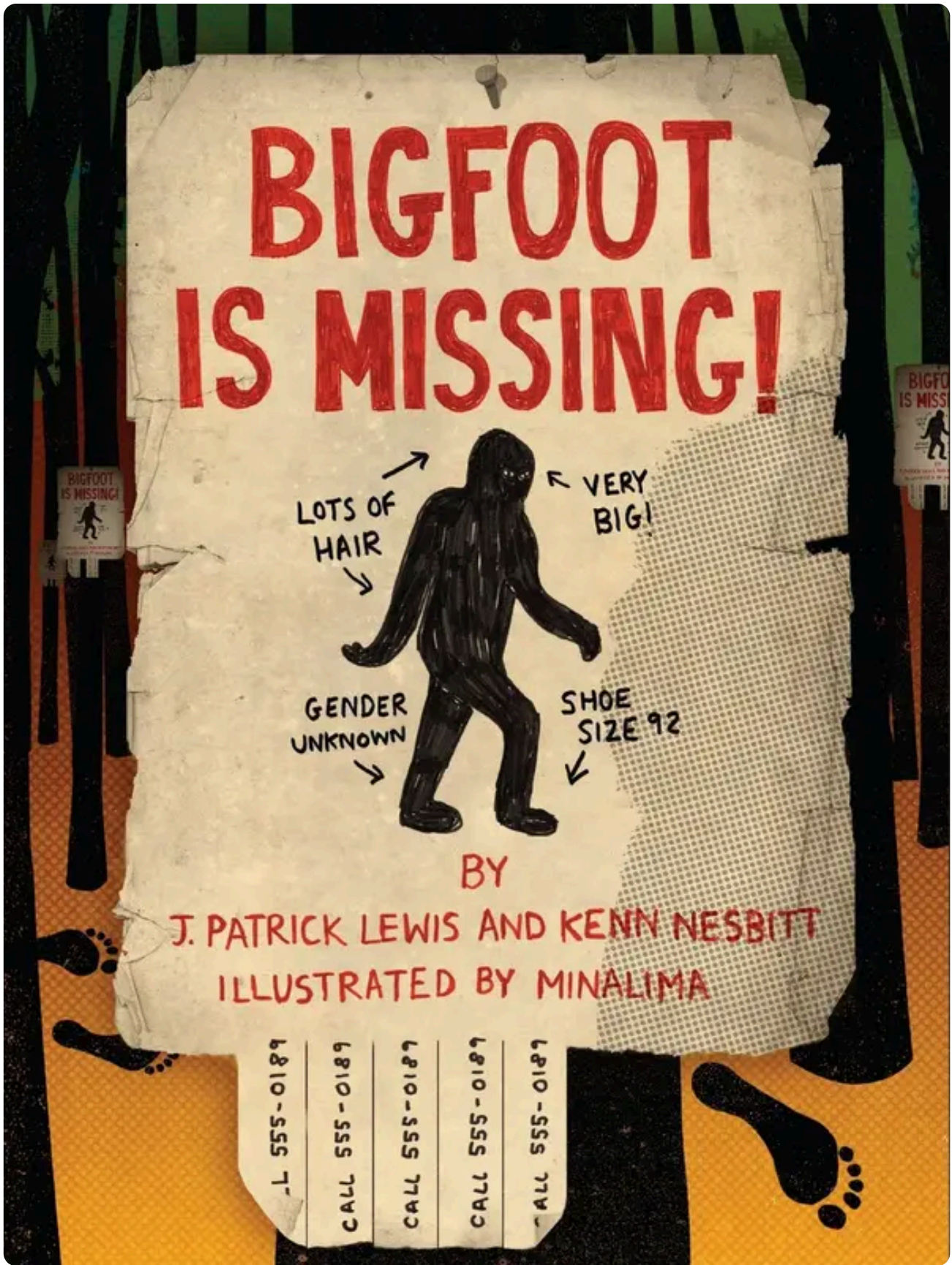
A vibrant pop-up book that follows a caterpillar's journey to becoming a butterfly.

What kind of reader is it for? Children that spend a lot of time watching bugs mosey around in the garden.

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3. *Bigfoot is Missing!* by J. Patrick Lewis and Kenn Nesbitt, illustrated by Minalima



Chronicle Books

An introduction to cryptozoology (the study of [animals](#) whose existence has not been proven) featuring Bigfoot, Chupacabra, Mothman, & [BuzzFeed](#)

What kind of reader is it for? Children who want to believe (but who are way too young to watch *The X-Files*).

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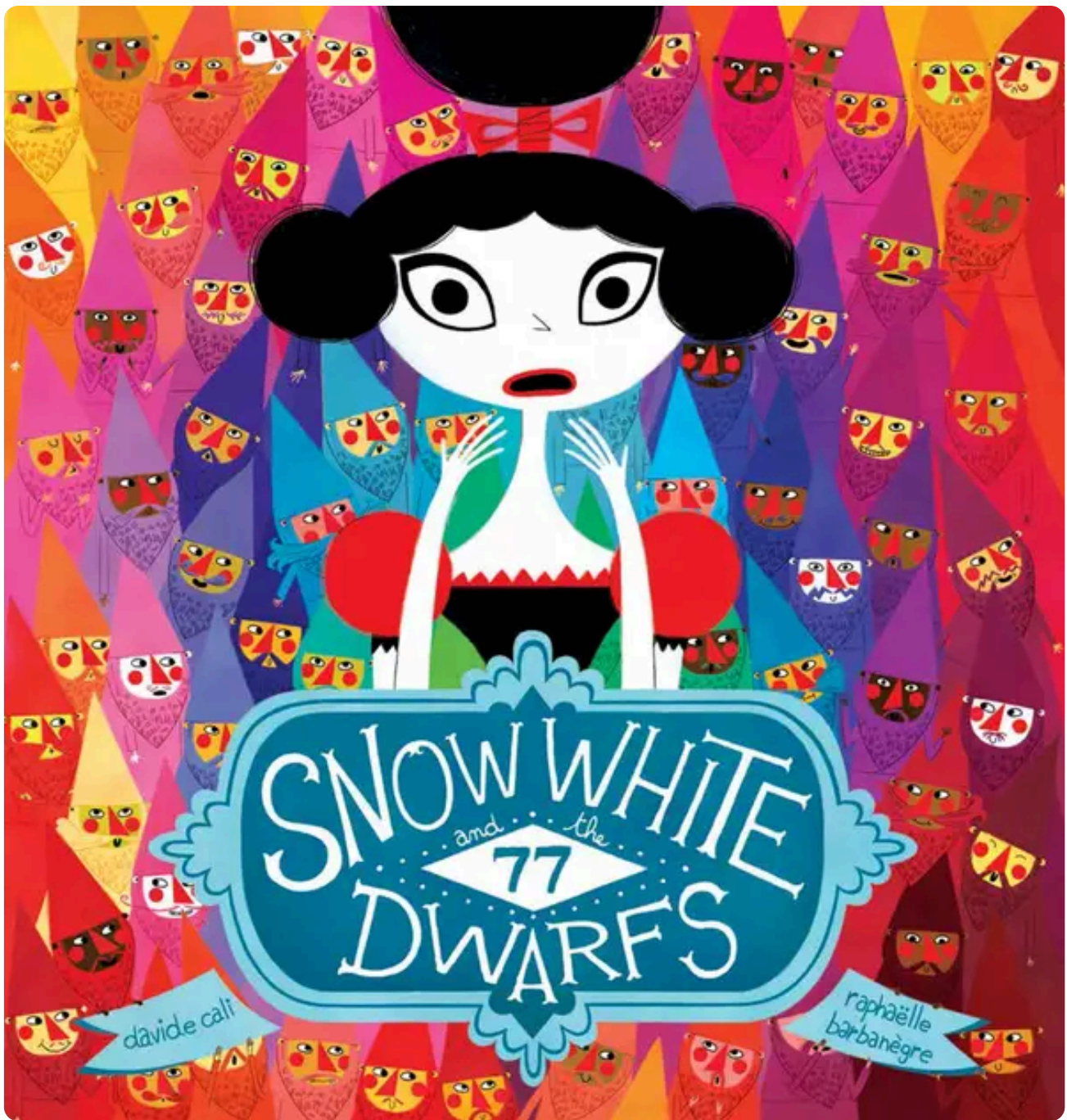


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4. *Snow White and the 77 Dwarfs* by [Davide Cali](#), illustrated by [Raphaëlle Barbanègre](#)



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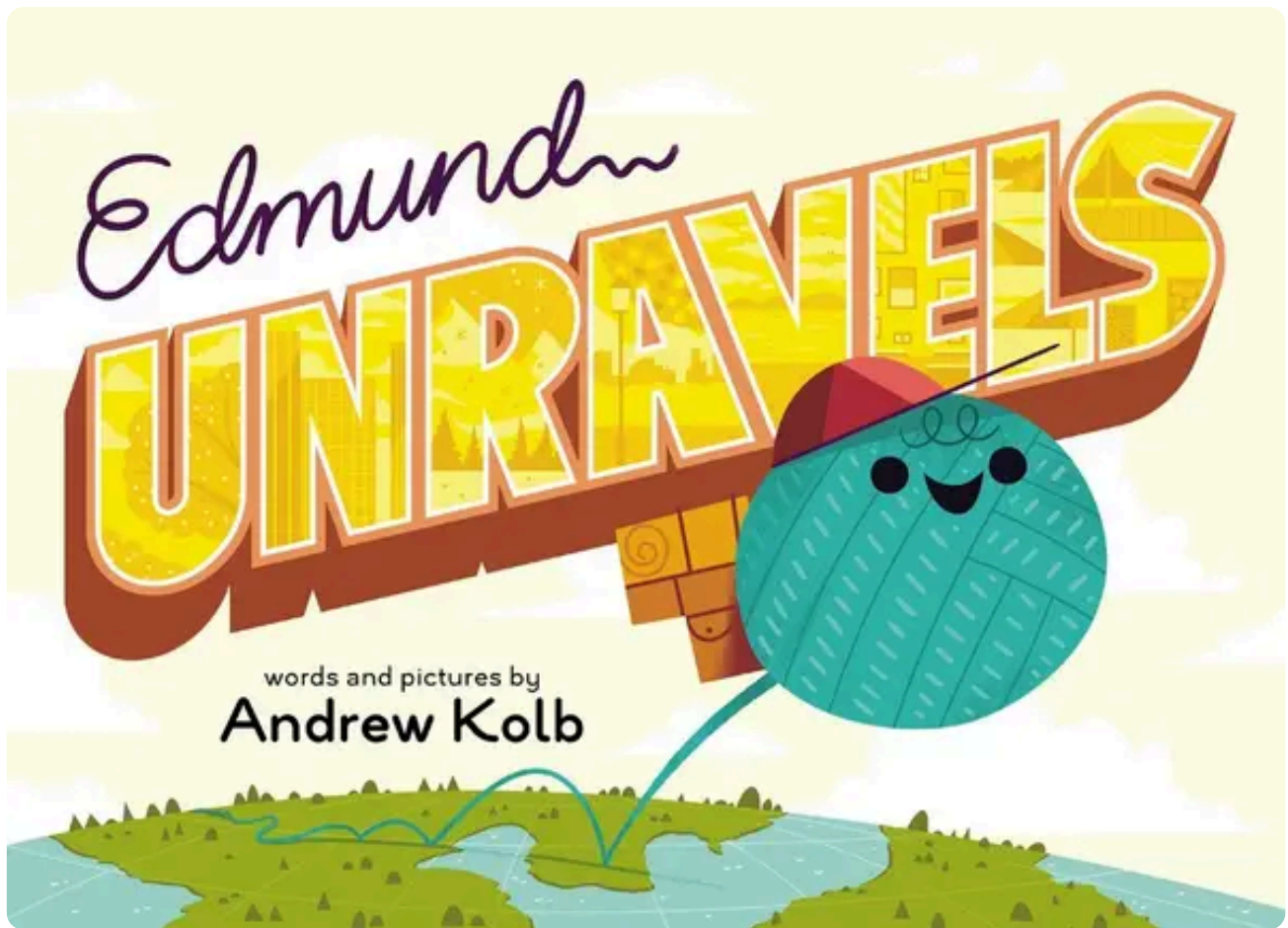
In the classic version of the fairy tale, Snow White had her work cut out for her cleaning up after seven dwarves, but seventy-seven? That's a whole other barrel of poisoned apples!

What kind of reader is it for? Kids who like stories that are as silly as they are colorful.

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5. Edmund Unravel > **BuzzFeed**



Nancy Paulsen Books

This story about an adventurous ball of yarn is so cute that you'll find yourself wandering around a craft store, futilely wishing that some wool would start to talk to you.

What kind of reader is it for? Anyone who likes to "unroll" a bit and explore the world around them before returning home to their family and friends.

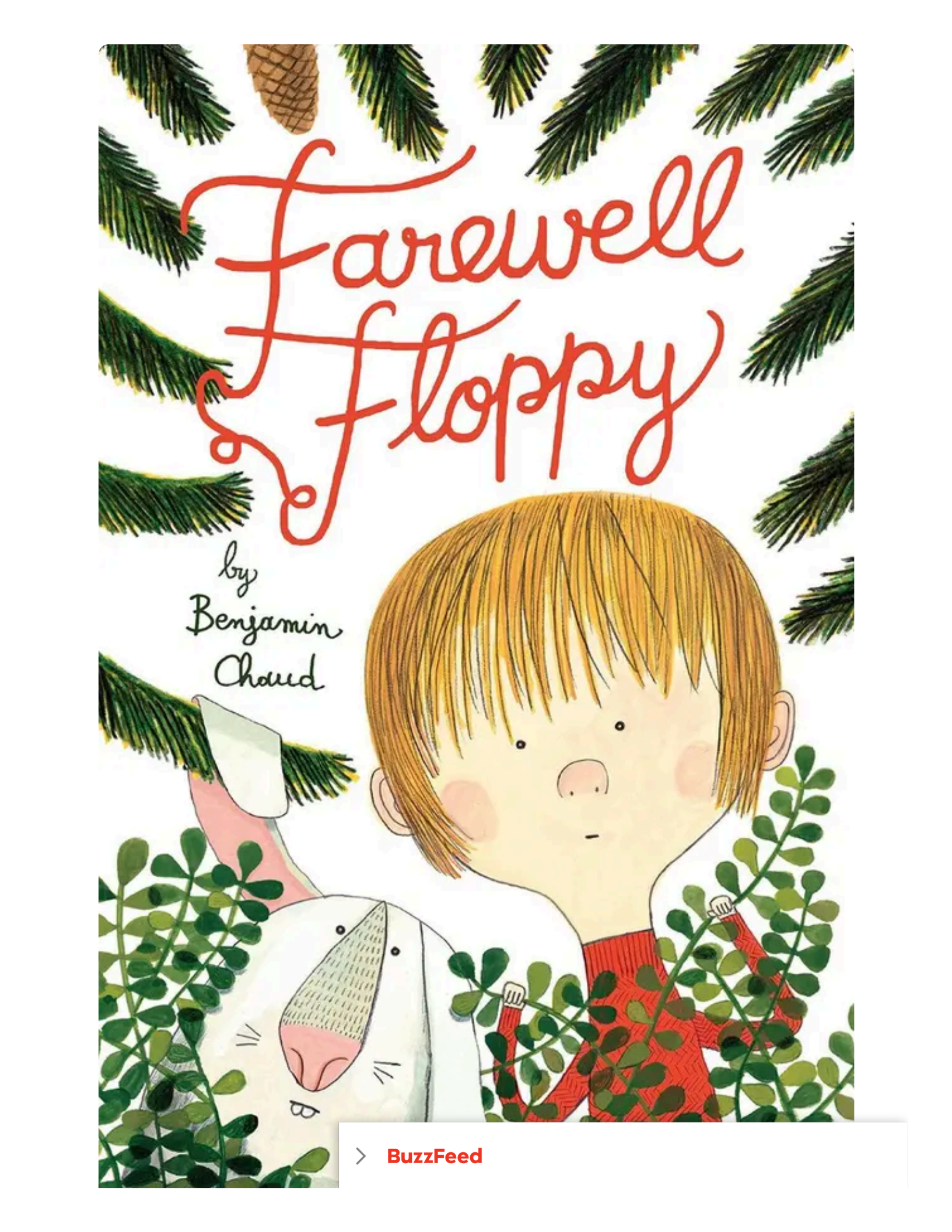
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6. *Farewell Floppy* by Benjamin Chaud



Farewell Floppy

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Benjamin thinks that he's ready to say goodbye to his beloved stuffed rabbit (Floppy), but after he leaves him out in the woods he realizes that maybe he isn't too grown up to play with his giant-eared bunny after all.

What kind of reader is it for? Someone who may need to hear that it's okay to still love one of their favorite toys from early-childhood.

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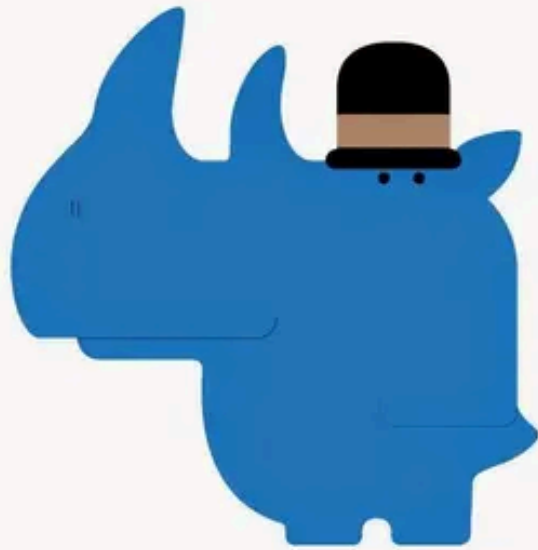
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7. *Rhymoceros* by Janik Coat



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Abrams Appleseed

A rhyming board book (by the author of *Hippopposites*) with page after page of fun rhinoceros illustrations (including some with texture).

What kind of reader is it for? A very young one who needs a great introduction to the world of words that sound alike.

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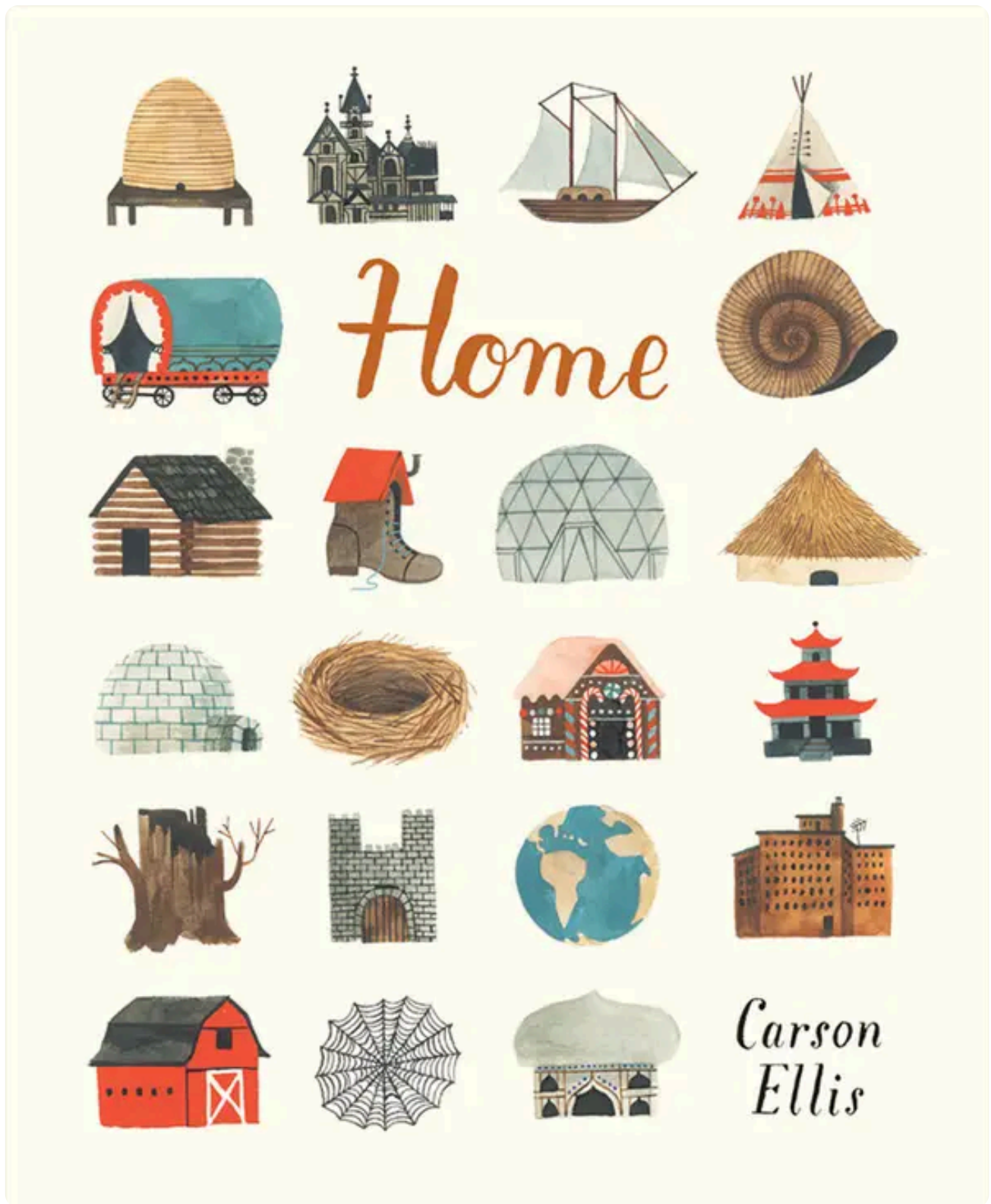


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8. *Home* by **Carson Ellis**



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Wildwood, The Composer Is Dead, Stagecoach Sal: Carson Ellis has gorgeously illustrated many books, but this is the first one that she's written as well (and it's completely wonderful).

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9. *The Queen's Shadow: A Story About How Animals See* by Cybèle Young



Kids Can Press

Someone has stolen the Queen's shadow--the horror! As you read this whodunit, you'll solve a mystery and learn how a variety of different animals see the world (from [sharks](#) to dragonflies to goats).

What kind of reader is it for? Aspiring sleuths and wannabe zoologists.

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10. *Snail, Where Are You?* by [Tomi Ungerer](#)

Snail, Where Are You?

Tomi Ungerer



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Like *Where's Waldo*...only easier (it's for younger children) and much, much cuter (because you're looking for a snail, not a strange dude in a striped shirt).

What kind of reader is it

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11. *Rosario's Fig Tree* by Charis Wahl, illustrated by [Luc Melanson](#)

ROSARIO'S FIG TREE



Charis Wahl Luc Melanson

Groundwood Books

A little girl lives next door to a man named Rosario and he's a magician! Only he works his magic with plants and whistles out to her.

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What kind of reader is it for? Anyone who wants to learn about the wizardry of gardening.

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12. *It's Only Stanley* by [Jon Agee](#)

Dial

The Wimbledon family tends to hear puzzling noises coming from other rooms in the house while they try to sleep at night? Who is it? What is it? Oh, it's just the dog; it's only Stanley.

What kind of reader is it for? Anyone who's wondered what a pet gets up to after the humans head off to bed.

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13. *I Had a Favorite Hat* by [Boni Ashburn](#), illustrated by [Robyn Ng](#)

Abrams

A mother tells her stylish young daughter that her favorite hat isn't appropriate to wear year-round, but with a few additions...yes: it'll soon be perfect for each and every occasion.

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What kind of reader is it for? Crafty boys and girls with a penchant for headwear.

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14. *Her Idea* by [Rilla Alexander](#)

Flying Eye Books

Sozi has so many ideas: ideas heaped on ideas piled on ideas loaded on ideas. But what will she do with them all? How will she see them through? That is the question.

What kind of reader is it for? Anyone (young and old) who needs a little help getting to "the end"

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15. *In Mary's Garden* by Tina and Carson Kugler

HMH Books for Young Readers

An homage to Mary Nohl (an artist who used concrete and found objects to create one of the most unique gardens in the world--all in her front yard).

What kind of reader is it for? Anyone whose favorite part of the school day is art class.

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16. *The Skunk* by [Mac Barnett](#), illustrated by [Patrick McDonnell](#)

Roaring Brook Press

Pepé Le Pew, Pepé Le Schmew: if you have to be stalked by a skunk, you want it to be the red-nosed one from this absurd (but glorious) story

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What kind of reader is it for? Kids who will be positively delighted to watch someone get more and more vexed by the skunk creeping around behind him like a shadow (so... most kids).

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17. *Leopardpox!* by Orna Landau, illustrated by [Omer Hoffmann](#)

Clarion

You've probably heard of the chickenpox, but what about leopardpox? Yes, that's a much rarer affliction and you can learn allllllllllllllllllllll about in this delightful book.

What kind of reader is it
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18. *Random Body Parts* by [Leslie Bulion](#), illustration by [Mike Lowery](#)

Peachtree

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Poetry = great. Learning about parts of the body = great. Learning about parts of the body using poetry (or more specifically: "[riddles](#) in verse") = the best.

What kind of reader is it for? Anyone who appreciates a rhyme or who wonders what's going on inside their bod.

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19. *Just Itzy* by [Lana Krumwiede](#), illustrated by [Greg Pizzoli](#)

Candlewick

Itzy is a spider who just wants everyone to stop calling him "bitzy," but how? Well, by catching his own lunch! Due to a series of pesky intrusions, his quest is far easier said than done.

What kind of reader is it for? Children who are more than a little tired of being told that they're "to > **BuzzFeed**

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20. *Special Delivery* by [Philip C. Stead](#), illustrated by [Matthew Cordell](#)

Roaring Brook Press

Sadie has a gift for her aunt: isn't she thoughtful! What did she get her? Well...that would be an elephant. An enormous, trunk-tastic elephant. How on earth is she going to deliver it?

What kind of reader is it for? Anyone ready to follow Sadie along on her comic pachyderm-delivery adventures.

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21. *Lou Caribou* by Marie-Sabine Roger, illustrated by [Nathalie Choux](#)

Gestalten

A sweet, simple story about a week in the life of a young antlered fellow who spends his weekdays with his mother before packing up his trusty suitcase and heading off through the forest to spend the weekend at his dad's.

What kind of reader is it for? Children who have parents that live apart (just like the charming caribou).

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22. *Poppy Pickle* by Emma Yarlett

Templar

Poppy's imagination just isn't satisfied with being all bottled up in her head, and one day it actually c

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What kind of reader is it for? Little girls (and boys) who--like Poppy--have imagination to spare.

Release date: May 1st

Preorder [here](#).

23. *Interstellar Cinderella* by Deborah Underwood, illustrated by Meg Hunt

In this refreshing retelling of *Cinderella*, our title character spends her days dreaming of repairing rockets instead of going to a ball.

What kind of reader is it for? To put it in not-so-kid-friendly language: someone who would enjoy a more badass version of a traditional fairy tale.

Release Date: May 5th

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24. *Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion* by [Alex T. Smith](#)

Scholastic

Here's another retelling of a classic fairy tale: in this case, Little Red (sans hood) is venturing through the savannah instead of the forest, and her foe is a toothy lion rather than a wolf.

What kind of reader is it for? Kids with gumption (just like Red).

Release date: May 7th

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25. *Daddy's Sandwich* by Pip Jones, illustrated by Laura Hughes

Faber Children's Books

A little girl wants to make her father a sandwich, but her thoughtful gesture takes a turn for the unappetizing when she begins to add *all* of his favorite things--whether they're edible or not.

What kind of reader is it for? Someone who likes to read books with his or her father.

Release Date: May 7th

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26. *This Is My Rock* by [David Lucas](#)

A goat claims a rock as his own and--by golly--he will NOT let anyone else up onto that craggy precipice. No sir. No way.

What kind of reader is it for? Someone who may need to learn how to be a wee bit less stubborn; someone who may or may not be known for their sharing ability.

Release Date: May 12th

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27. *Rude Cakes* by [Rowboat Watkins](#)

You know that cakes can be sweet and you know that cakes can be pretty...but did you know they can be incredibly uncouth? It's true! Sometimes they're just baked that way.

What kind of reader is it for? Someone who--more often than not--forgets to say please and thank you and/or someone who has a major sweet tooth.

Release Date: June 2nd

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28. *Pig and Pug* by Lynne Berry, illustrated by [Gemma Correll](#)

Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Their names both begin with the letter P, they're both prone to snorting: what else do pigs and pugs have in common? Can they be friends?

What kind of reader is it for? An animal lover who will enjoy watching this petite pair quarrel.

Release Date: June 2nd

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29. *The Blue Whale* by Jenni Desmond

Enchanted Lion

Add this beautifully illustrated nonfiction picture book to your collection to learn all about one of ea

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What kind of reader is it for? The boy or girl who has ceaselessly been begging you to go on a whale watching trip.

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Such an awesome list!! I want to recommend a book I recently purchased for my son called "Little Brown Animal" by author DiMari Bailey (www.dimaribailey.com). I have been through so many books that are so heavy handed with their messages, it sometimes sucks the fun right out of the... [Read more](#)



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9 years ago

This is one of the things I'm looking forward to most about being a parent. I firmly believe the reason I did so well in school was because I was read to as a child so much. I can't wait to continue this tradition with my own kids someday

