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How to Hug a Cactus

Will hugging a cactus help it grow? This story follows a little girl who only wants to find a way to hug her beloved cactus without getting hurt. She searches for a solution, but the ideas of her family members don't work. Then, she creates special cactus-hugging gear that solves her prickly problem—and creates a new one! This rhyming story brings humor and heart to the important concept of problem solving.

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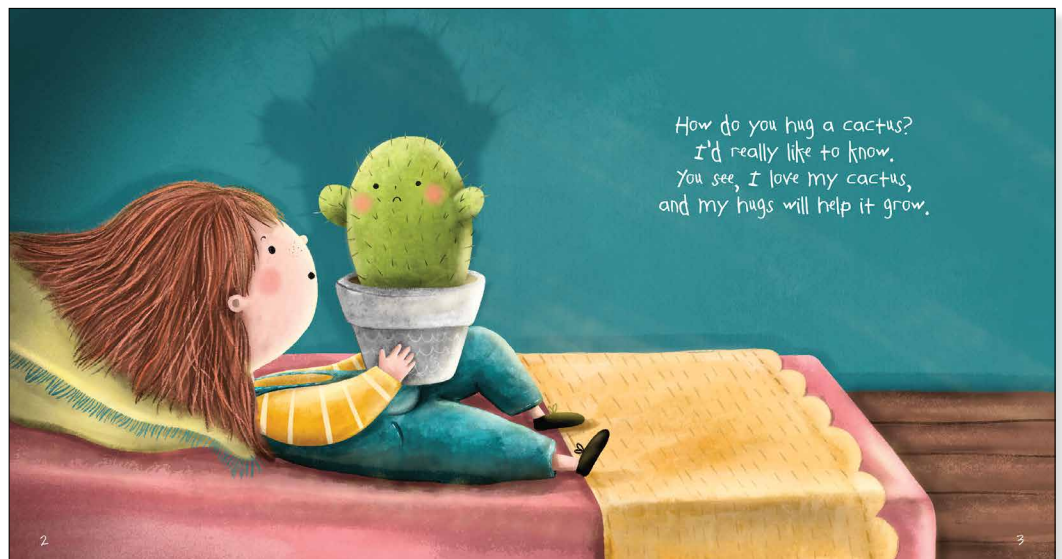
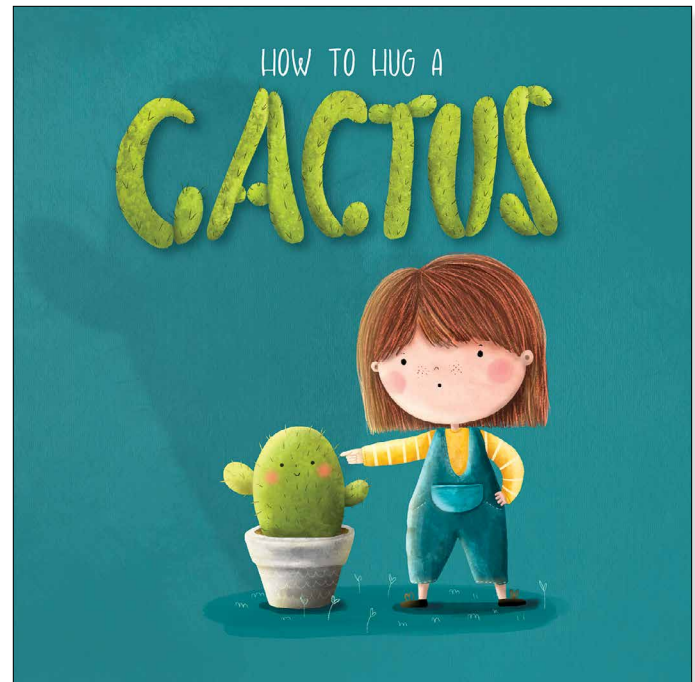
- Critical thinking
- Teamwork
- Identifying solutions

Library-bound Book	\$28.93	9781508199946
eBook	\$28.93	9781508199953
Paperback	\$11.00	9781508199939

TITLE	DEWEY	GRL	©
How to Hug a Cactus			
By Emily S. Smith		L	©2023
Illustrated by Aleksandra Szmidt			

Reading Level: **1–2** Interest Level: **PreK–3**

8 1/2" x 8 1/2" • 32 pp. • Illustrations



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR:

EMILY S. SMITH is a children's author, storyteller, book-lover, and all-around nerd. She divides her time between writing for children, teaching in early childhood settings, and being the greatest aunt of all time (in her own opinion) to her nephews and niece. She is obsessed with language and its ability to connect people, create fantastical worlds, and explain ideas. Emily wants to bring humor, fun, and silliness into the lives and hearts of young children and their families.

ALEKSANDRA SZMIDT is a freelance illustrator with a background in graphic design. From her home studio, Aleksandra creates one-of-a-kind artwork. She has a love for drawing animals and plants but prefers to draw magical things that detach from reality. Aleksandra loves using both traditional and digital painting in her illustrations and often mixes them to create her art.



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I Do Not Eat the Color Green!

Marlene McKean does not eat the color green. She turns up her nose at broccoli, peas, and sprouts, offending her parents and the lunch ladies. But when a countess invites Marlene to a fancy feast, Marlene is confronted with treats galore—and something green. Maybe Marlene can try it, just this once... This fun, rhyming story about a fussy eater describes the unexpected consequences of trying new things.

SEL connections:

- Curiosity and open-mindedness
- Critical thinking
- Identifying solutions

Library-bound Book	\$28.93	9781508199885
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Paperback	\$11.00	9781508199878

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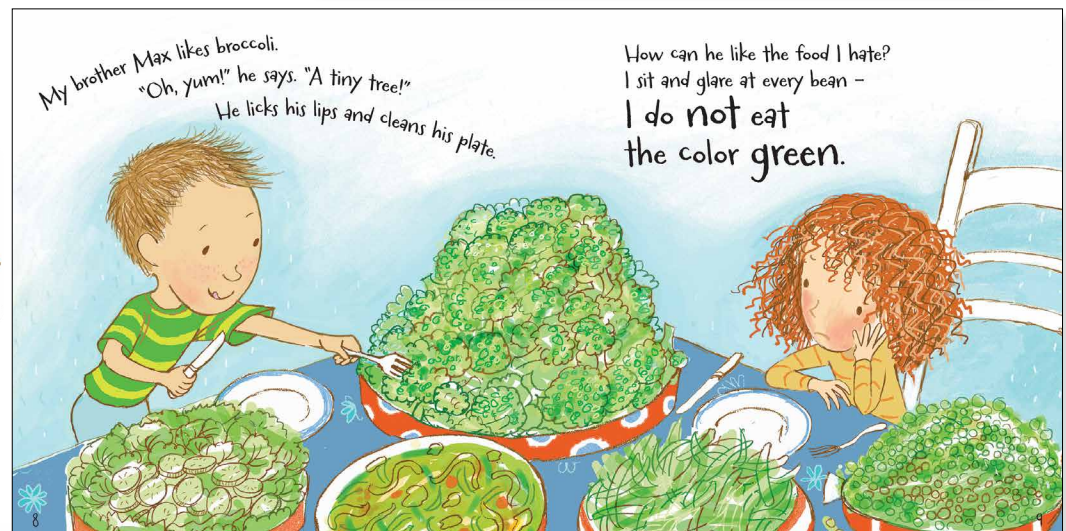
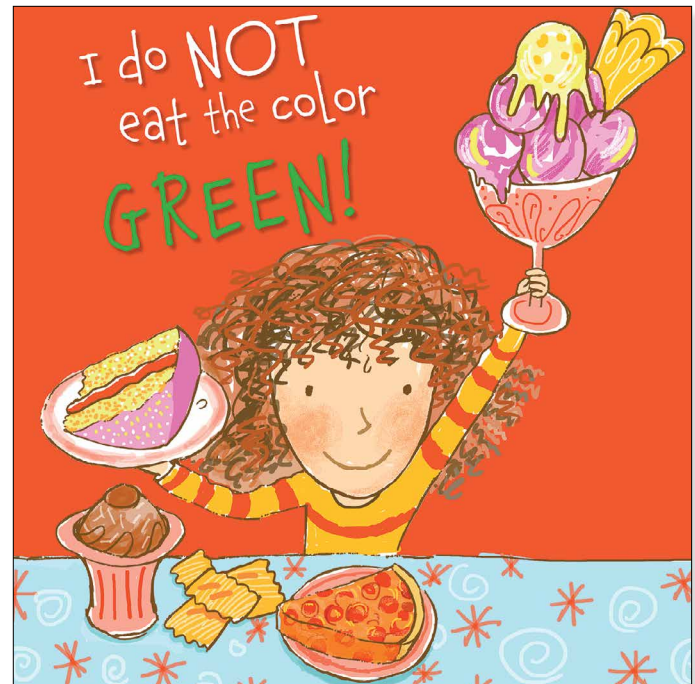
I Do Not Eat the Color Green!

By Lynne Rickards
Illustrated by Margaret Chamberlain

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR:

LYNNE RICKARDS was born and raised in Canada, and began writing stories for her own children. Her first story was about a penguin because her son loved them. She currently lives with her husband in Glasgow, Scotland.

MARGARET CHAMBERLAIN has produced illustrations for many children's books. She loves illustrating children and animals, especially dogs. Her favorites are little white ones with black patches.



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Milo's Little Secret

Milo is a big cat with a little secret. He leaves home and eats at other homes all over the neighborhood! When he goes missing, his family looks for him, only to find that other neighbors are looking for Milo and thinking he is their cat. When the cat's secret is out of the bag, the neighbors soon find a way to solve his big problem. This rhyming story gives reader's a humorous look at the secret life of pets and encourages problem solving and critical thinking.

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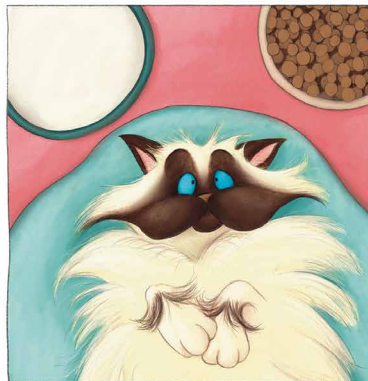
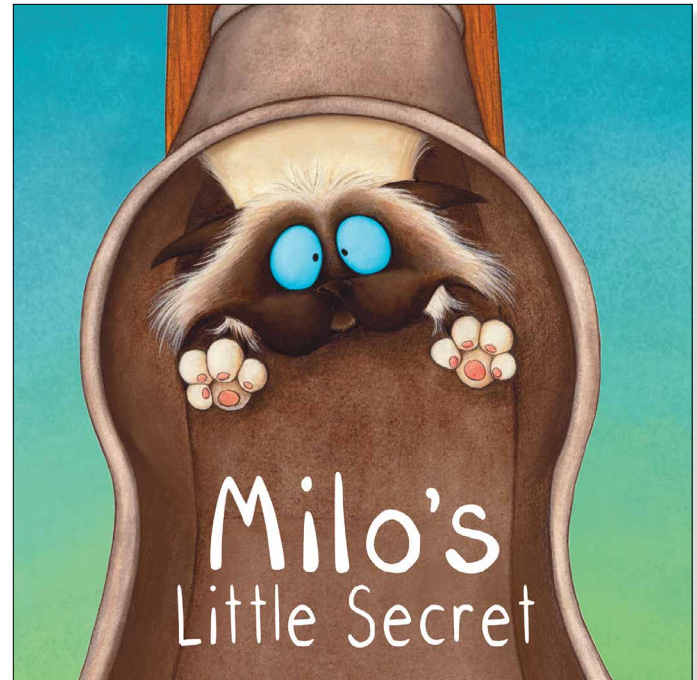
- Critical thinking
- Teamwork
- Concern for others

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Paperback	\$11.00	9781508199960

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Milo's Little Secret			
By Rebecca Ralfe		L	©2023
Illustrated by Gabriella Petruso			

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Milo lived in luxury,
his bed was made of silk.
His bowl was always filled with treats,
his saucer filled with milk.

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Snack time, scratch time, playtime -
Milo always got his way.



But he had
a little secret...

yes, Milo liked to stray.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR:

REBECCA RALFE has a passion for adventure and storytelling that led to a career as an anthropologist in remote areas of Australia. While raising her three children, Rebecca began writing funny, inspiring and entertaining stories from her beach shack in Cairns where she is visited daily by wallabies at the back fence. Rebecca hopes to engage children of all ages and abilities in the adventure of storytelling.

GABRIELLA PETRUSO lives in the UK with her dog, partner and son. She's lucky to live within cycling distance of a zoo, where she and her sketchbook can be spotted in their natural habitat. Using colored ink and pencil she creates humorous characters. After originally training in medicine, Gabriella won an award for her artwork in 2017 and has been thoroughly enjoying pursuing her love of picture books since.



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The Hidden Talent of Phoenix Fox

Phoenix the fox lives a happy life in the forest. Then, his friends decide to put on a talent show to find the most talented animal in the forest. They each work on their talents, from cake baking to acrobatics. But when Phoenix tries to master any of these talents, nothing seems to work. Then he starts writing and drawing his misadventures. Maybe his true talent is storytelling! This is a poignant and colorful tale about embracing differences, recognizing one's strengths, and problem solving.

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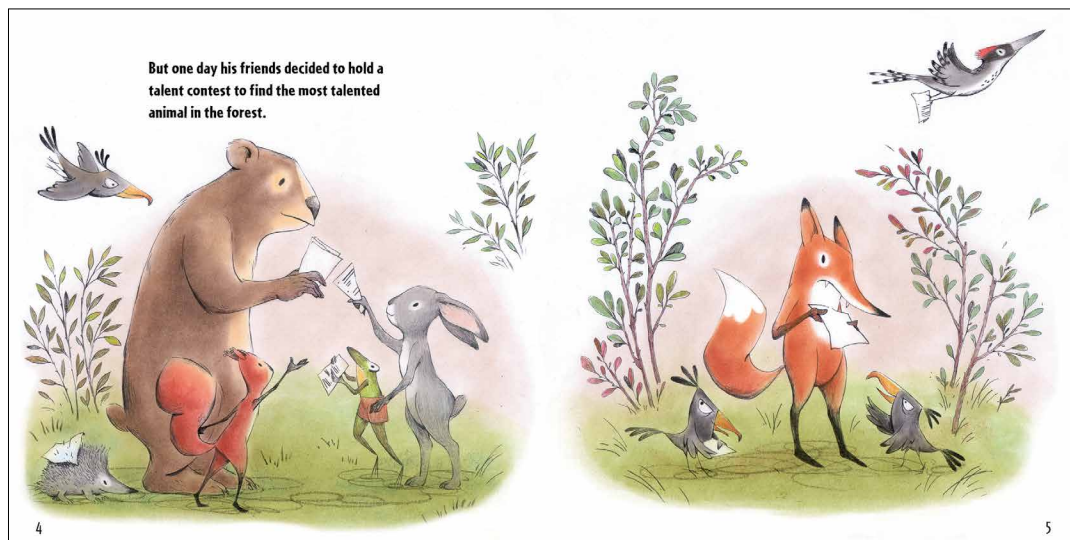
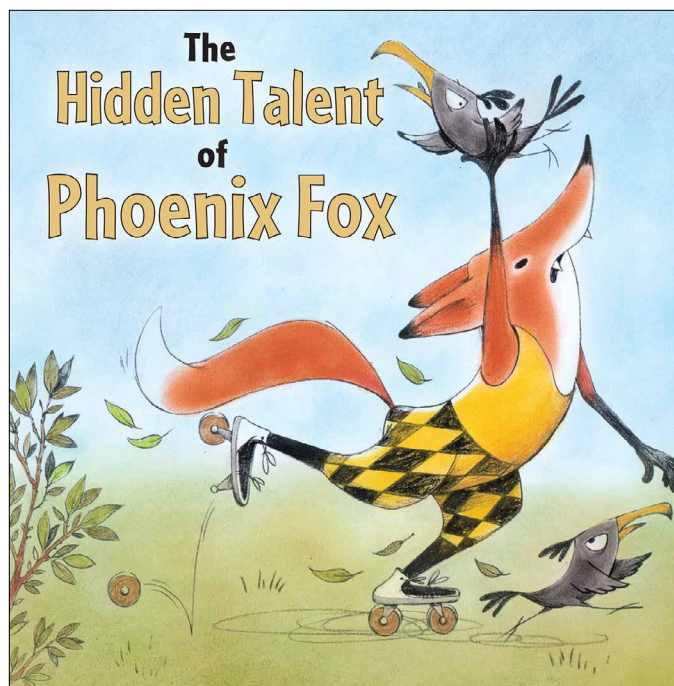
- Self-efficacy
- Sense of purpose
- Recognizing strengths in oneself and others

Library-bound Book	\$28.93	9781508199915
eBook	\$28.93	9781508199922
Paperback	\$11.00	9781508199908

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The Hidden Talent of Phoenix Fox			
By Kristina Radkevich		L	©2023
Illustrated by Kristina Radkevich			

Reading Level: **1–2** Interest Level: **PreK–3**

8 1/2" x 8 1/2" • 32 pp. • Illustrations



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR:

KRISTINA RADKEVICH lives and works in the center of St. Petersburg, Russia. She is a graduate of the North West Institute of Printing Arts and as well as conventional illustrating techniques, she also likes to experiment with new techniques and more unusual mediums. Kristina is a dog lover and it's when she is walking her little dog along the river Neva, that she comes up with ideas for her books. *The Hidden Talent of Phoenix Fox* is her first picture book



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The Knight and the Beastly Battle

A beastly dragon has been spotted flying through the forest near a small kingdom. The king declares that anyone who defeats the beast will win great treasure. The brave knight Sir Crackemup is up for the challenge. He tries to attack the dragon in different ways and each time he's bested by the beast. But the hero of this story is one no one would expect. Readers will love this exciting tale illustrated with one-of-a-kind photographs of acorn characters.

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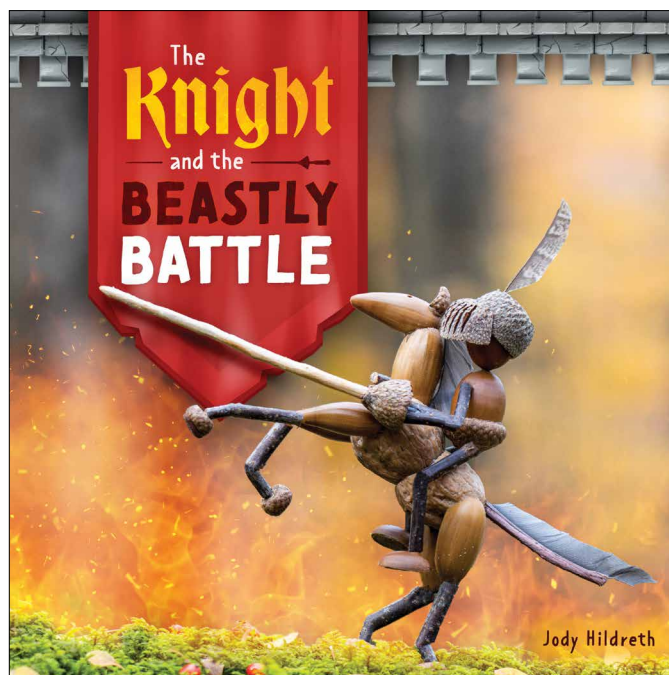
- Self-efficacy
- Critical thinking
- Identifying solutions

Library-bound Book	\$26.27	9781508199854
eBook	\$26.27	9781508199861
Paperback	\$9.25	9781508199847

TITLE	DEWEY	ORL	©
The Knight and the Beastly Battle			
By Jody Hildreth	L		©2023
Photography by Jody Hildreth			

Reading Level: **1–2** Interest Level: **PreK–3**

8" x 8" • 24 pp. • Illustrations



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR/PHOTOGRAPHER:
JODY HILDRETH has been an elementary librarian for 30 years in Upstate New York. He is a passionate photographer traveling in his spare time to our beautiful national parks to photograph wildlife and landscapes. He has been happily married to his wife, a reading teacher, for 30 years.



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The Plucky Orangutan

Oma the orangutan lives in the rainforest of Borneo. When faced with challenges, she always tries to do her best. But Oma seems to fail again and again at her tasks. She learns that sometimes she doesn't have to be the best at everything. After all, her best quality is that she never gives up. Readers will love this introduction to the rainforest habitat and its animals, as well as its message about working with determination.

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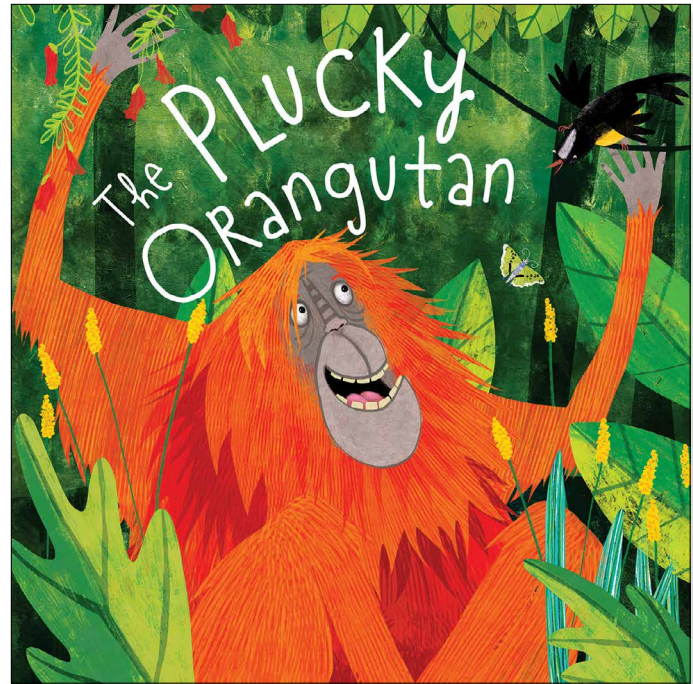
- Setting goals
- Recognizing one's strengths
- Self-efficacy

Library-bound Book	\$26.27	9781538393062
eBook	\$26.27	9781538393079
Paperback	\$9.25	9781538393055

TITLE	DEWEY	GRL	©
The Plucky Orangutan			
By Catherine Veitch		L	©2023
Illustrated by Elissambura			

Reading Level: **1–2** Interest Level: **PreK–3**

8 1/2" x 8 1/2" • 24 pp. • Illustrations



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR:

CATHERINE VEITCH has earned degrees in English and teaching. She worked in children's magazine and book publishing as a writer and editor before going freelance as a children's author. Catherine is passionate about nature and loves exploring her local countryside with her Sheltie dog, Arthur, to satisfy her curiosity.

ELISSAMBURA studied as a professional illustrator at the Martin Malharro Higher School of Visual Arts in Buenos Aires. She has specialized for more than 20 years in children's illustration. Elissambura uses traditional, digital, and mixed-media techniques to tell stories and create memorable characters. She lives in Rosario, Argentina, with her family.



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Zoe's Boat

Zoe and her dog sit by a river each day until Zoe decides to take an adventure up the river to the sea. She begins packing all she needs, but Dog doesn't think he'll fit in her boat with all her other belongings. She leaves without her dog and sets off on a grand adventure. But what happens when she finally reaches the sea and a big wave hits? This is a story of adventure, friendship, and problem solving—and a dog who saves the day.

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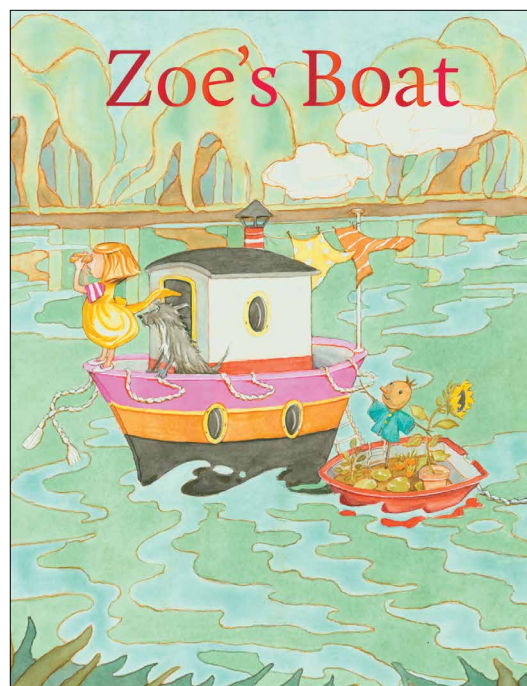
- Identifying solutions to problems
- Concern for others
- Recognizing strengths of others

Library-bound Book	\$28.93	9781538392447
eBook	\$28.93	9781538392454
Paperback	\$11.00	9781538392430

TITLE	DEWEY	GRL	©
Zoe's Boat By Gillian McClure Illustrated by Gillian McClure		L	©2023

Reading Level: **1–2** Interest Level: **PreK–3**

8 1/2" x 11" • 32 pp. • Illustrations



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR:

GILLIAN MCCLURE is an author/illustrator who has had over 30 books published. Several of her books have been short-listed for awards; one was highly commended for the Kate Greenaway Medal and another, *Selkie*, won the US Parent's Guide to Children's Media Award for Outstanding Achievement in Children's Books. Two of her books have been Recommended Books on the National Curriculum while others she uses in the workshops she gives to children in schools.

