

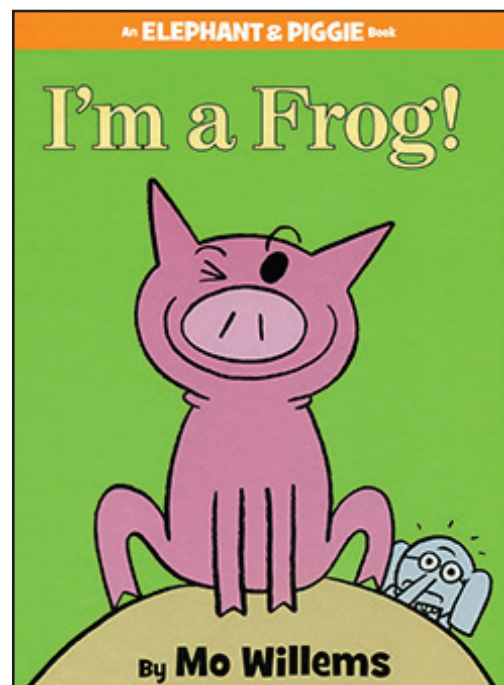


## Elephant & Piggie: I'm a Frog!

by Mo Willems

### Booktalk!

**R**ibbit! Ribbit! Ribbit! Piggie is croaking. Piggie is hopping. She declares to her best friend Gerald, "I'm a frog!" Gerald finds this difficult to believe. Piggie was a pig just five minutes ago! What happened? Worrywart Gerald starts to panic. What if he turns into a frog? The thought of eating flies is totally disgusting. When Piggie explains what pretending is, Gerald is amazed. He can't believe anyone can pretend at any time. When Piggie issues a challenge, Gerald has a moo-velous surprise of his own!



**Best for grades K-2**





## Moby Shinobi: Ninja in the Kitchen

by Luke Flowers

### Booktalk!

Everyone's favorite ninja is back in town and he's looking for someone in need of help! Papa Peppy's Pizzeria is in a bind. They need more hands in the kitchen – FAST! Can Moby Shinobi come to their rescue? Balls of dough fly in the air and on the ground! Tables are smashed in half with tomatoes thrown all over them! Customers arrive with a smile, but they all leave with a frown. Can Moby make it up to Papa Peppy? This little ninja has a few more tricks up his sleeve! Zoom! Kick! Hi-yah! Hopefully, Moby can unlock the secret weapon to pizza-making perfection.



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# Booktalk!

## Hensel and Gretel: Ninja Chicks

by Corey Rosen Schwartz and Rebecca J. Gomez,  
illustrated by Dan Santat

### Booktalk!

**B**ird-napping has become a big problem for Hensel and Gretel. Their parents have been snatched by a fox! The sisters are trained in the art of ninjutsu. They aren't about to fall prey to a ferocious fox. They've practiced wing throws. They know how to creep without a peep. While looking for their parents, hungry Hensel and Gretel spy a cottage of cornbread. After nibbling, they see their mistake. This is the fox's home! Mom and Pop are inside, and the sisters must find a way to keep the family from being chicken-pot-pied! Surrender? No way, chicken tender!



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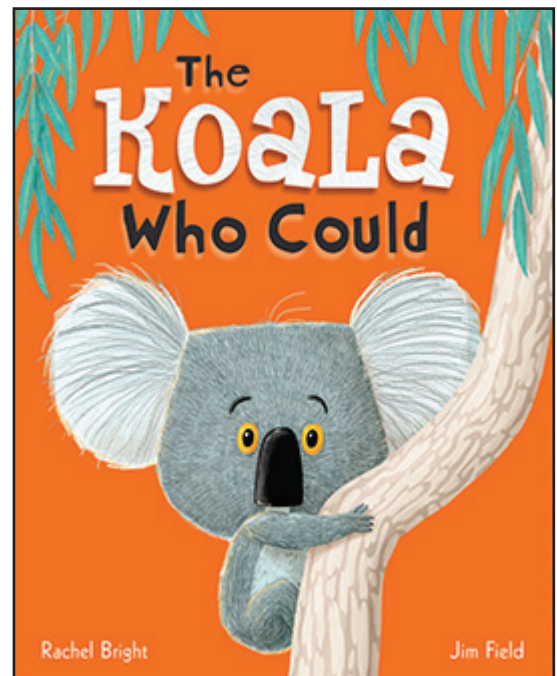


## The Koala Who Could

by Rachel Bright, illustrated by Jim Field

### Booktalk!

Meet Kevin, a koala who resides Down Under. He's perfectly happy hugging his tree, snacking on leaves, and snoozing in the sun. Beneath him, the pace, noise, and size of the other animals are too far out of his comfort zone. Despite an invitation from Wombat, the kangaroos, and dingoes, Kevin is not budging from his branch. It's not that he doesn't want to join in on the fun — it's that he's been hanging on for so long that he can't let go! One day, a frightening sound alters Kevin's lifestyle drastically. Choice is out of his paws, so what will Kevin do?



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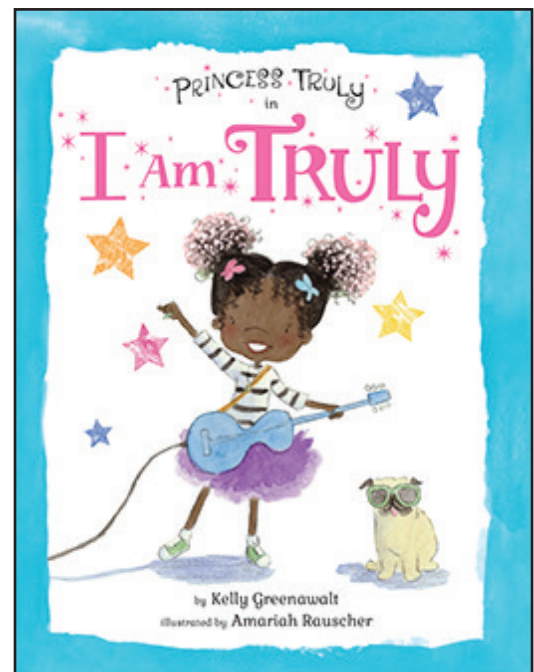
## Princess Truly in I am Truly

by Kelly Greenawalt, illustrated by Amariah Rauscher

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### Booktalk!

Princess Truly is small and mighty. She can roar like a lion and tame one too. She is strong, skillful, and a born leader. She has spirit, confidence, and courage. Princess Truly is smart and loves to read, but she also loves sports and climbing trees. She solves problems and builds block towers. Honestly, there's nothing Truly can't do when she sets her mind to it. This Princess is a superhero and thinks we can all do great things if we try hard enough. What do you think?



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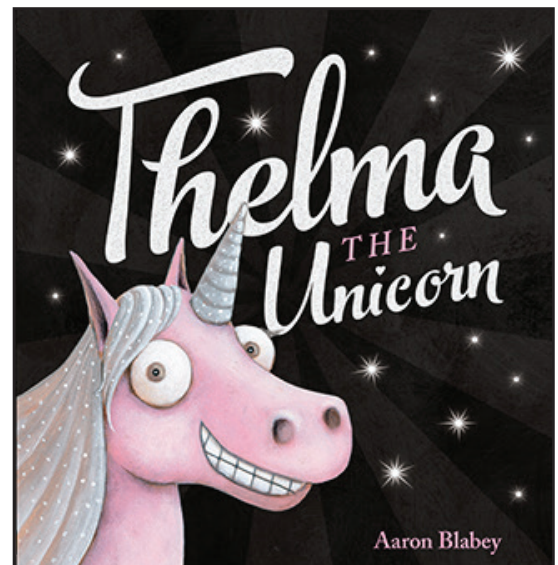
## **Thelma the Unicorn**

*by Aaron Blabey*

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### **Booktalk!**

Let's be honest. Most of us wish we could change something about ourselves. Some of us, like Thelma, desire a complete transformation. Thelma, a small pony, wants to be a unicorn. One day, a discarded carrot gives her an idea, but when a truck driver sees her, he nearly loses control and splashes pink glitter and pink paint all over Thelma – POOF! – instantly making her look like a unicorn! Her rise to fame and fortune is fast and fun until her fans become a bit too overwhelming. Maybe Thelma's best friend Otis is right. Nothing is better than being you!



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# Booktalk!

## Fly Guy's Big Family

by Tedd Arnold

### Booktalk!

Fly Guy misses his family so much he is even drawing pictures of them. Buzz gets an idea and puts a solid plan in place — planning a surprise party for Fly Guy might be the perfect solution! After seeing signs posted all over the neighborhood, thousands of flies start showing up at Buzz's front door for Fly Guy's party. Flies have big families, so dinnertime might be a problem for Buzz and his parents when all the flies come to the table. Thankfully, Buzz made an important phone call before the party for a garbage truck surprise!



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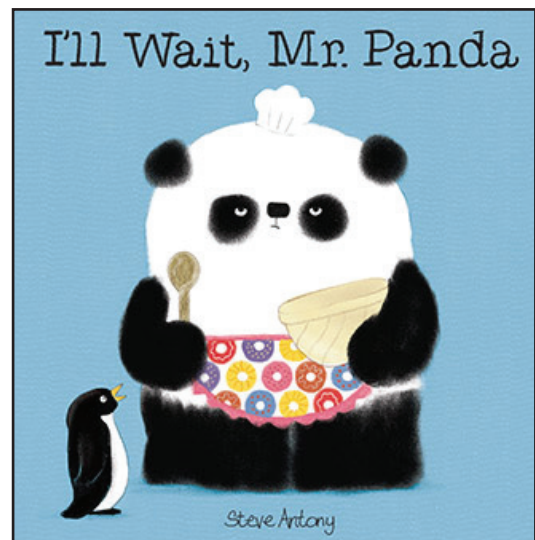
# Booktalk!

## I'll Wait, Mr. Panda

by Steve Antony

### Booktalk!

Wearing an apron and holding a mixing bowl and spoon, it seems obvious that Mr. Panda is preparing a delicious treat. The animals are extremely curious about what's happening, but Mr. Panda insists that his creation is meant to be a complete surprise. He won't answer any of their questions! Most of the animals are insulted and too impatient to wait, so they quickly leave, but one little penguin repeatedly tells Mr. Panda that he is willing to wait for the surprise. Perhaps patience and kindness will be a true reward for the little penguin.



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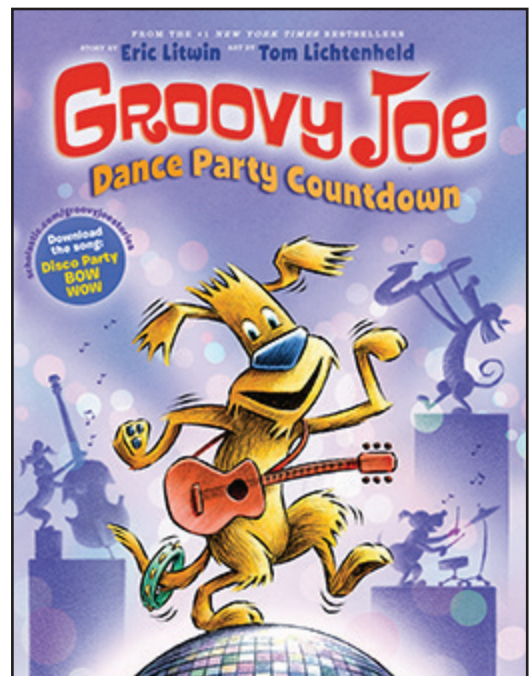
# Booktalk!

## Groovy Joe: Dance Party Countdown

by Eric Litwin, illustrated by Tom Lichtenheld

### Booktalk!

**K**NOCK! KNOCK! Who's there? Groovy Joe, and he's ready to dance! Joe is a song-singing, tail-wagging party of one. With his guitar in hand, he sings, "DISCO PARTY BOW WOW, DISCO PARTY BOW WOW." There's another knock at the door and a new dog is ready to dance. Now there are two dogs where Joe is supposed to be! But does Joe get upset because he has to share the dance floor? Goodness, no! He just keeps on rocking as more dogs join the fun. Want to jump in to this dog-dancing fun, too?



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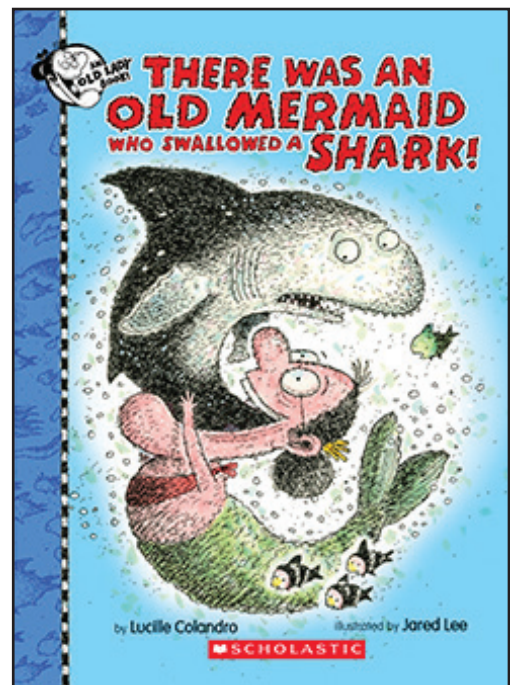
# Booktalk!

## There Was an Old Mermaid Who Swallowed a Shark!

by Lucille Colandro, illustrated by Jared Lee

### Booktalk!

“**T**here was an old mermaid who swallowed a shark. I don’t know why she swallowed the shark, but it left no mark.” Oh my! But that mermaid was still very hungry! So she swallowed a squid and a tropical fish. Yes, that’s what she did. And then, with a squeal, she swallowed an eel. And that eel was so bright, it provided a light – for the squid and the shark, which left no mark. There still was a crab that was quite hard to grab. But was she finished yet? No, because there were still many more ocean delights for this very hungry mermaid to try!



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