

# Booktalk!

## Ranger in Time: Hurricane Katrina Rescue

by Kate Messner, illustrated by Kelley McMorris

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Ranger, the time-traveling golden retriever, hears that humming sound his mysterious first-aid kit sometimes makes. Someone far away needs his help! Ranger winds up in New Orleans as Hurricane Katrina approaches. It's a monster storm, and people are evacuating. When Ranger meets Clare Porter, she is trying to find her grandmother, but Clare's father is also missing! Ranger stays by Clare's side while facing food and water shortages, dangerous creatures, and rising waters. When the levees break, it's going to be even harder to find Clare's family!



**Best for Grades 2-3**

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## The Wish Fairy #1: Too Many Cats!

by Lisa Ann Scott

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**B**rooke and her best friend Izzy love cats more than any other animal. Brooke thinks her cat Patches is the best cat in the world. In the meadow, Patches captures what looks like a dragonfly, but it turns out to be a fairy! When Brooke saves the fairy's life, she is granted seven wishes. Brooke plans to make the most wonderful wishes in the world, but she soon learns that making wishes is not easy. After making her first wish, Brooke receives 100 cats! She realizes she should have been more careful with her wishes, especially when Patches goes missing!



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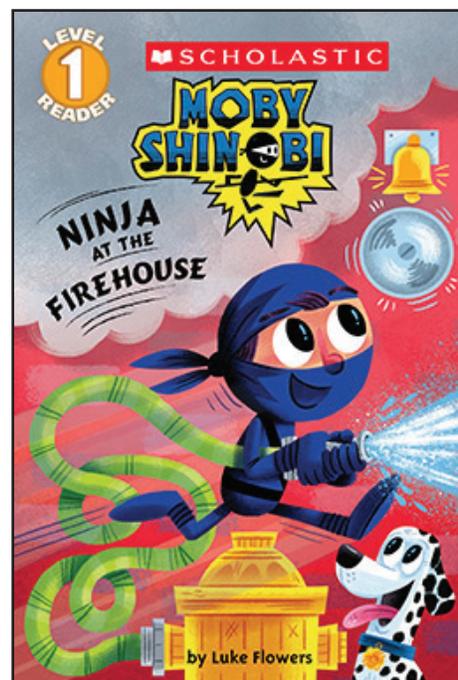
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## Moby Shinobi: Ninja at the Firehouse

by Luke Flowers

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Moby Shinobi is good at chores, like sweeping, cleaning, and raking leaves. As a ninja, he has lots of skills. He tells Fire Chief Dan he can swing, twist, run, and climb. Moby thinks the firehouse could use his help. The station is a very busy place, and he thinks he can keep up with the pace. His first job? Sort the firefighters' gear—boots, slickers, and helmets into the right locker. But sorting is not his best skill, and he finds out that washing the truck is harder than it looks. When the alarm sounds, Moby and the crew race to the fire, and he knows just how to help!



Best for Grades K-2



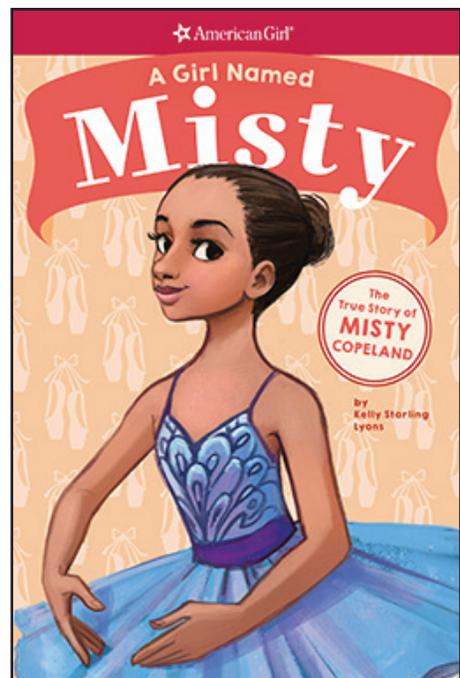


## **American Girl®: A Girl Named Misty**

*by Kelly Starling Lyons, illustrated by Melissa Manwill*

### **Booktalk!**

**M**isty grew up loving music and dance. When she watched gymnastics on TV, she thought she could move like the gymnasts. By the time she started middle school, her goal was to be captain of the drill team. She practiced very hard, impressing the judges. The coach thought Misty was special and believed in her abilities. But once she learned ballet, a new world opened for her, until her family moved and she had to give up ballet. But Misty never gave up and eventually, her family made a hard decision that changed her life!



**Best for Grades 1-3**





## Lucky Luna

by Diana López

### Booktalk!

If all of Luna Ramos's girl cousins (primas) were in the same place, they would have to rent a football stadium! Luna thinks that every time she gets in trouble, a cousin is involved. Is her cousin Claudia really to blame when Luna's latest punishment means not wearing hats for a whole month? Luna has loved wearing hats since she was two years old — a month seems like a lifetime! She wonders why Claudia always tattles on her. Is it possible for a cousin to be a real friend? And when she's teased for being different, will Luna find another friend to step in?



**Best for Grades 4-6**





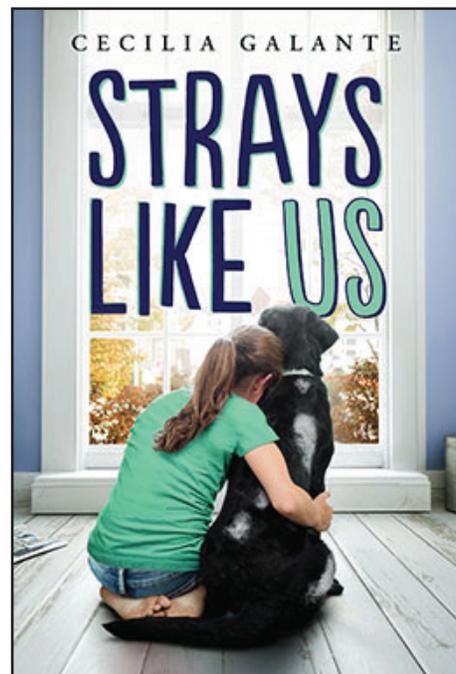
## **Strays Like Us**

*by Cecilia Galante*

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### **Booktalk!**

After her mother is arrested for stealing prescription pills at work, Fred suddenly finds herself in foster care. Mom has always told Fred they don't need anyone but each other, so Fred decides to tough it out on her own. After all, she vows that she'll be reunited with her mother soon. Even though Fred doesn't make friends easily, she finds herself helping an abused dog and a friend who is being bullied at her new school. And in one of the biggest decisions of her life, Fred is forced to decide whether telling a lie will help or hurt her mom.



**Best for Grades 4-8**



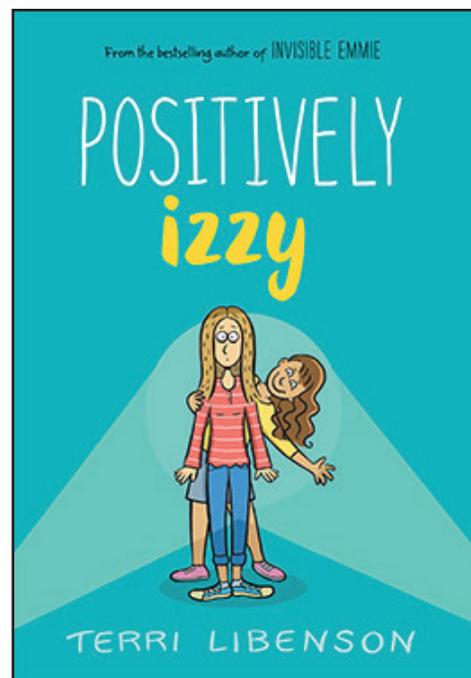


## Positively Izzy

by Terri Libenson

### Booktalk!

Everyone sees Brianna as a brainiac. Her parents might be the only ones that see more to her than her brain power. On the flip side, Izzy is artsy. She's a dreamer, a storyteller, and an actor. She's usually behind on her homework assignments but always seems to have a good excuse. When the school talent show comes up, Izzy can't wait. Brianna wants nothing to do with being on a stage until she's recruited to do a scene with Dev, a guy she likes. Then, on the day of the show, Izzy and Brianna find themselves in a completely unexpected place.



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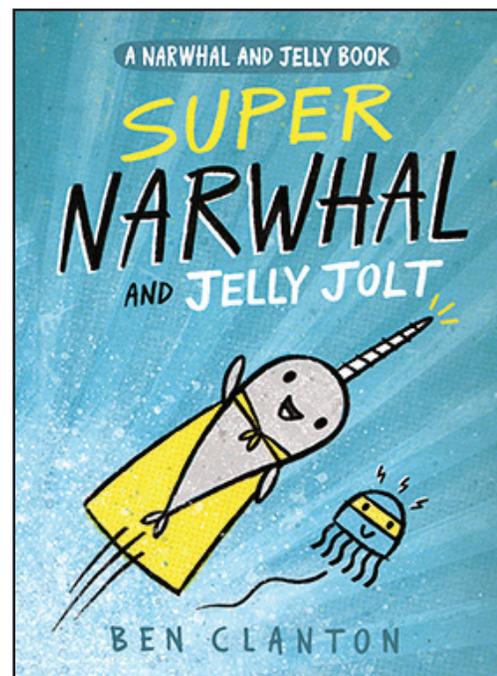


## Super Narwhal and Jelly Jolt

by Ben Clanton

### Booktalk!

Narwhal decides to become a superhero. His best pal, Jelly, tells him he'll need a special outfit. Narwhal looks super in his cape! Jelly also thinks a sidekick might be a good idea . . . Enter Jelly Jolt! But a superhero needs a super power, too. What could that be? Can Narwhal make himself invisible? Doesn't look like it . . . What about super strength? No, that rock over there still feels mighty heavy. What can Narwhal do? Turns out, he can be a super friend!



**Best for Grades 2-3**





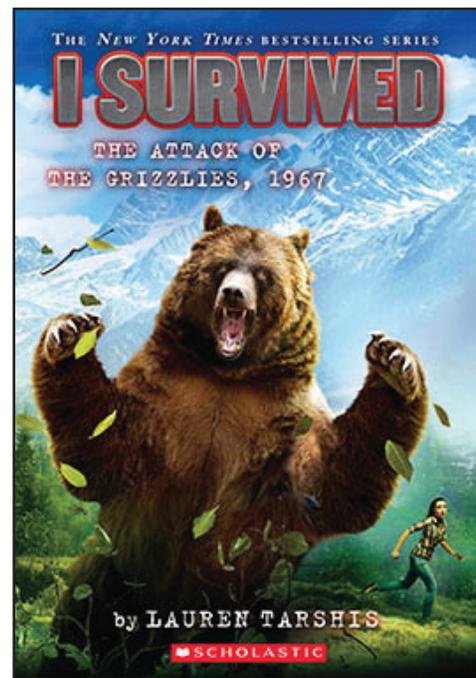
# **I Survived: The Attack of the Grizzlies, 1967**

*by Lauren Tarshis*

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**W**ho needs a big house when your backyard is a million acres of Rocky Mountain wilderness? Every year, Mel Vega and her family spend two weeks at Glacier National Park, and Mel's mom always reminds her that they are the guests. Glacier really belongs to the animals, especially grizzly bears. Grizzly bear sightings are rare and the huge creatures usually avoid people. There's no question they are powerful, smart, and curious, which is why Mel is terrified when a grizzly bear smashes a window and tries to break down the door of her cabin!



**Best for Grades 3-5**





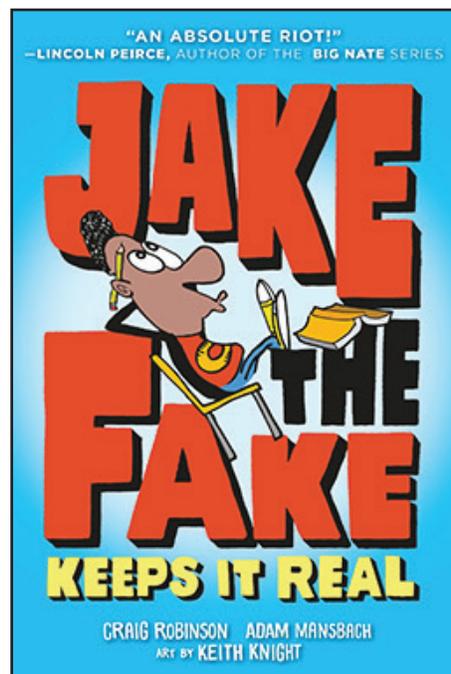
## Jake the Fake #1: Keeps It Real

by Craig Robinson and Adam Mansbach,  
illustrated by Keith Knight

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### Booktalk!

Jake is a new student at a magnet school for music and art, but there's one problem — he faked his way in. He auditioned with the only song he knows how to play! Trying to fit in at a new school is hard, but keeping the whole school from finding out he cheated on the admissions test is much more challenging. Jake finds ways to fake out his teachers and classmates, but with the talent show quickly approaching, it will soon be time to face the music. Can Jake get away with performing the same song again, or will everyone learn Jake's a fake?



**Best for Grades 4-6**





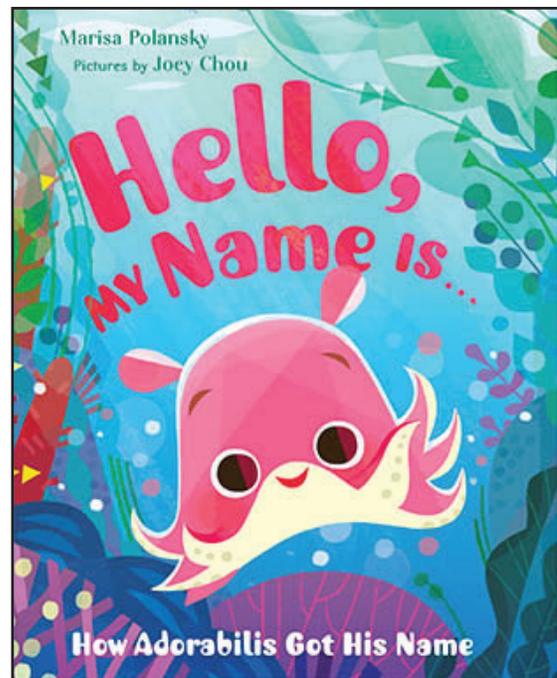
## Hello, My Name Is... How Adorabilis Got His Name

by Marisa Polansky, illustrated by Joey Chou

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### Booktalk!

Everyone has a name, right? But the very tiny octopus, small enough to fit in your hand? He didn't. His deep-sea tank was filled with sea creatures that seemed far more interesting than him. He met a Fangtooth Shark with long, sharp teeth and a Clown Fish with orange-and-white stripes. The Moon Jellyfish glowed and was especially glamorous. But what could the tiny octopus do? He could flatten and parachute. When the scientist saw him, he named the tiny octopus Adorabilis because he was so cute. The name stuck!



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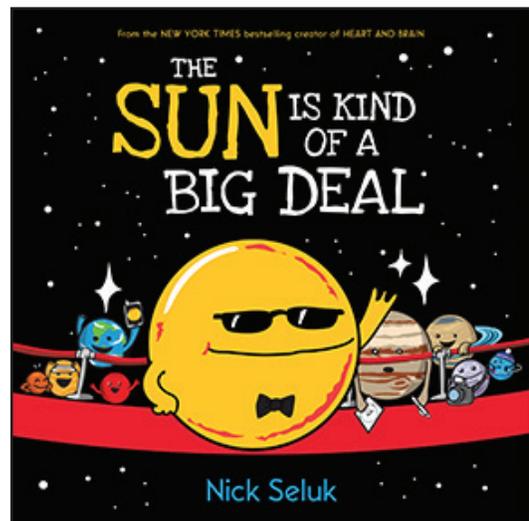


## The Sun Is Kind of a Big Deal

by Nick Seluk

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The sun is at the center of our solar system family. We couldn't do anything without it. The sun is also the biggest thing in our family. It's way bigger than earth. In fact, it's over a billion times bigger! All the planets move around the sun like a racetrack, and they all have their own lane. Some are fast, while some are slow. It takes us a whole year to make it around the sun. Without the sun, we wouldn't have life. Yes, that means plants, animals, and you! The sun gives us warmth, even in the coldest places. Every day, the sun is working hard for everyone — it's kind of a big deal!



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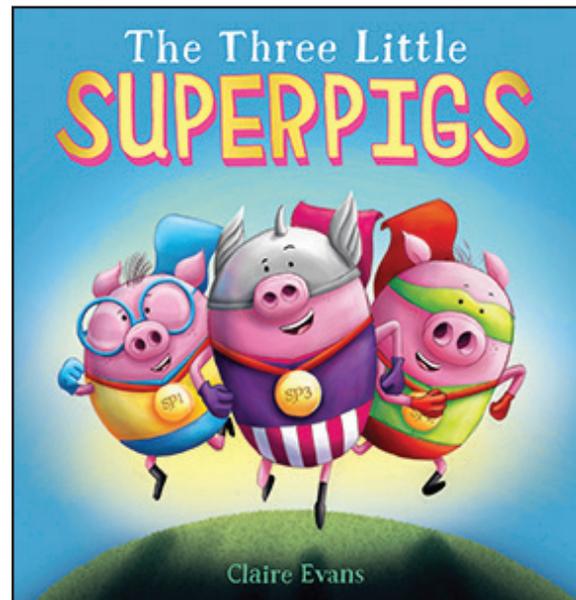
## The Three Little Superpigs

by Claire Evans

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### Booktalk!

After capturing the Big Bad Wolf, the Three Little Pigs are now called The Three Little Superpigs by all the citizens of Fairyland. The Three Little Superpigs spend all their days being famous heroes, greeting fans, and fighting crime so that Fairyland is a safe place. Meanwhile, the Big Bad Wolf is plotting his revenge from a cold, dreary cell in “Happily Ever After” prison. When the shocking news of the Big Bad Wolf’s escape is received, the residents of Fairyland are terrified! The Three Little Superpigs are determined to find Wolf and make him pay!



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