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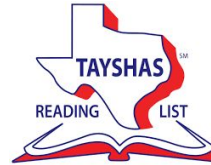
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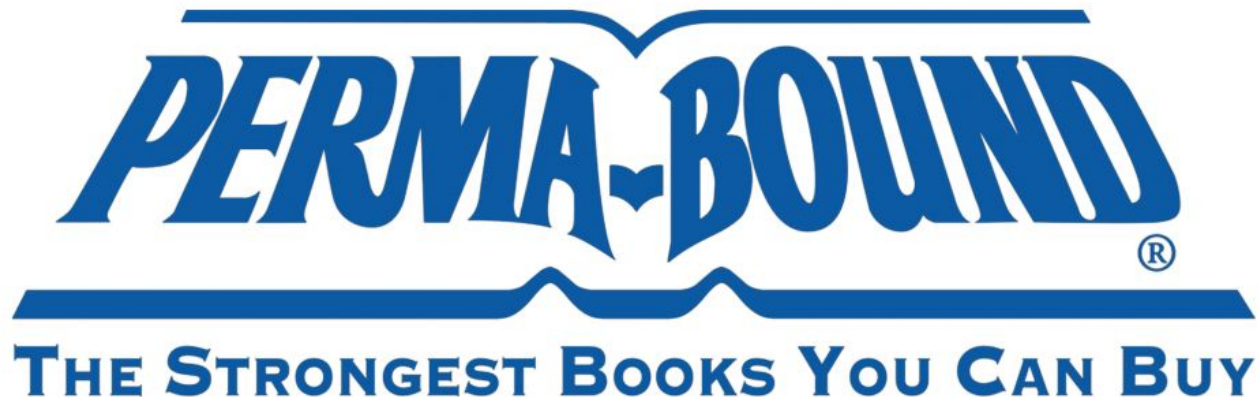
Youth



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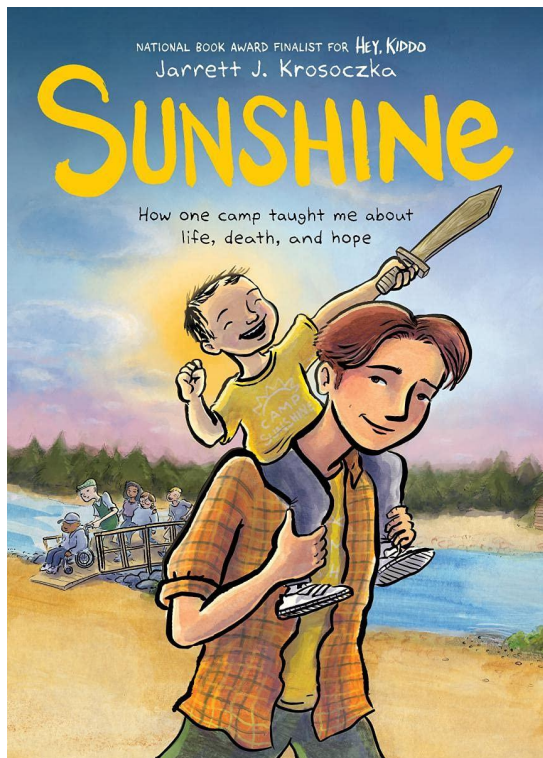


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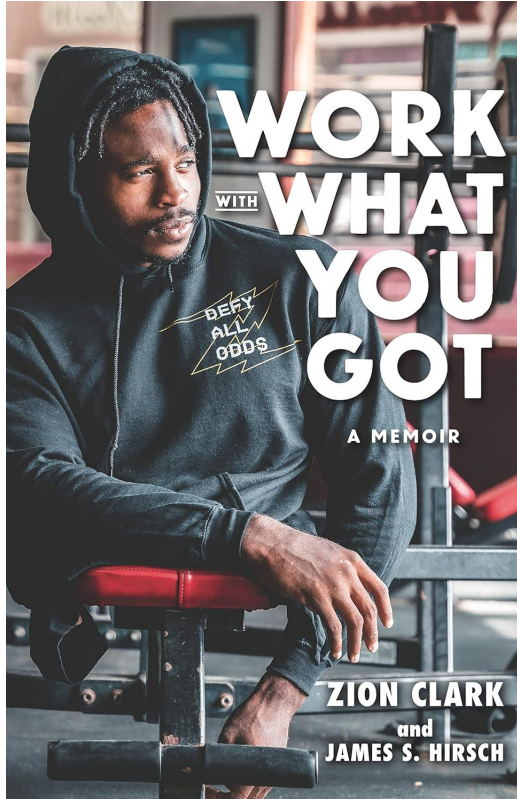


Sunshine

Jarrett J. Krosoczka

(Graphix, an imprint of Scholastic Inc., 2023)

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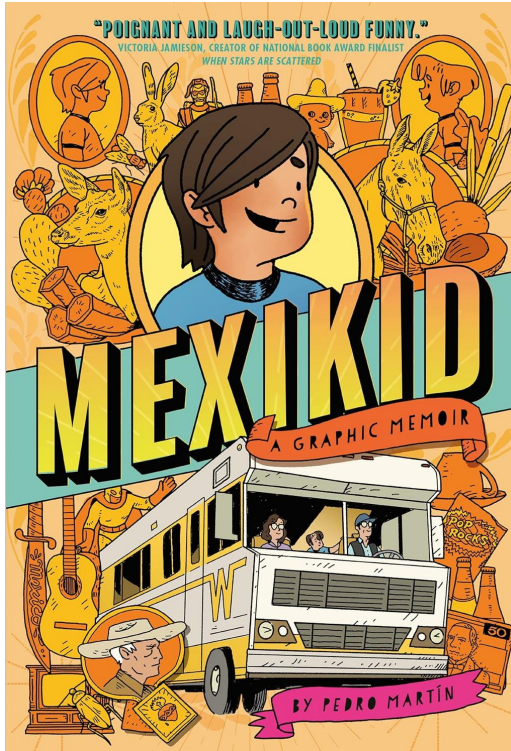


Work with What You Got: A Memoir

Zion Clark and James S. Hirsch

(Candlewick Press, 2023)

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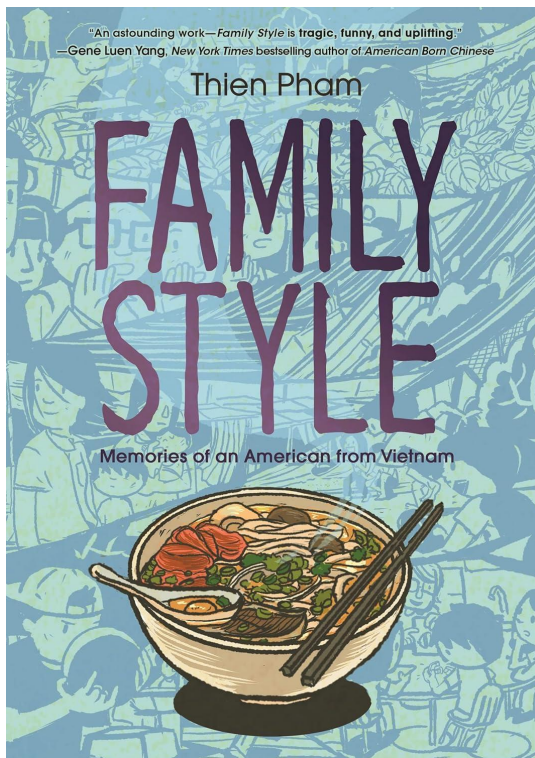


Mexikid: A Graphic Memoir

Pedro Martín

Dial Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Penguin Random House, 2023)

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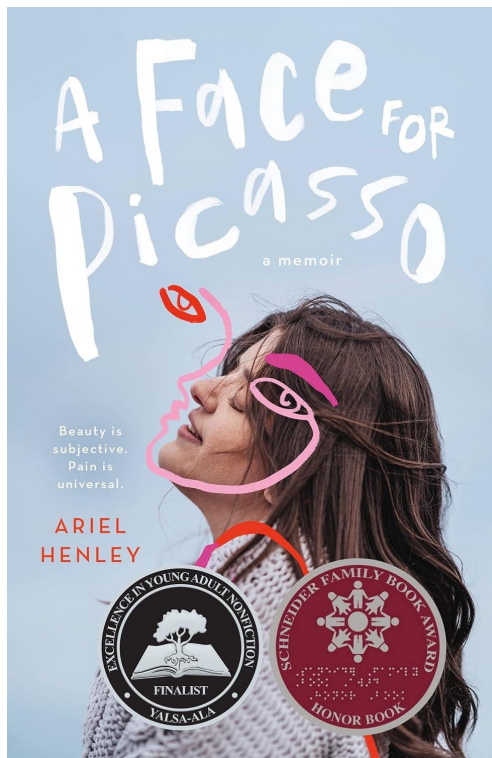


Family Style: Memories of an American from Vietnam

Thien Pham

(First Second, an imprint of Roaring Brook Press, 2023)

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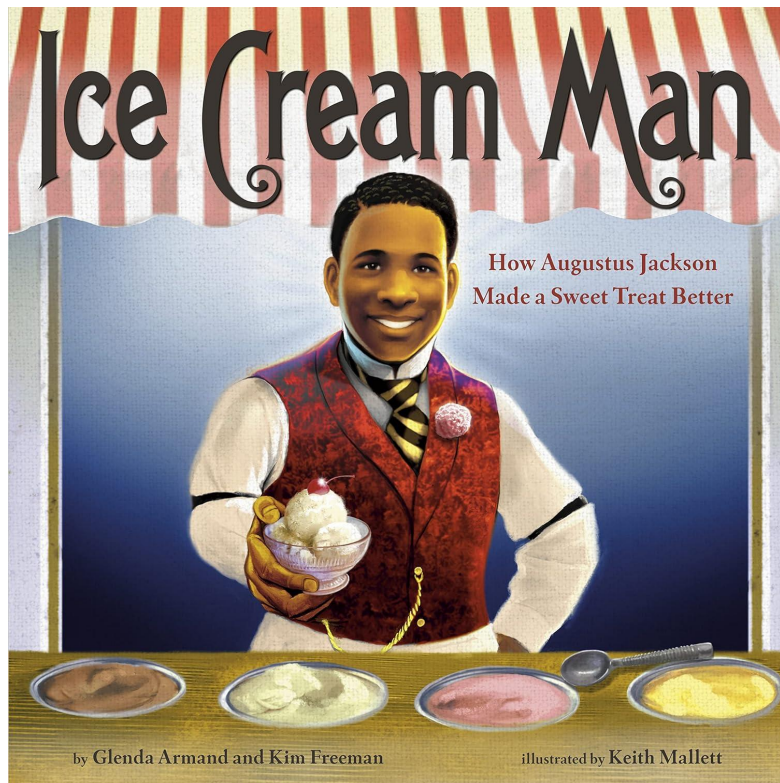


A Face for Picasso: A Memoir

Ariel Henley

(Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Macmillan Publishing Group, LLC, 2021)

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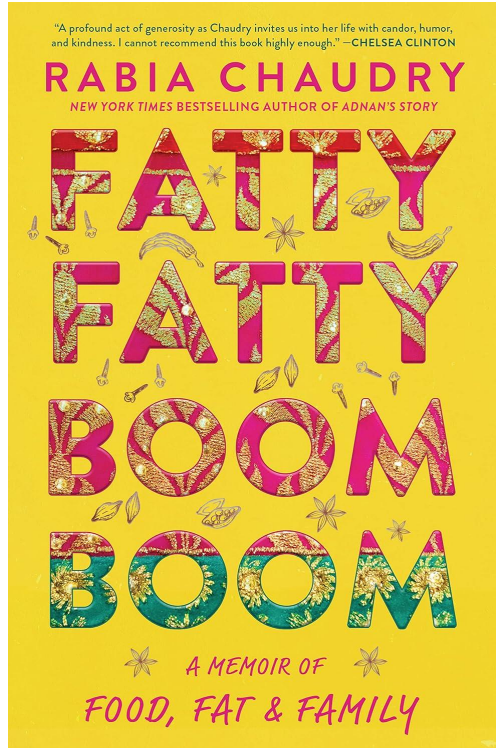


Ice Cream Man: How Augustus Jackson Made a Sweet Treat Better

Glenda Armand, Kim Freeman & Keith Mallett

(Crown Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Random House Children's Books, 2023)

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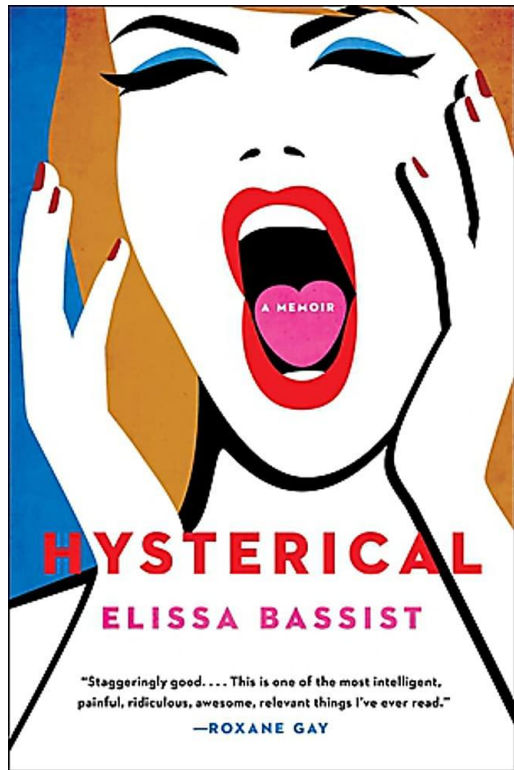


Fatty Batty Boom Boom: A Memoir of Food, Fat & Family

Rabia Chaudry

(Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, an imprint of
Workman Publishing Co., Inc., 2022)

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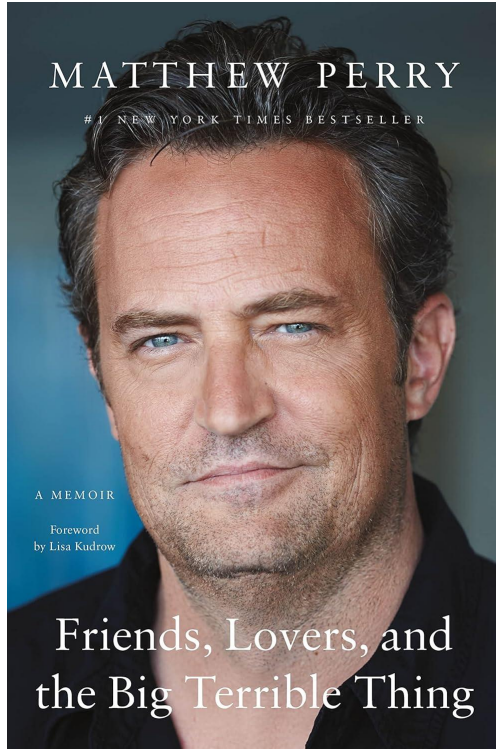


Hysterical: A Memoir

Elissa Bassist

(Hachette Books, 2022)

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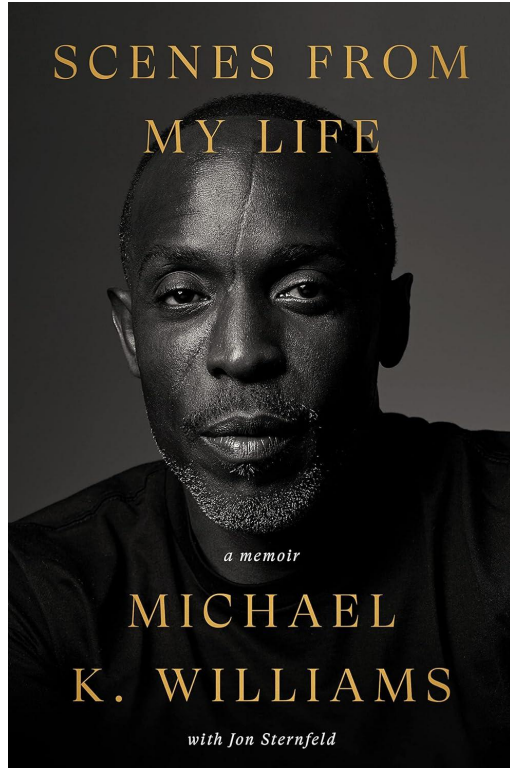


Friends, Lovers, and the Big Terrible Thing: A Memoir

Matthew Perry

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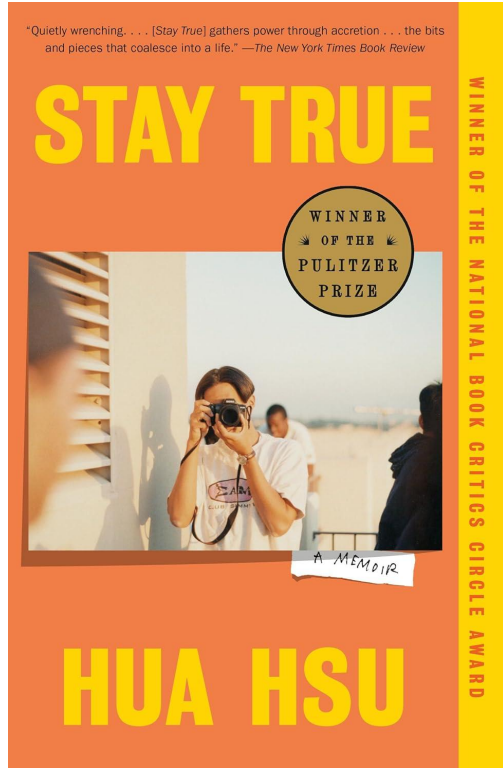


Scenes from My Life: A Memoir

Michael K. Williams

(Crown, an imprint of Random House, 2022)

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Stay True

Hua Hsu

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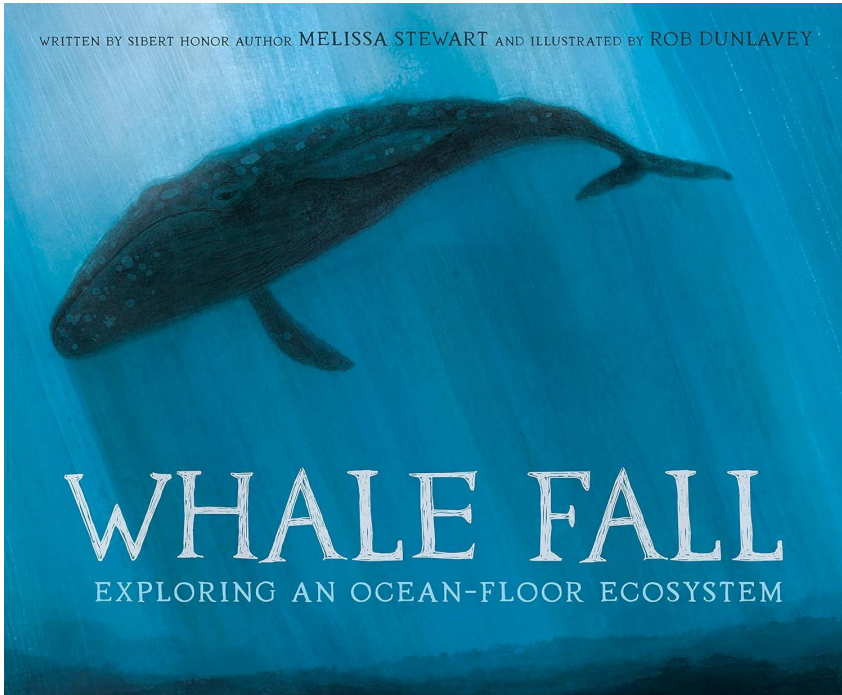


Now Let Me Fly: A Portrait of Eugene Bullard

Ronald Wimberly & Brahm Revel

(First Second, 2023)

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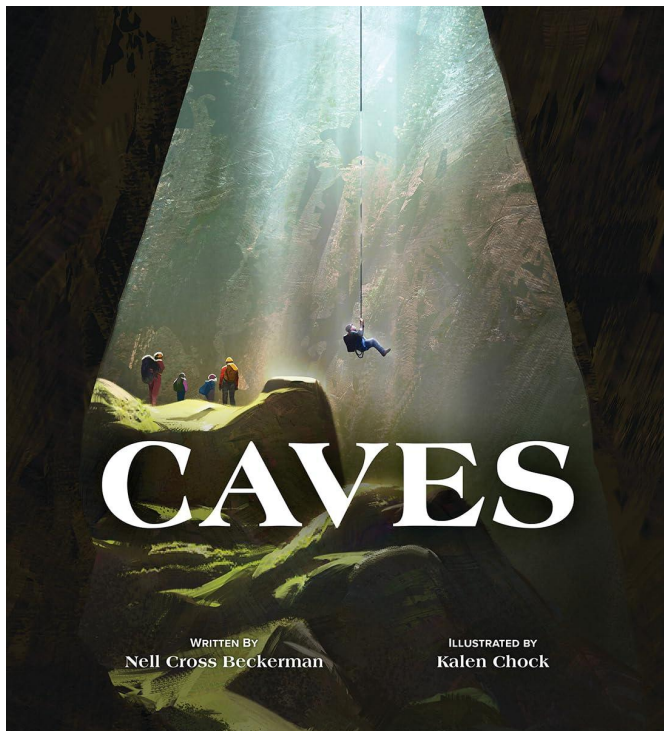


Whale Fall: Exploring an Ocean-floor Ecosystem

Melissa Stewart & Rob Dunlavey

(Random House Studio, an imprint of Random House Children's Books, 2023)

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Caves

Nell Cross Beckerman
& Kalen Chock

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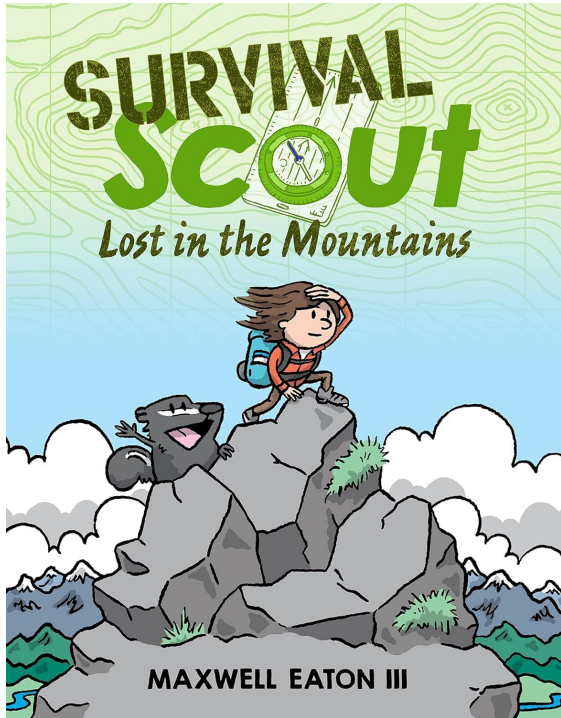


Glitter Everywhere: Where It Came From, Where It's Found & Where It's Going

Chris Barton & Chaaya Prabhat

(Charlesbridge, 2023)

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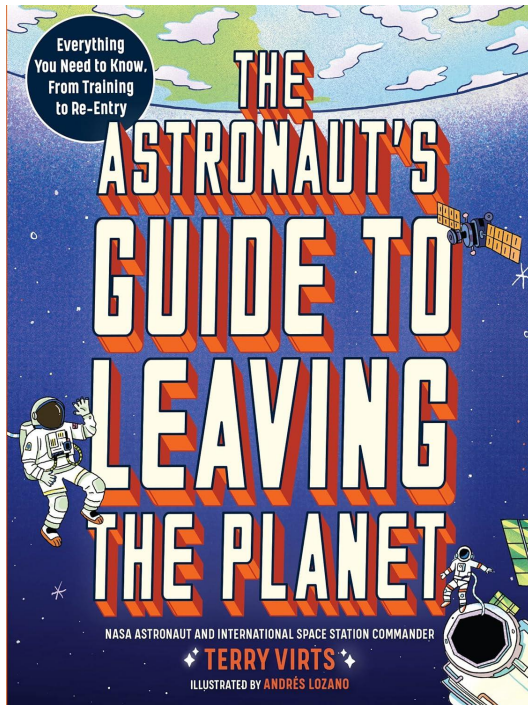


Survival Scout: Lost in the Mountains

Maxwell Eaton III

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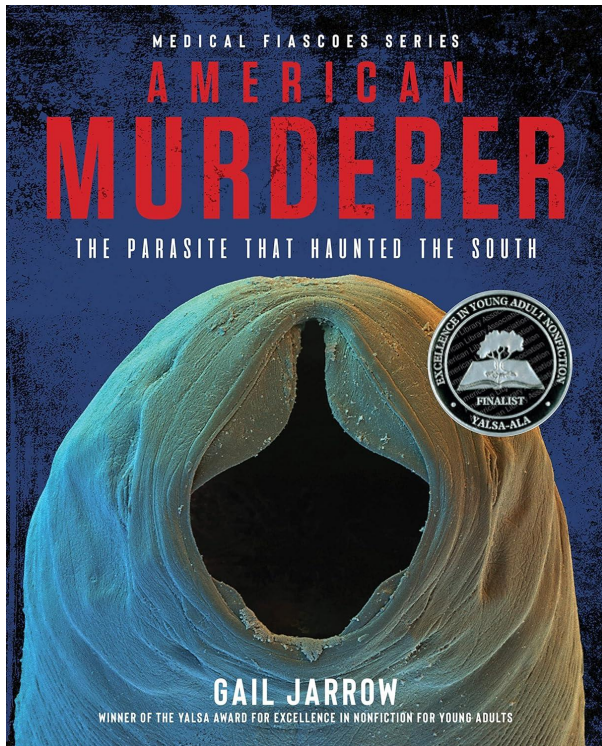


The Astronaut's Guide to Leaving the Planet

Terry Virts

(Workman Publishing Company, 2023)

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American Murderer: The Parasite That Haunted the South

Gail Jarrow

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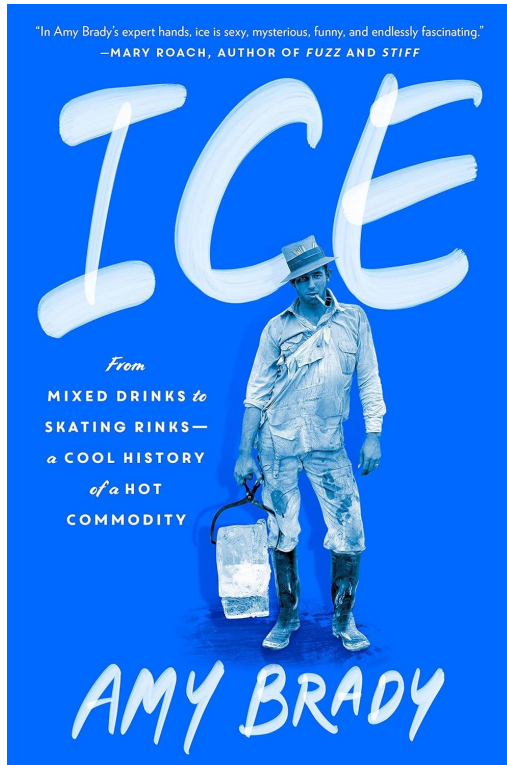


How to Speak Whale: A Voyage Into the Future of Animal Communication

Tom Mustill

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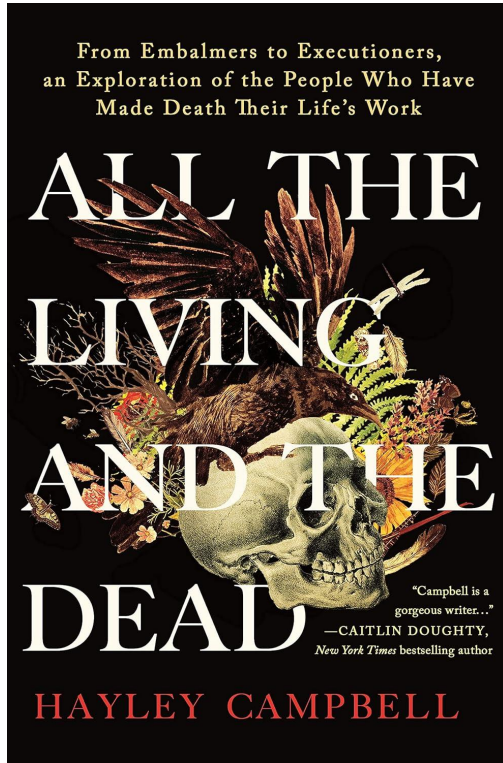


Ice: From Mixed Drinks to Skating Rinks—a Cool History of a Hot Commodity

Amy Brady

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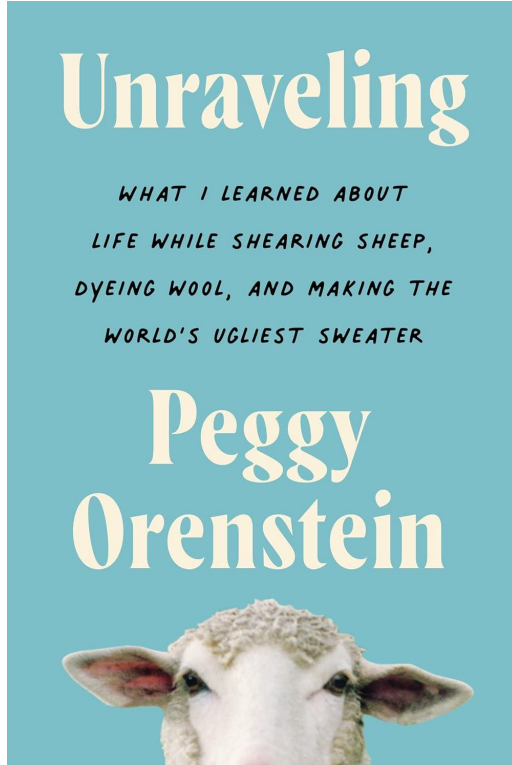


All the Living and the Dead: From Embalmers to Executioners, an Exploration of the People Who Have Made Death Their Life's Work

Hayley Campbell

(St. Martin's Press, an imprint of St. Martin's Publishing Group, 2022)

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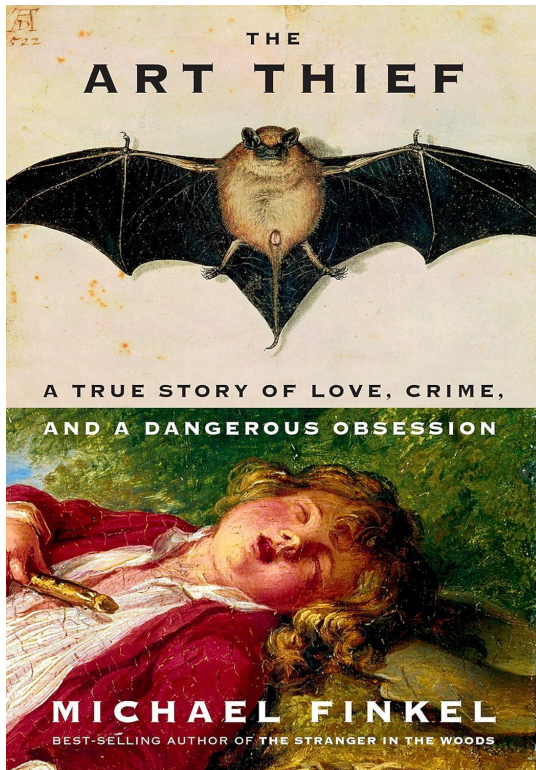


Unraveling: What I Learned About Life While Shearing Sheep, Dyeing Wool, and Making the World's Ugliest Sweater

Peggy Orenstein

(Harper, an imprint of HarperCollins
Publishers, 2023)

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The Art Thief: A True Story of Love, Crime, and a Dangerous Obsession

Michael Finkel

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How to Take Over the World



Ryan North

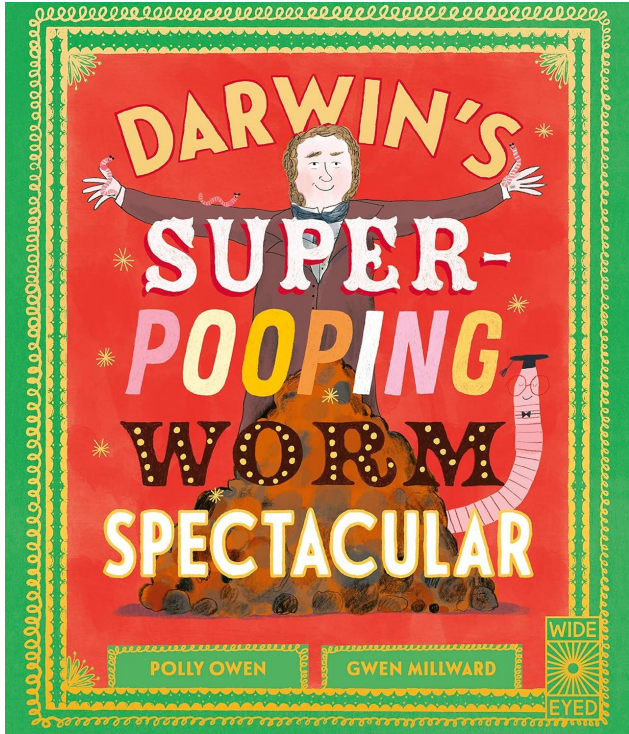
New York Times bestselling author

*How to Take Over the World:
Practical Schemes and
Scientific Solutions for the
Aspiring Supervillain*

Ryan North

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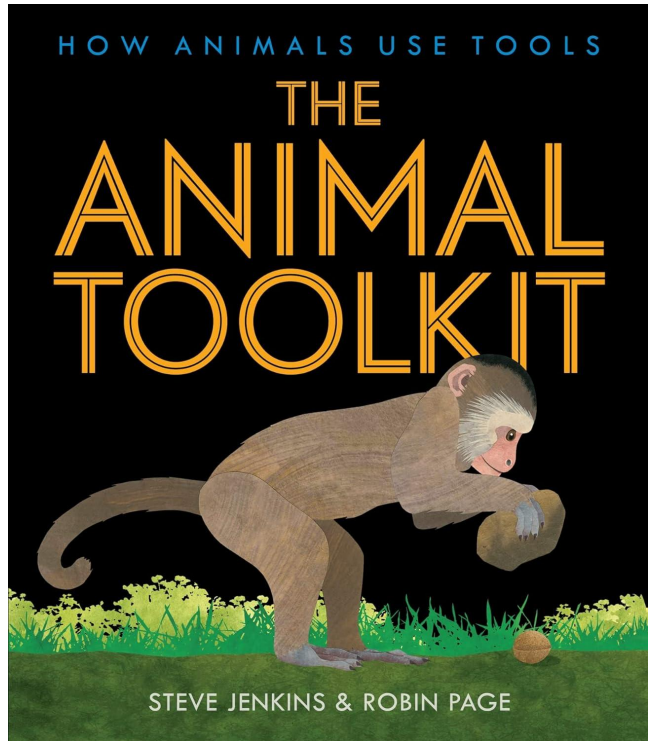


Darwin's Super-pooing Worm Spectacular

Polly Owen and Gwen
Millward

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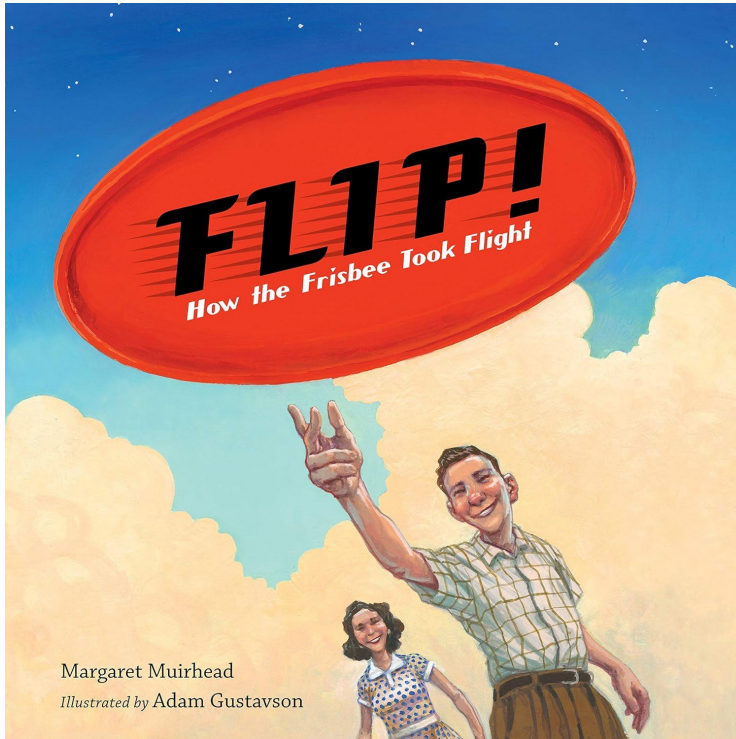


The Animal Toolkit: How Animals Use Tools

Steve Jenkins & Robin Page

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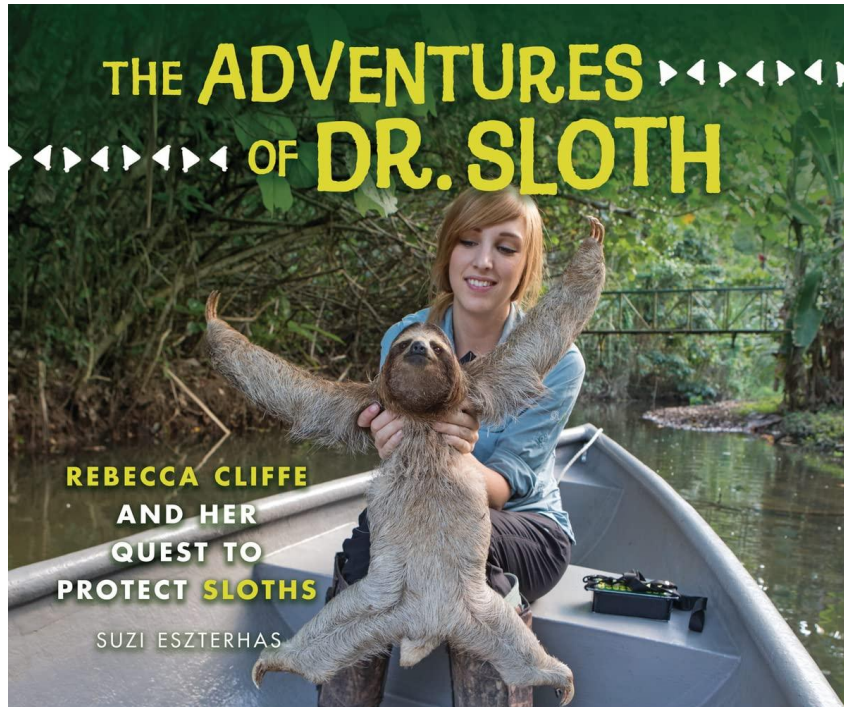


Flip: How the Frisbee Took Flight

Margaret Muirhead &
Adam Gustavson

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The Adventures of Dr. Sloth: Rebecca Cliffe and Her Quest to Protect Sloths

Suzi Eszterhaus

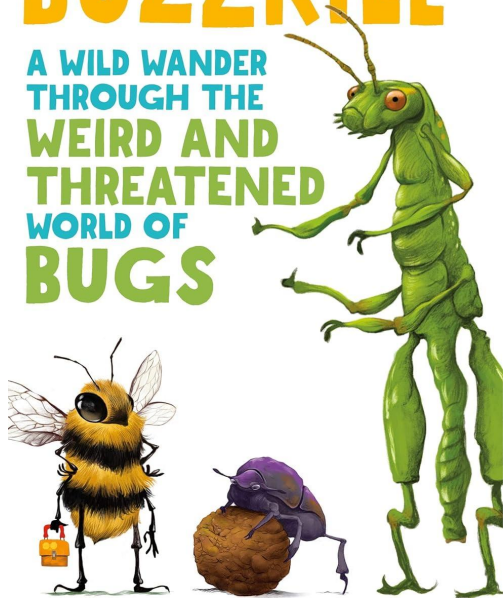
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BRENNA MALONEY

BUZZKILL

A WILD WANDER
THROUGH THE
WEIRD AND
THREATENED
WORLD OF
BUGS



*Buzzkill: A Wild Wander
Through the Weird and
Threatened World of Bugs*

Brenna Maloney

(Henry Holt and Company, 2022)

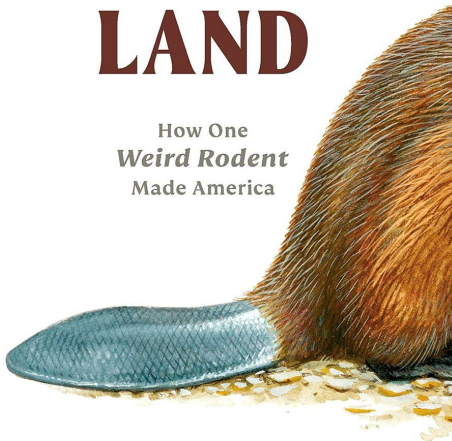
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BEAVER LAND

How One
Weird Rodent
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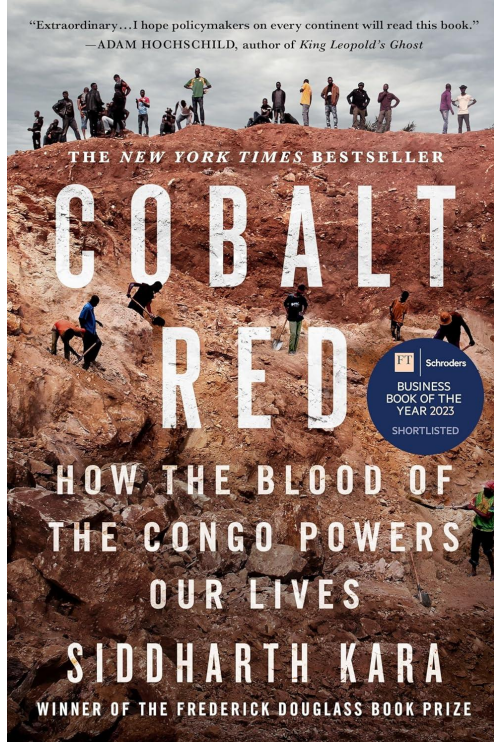


Beaverland: How One Weird Rodent Made America

Leila Philip

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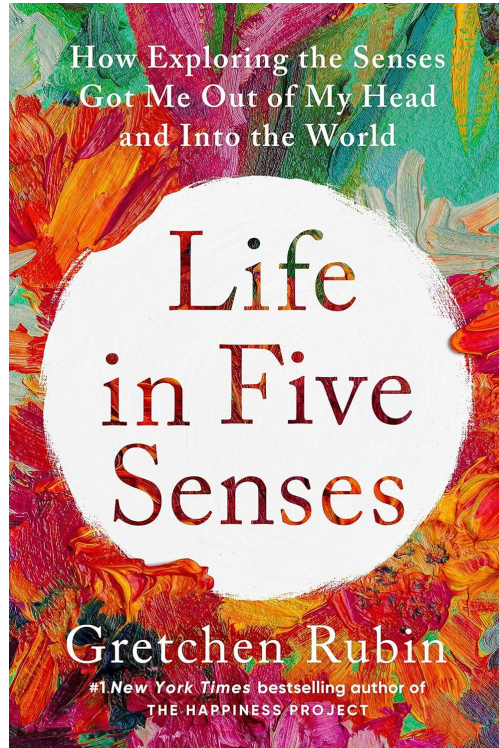


Cobalt Red: How the Blood of the Congo Powers Our Lives

Siddharth Kara

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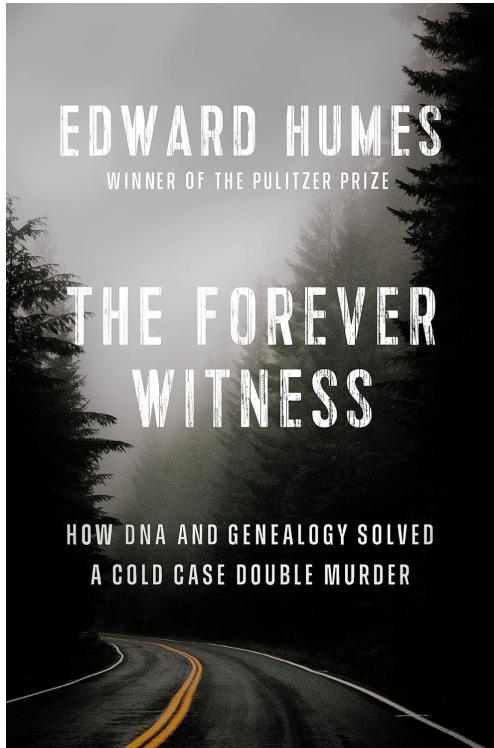


Live in Five Senses: How Exploring the Senses Got Me Out of My Head and Into the World

Gretchen Rubin

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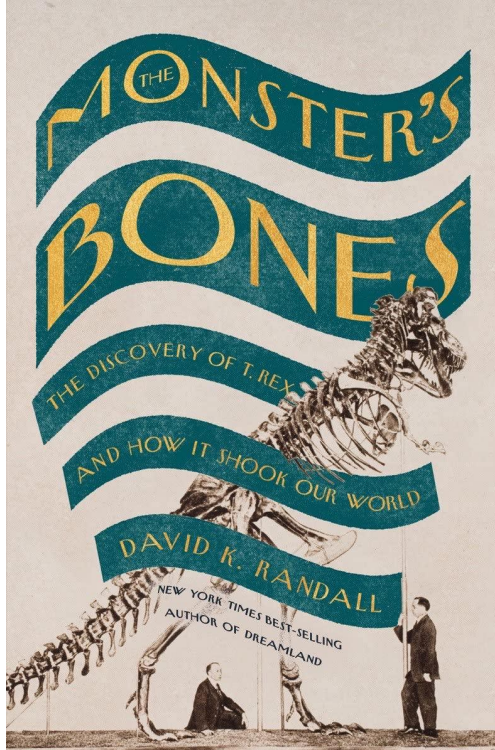


The Forever Witness: How DNA and Genealogy Solved a Cold Case Double Murder

Edward Humes

(Dutton, an imprint of Penguin Random House LLC, 2022)

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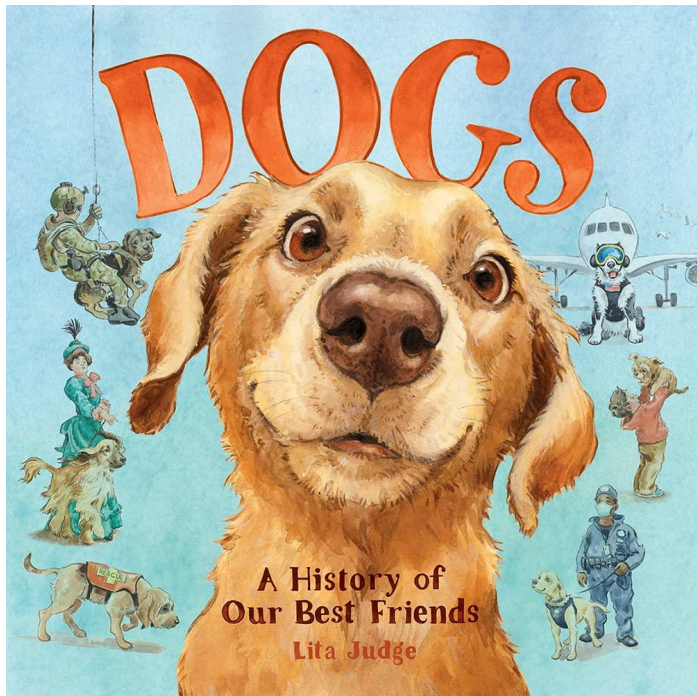


The Monster's Bones: The Discovery of the T.Rex and How It Shook Our World

David K. Randall

(W.W. Norton & Company, 2022)

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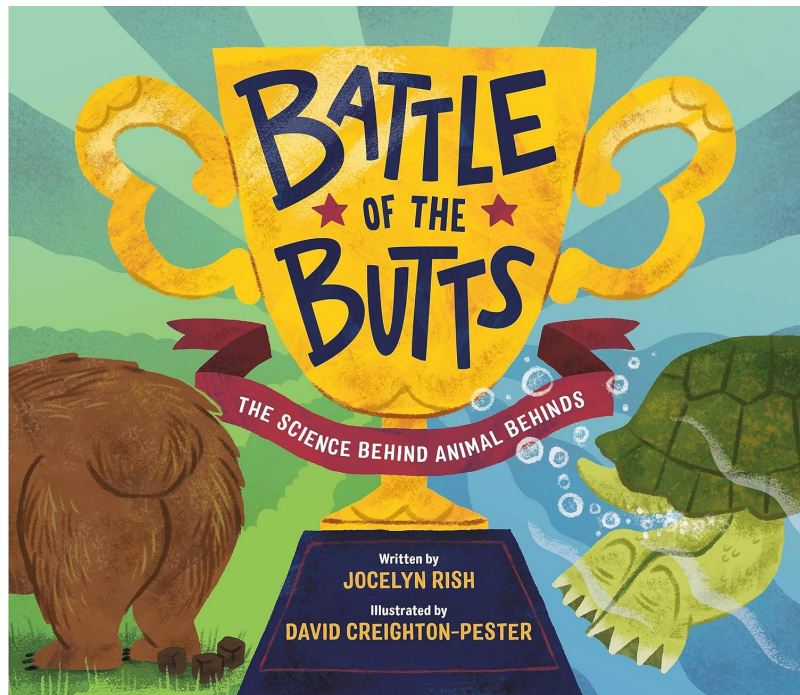


Dogs: A History of Our Best Friends

Lita Judge

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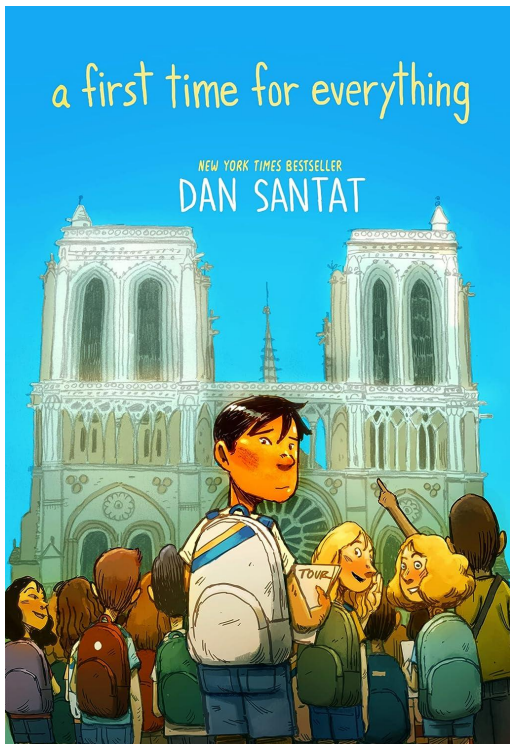


Battle of the Butts: The Science Behind Animal Behinds

Jocelyn Rish & David Creighton-Pester

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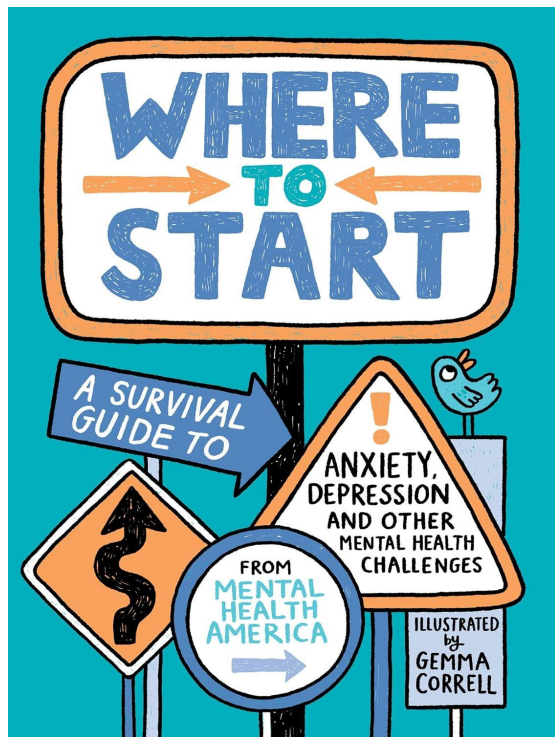


A First Time for Everything

Dan Santat

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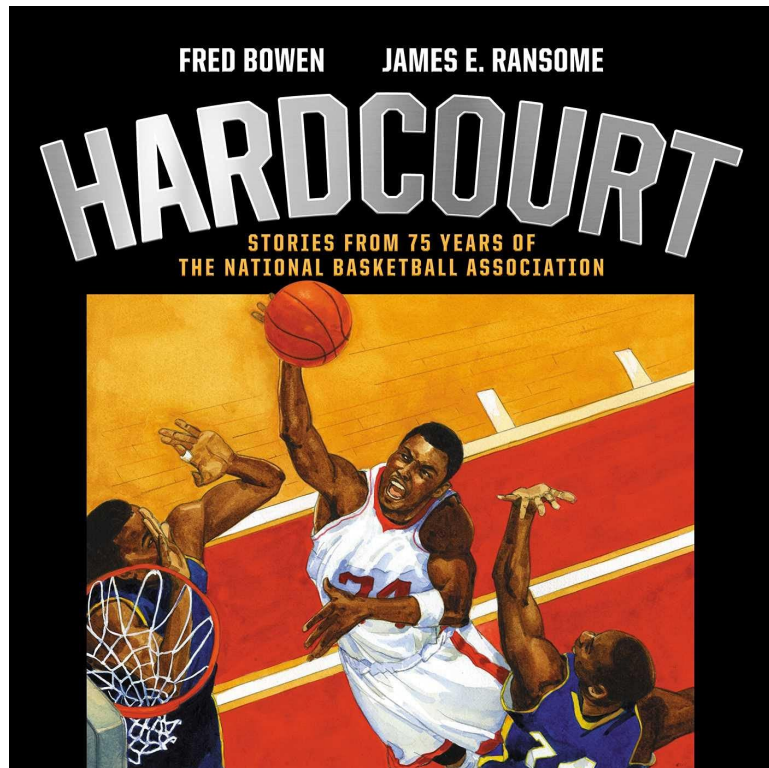


Where to Start: A Survival Guide to Anxiety, Depression, and Other Mental Health Challenges

Mental Health America & Gemma Correll

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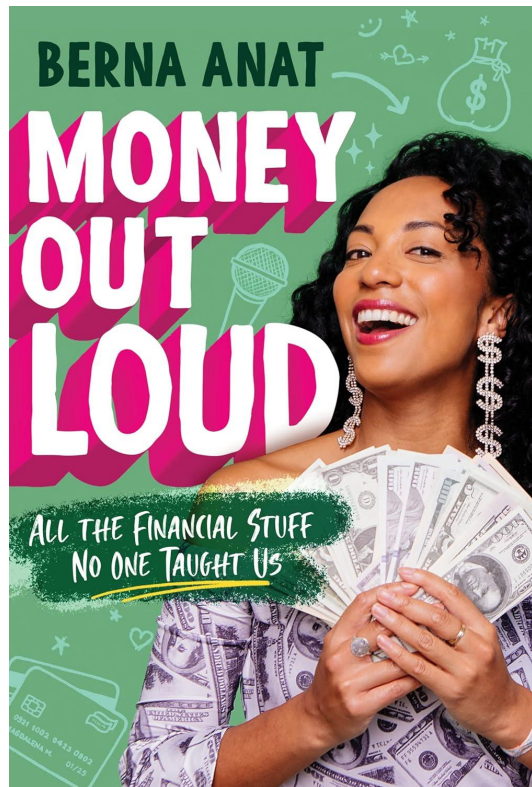


Hardcourt: Stories from 75 Years of the National Basketball Association

Fred Bowen & James E. Ransome

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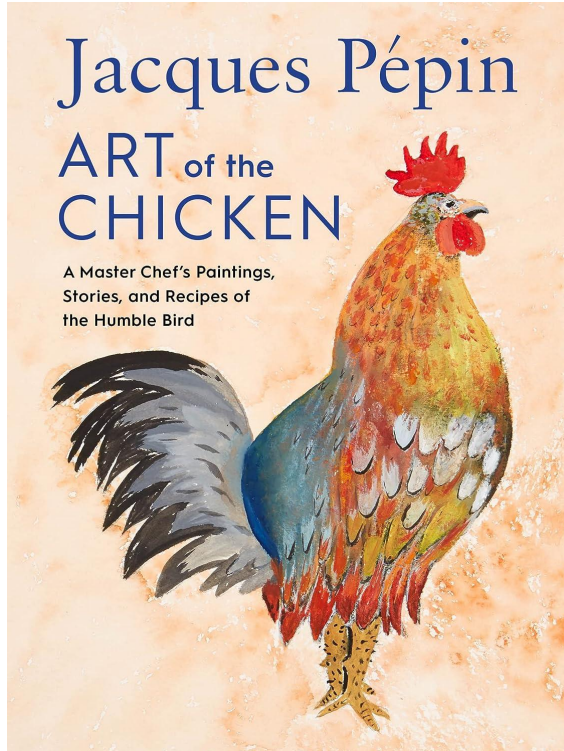


Money Out Loud: All the Financial Stuff No One Taught Us

Berna Anat

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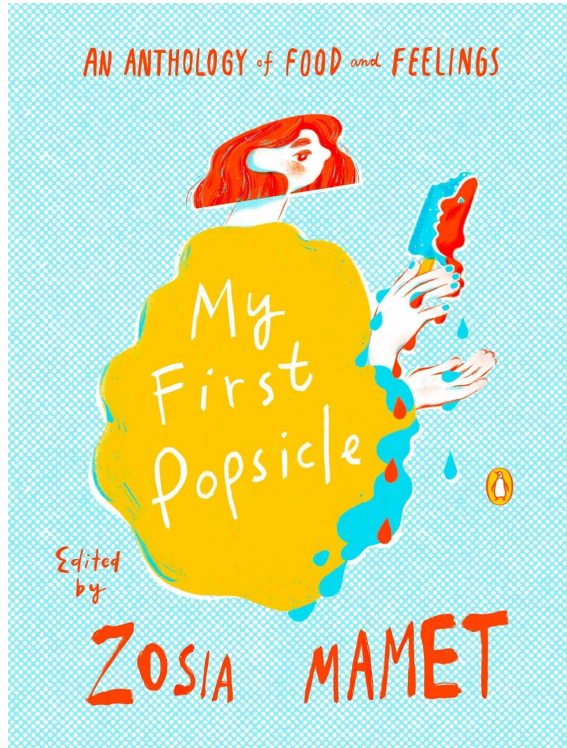


The Art of the Chicken: A Master Chef's Paintings, Stories, and Recipes of the Humble Bird

Jacque Pépin

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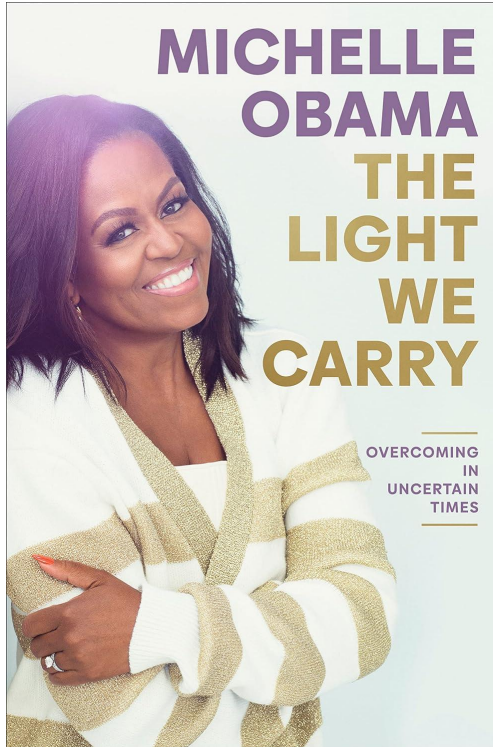


My First Popsicle: An Anthology of Food and Feelings

Edited by Zosia Mamet

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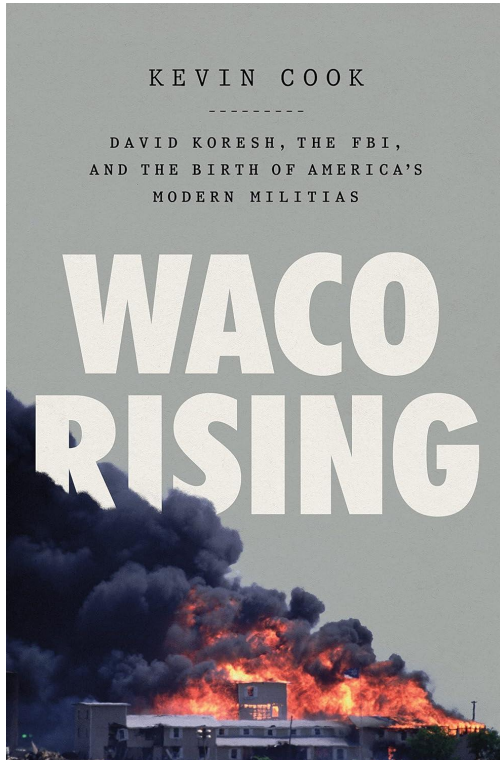


*The Light We Carry:
Overcoming in Uncertain
Times*

Michelle Obama

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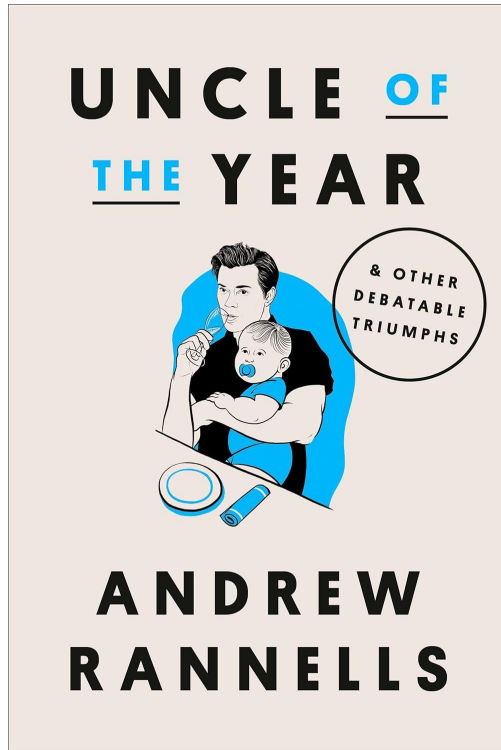


*Waco Rising: David Koresh,
the FBI, and the Birth of
America's Modern Militias*

Kevin Cook

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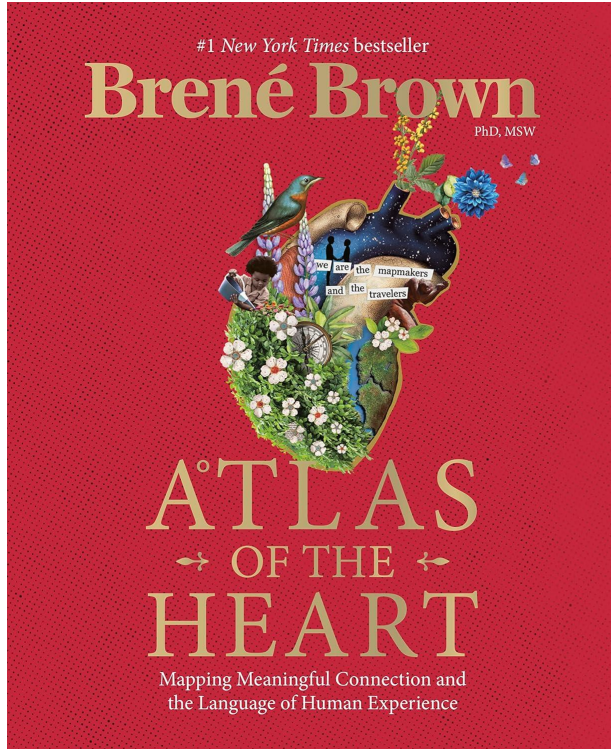


Uncle of the Year: & Other Debatable Triumphs

Andrew Rannells

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Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connection and the Language of Human Experience

Brené Brown

(Random House, an imprint of Penguin Random House LLC, 2021)

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