

PEOPLE WHO ARE NEURODIVERGENT

10 best books that feature neurodivergent characters, to read with children ages 4 and up.

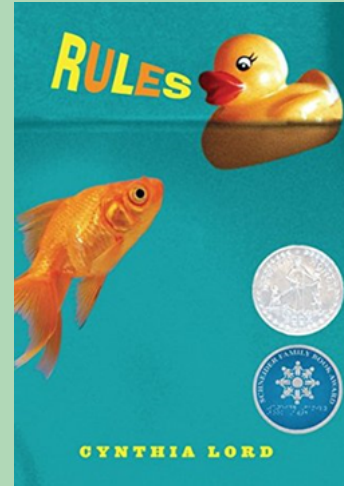


HOW TO BUILD A HUG

Guglielmo, Amy.

JB GRANDIN TEMPLE

One day, Temple had an idea. If she couldn't receive a hug, she would make one...she would build a hug machine!

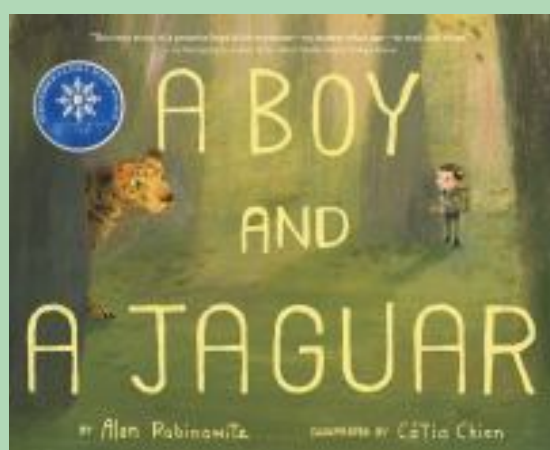


RULES

Cynthia Lord.

JF LORD

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.

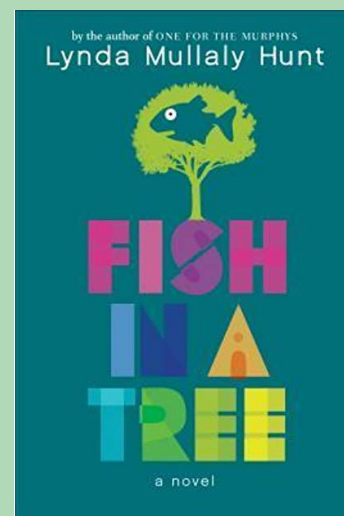


A BOY AND A JAGUAR

Rabinowitz, Alan.

j333.959 RABINOW

The renowned cat conservationist reflects on his early childhood struggles with a speech disorder, describing how he only spoke fluently when he was communicating with animals.

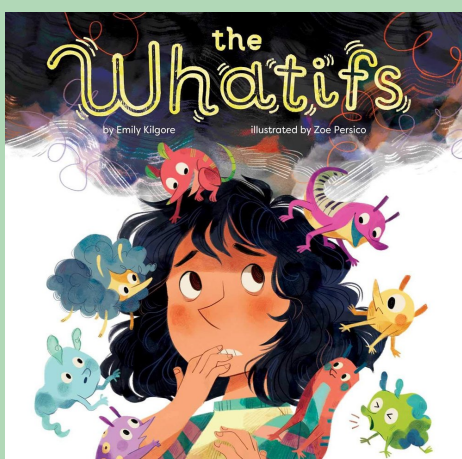


FISH IN A TREE

Lynda Mullaly Hunt.

JF HUNT

Ally's greatest fear is that everyone will find out she is as dumb as they think she is because she still doesn't know how to read.



THE WHATIFS

Kilgore, Emily.

JPB KILGORE

Cora, always bothered by the Whatifs, grows much more anxious before her piano recital but a fellow performer helps her imagine what could go right, rather than wrong.

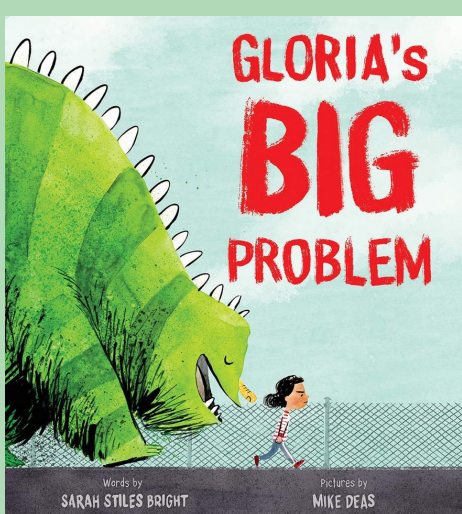


FORGET ME NOT

Ellie Terry.

JF TERRY

When her mother breaks up with yet another boyfriend, Calliope meets Jinsong at her latest middle school, who becomes her friend despite her Tourette Syndrome and the embarrassment it can cause.

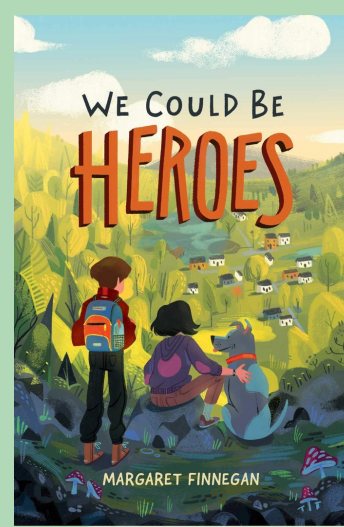


GLORIA'S BIG PROBLEM

Bright, Sarah Stiles.

JPB BRIGHT

Gloria loves to sing and play with her friends, but her Big Problem follows her around and tells her that she can't.

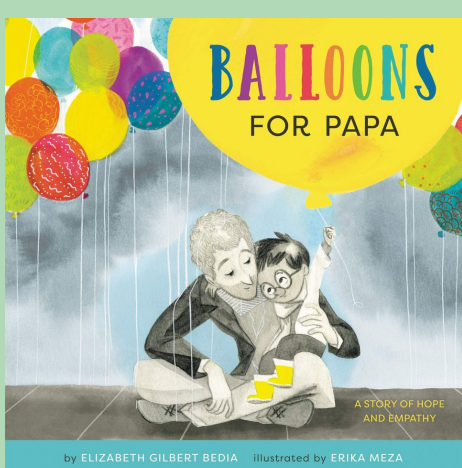


WE COULD BE HEROES

Finnegan, Margaret Mary.

JF FINNEGA

Fourth-graders Maisie and Hank, who has autism, become friends as they devise schemes to save a neighbor's dog, Booler, from being tied to a tree because of his epilepsy.

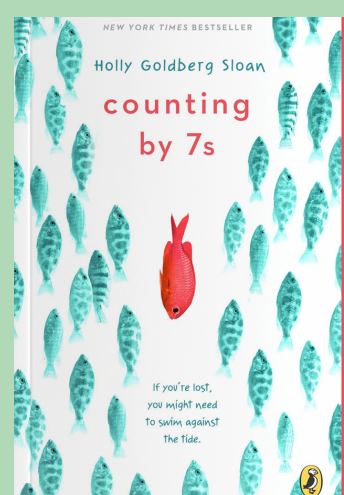


BALLOONS FOR PAPA

Bedia, Elizabeth Gilbert.

JPB BEDIA

Brimming with affecting and poignant words, beautiful black-and-white illustrations, and bursts of color on every page, this book sends the message that even in the worst situations, there is light and love.



COUNTING BY 7S

Sloan, Holly Goldberg.

JF SLOAN

Twelve-year-old genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family for herself after her parents die in a car accident.



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