



Buzzworthy Announcements

July 2024

Reviews



It Won't Ever Be the Same (9798885543842)
by Korie Leigh, Ph.D.

"A calm look at dealing with loss that acknowledges people's widely varying reactions."

— Kirkus Reviews



50 Strategies for Summer School (9798765974063)
by Ana Marie Hernandez

"An especially practical and effective resource for teachers (and homeschooling parents) seeking innovative and engaging approaches to summer learning for children."

— Library Bookwatch, Midwest Book Review

I'm Here (9798885543767)
by James J. Crist, Ph.D.

"Professional therapist Crist brings together his knowledge, experience, and skills to this teen-focused and friendly text that not only educates and informs readers about peer counseling strategies but also shows that they are not alone in their feelings."

— Booklist



Awards

Build Reading Fluency (9798765903216) is an 18th Annual National Indie Excellence Awards Finalist, Education

I Think I Think a Lot (9798885540087) is the 2023 Foreword INDIES Bronze Award Winner, Picture Books, Early Reader

Tap and Rap, Move and Groove (9798885540520) is a finalist for the CAL Awards, in the Book Cover Design: Children and the Illustration categories.

Interviews

Author Rasha Hamid was [interviewed about her new book Hello, Beech Tree!](#) (9798885540377) and [How to Bird](#) (9798885540346)(June 19).

Free Spirit acquisitions editor Deidra Purvis was [interviewed about book acquisitions](#) on the Loft Literary's blog. (June 5)

I Think I Think a Lot (9798885540087) author Jessica Whipple was [interviewed on the Neurodiversity Podcast](#) where she shares her personal experiences with OCD, the coping strategies she has developed, and the significance of representation in children's literature and the role of books in teaching coping skills. (May 30)

Blurbs/Endorsements

Praise for **Gender-Inclusive Schools** (9798885543965)

"As an educator, a teacher of teachers, and a parent, I have gained so much wisdom and so many inclusive strategies and tools from Dave Edwards. His message is clear, kind, practical, and powerful. If you work with children in any capacity, you should have this book in your possession. It might even help you save a child's life." —Shanie Israel, M.Ed., associate director of curriculum, professional development, and multicultural innovation, Montclair Kimberley Academy, Montclair, New Jersey

Praise for **It Won't Ever Be the Same** (9798885543842)

"Grief can be especially overwhelming in adolescence. Dr. Leigh provides a compassionate and carefully created roadmap to assist teens in learning how to healthfully grieve, a skill that will help them mightily throughout their lives." — Adam Dorsay, Psy.D., psychologist and host of the award-winning *SuperPsyched* podcast

Praise for **Sometimes When I'm Jealous** (9798885540919)

"A must-have for any child who is experiencing a divorce. Papa and Pearl shows the challenges of divorce for a child while still honoring the love and joy they can find in their new normal."—Tracy C. Gold, author of *Call Your Mother*

Praise for **Hesitant to Homeschool?** (9798885546751)

"An outstanding book! It will validate your instincts about homeschooling and demonstrate that you are indeed the homeschooling type. But after you start homeschooling, keep the book handy—it's brimming with fantastic ideas you'll want to explore!"—Heather Martinson, Celebration Education



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Features, Articles & Highlights

The Children's Book Council profiled these Free Spirit titles in their [Imagination Celebration Showcase](#): *Addy's Chair to Everywhere* (9798765922477), *You Wonder All the Time* (9781631986987), *You Made Fun of My Sandwich* (9798765922538), and *Dragons on the Inside (And Other Big Feelings)* (9781631985409).

Homeschool of One listed *180 Days of Social Studies for Sixth Grade* (9781425813987) as a resource for [building a civics curriculum](#). (June 15)

Krista Weltner, author of the *Everyday Adventures with Molly* and Dyslexia series (*Molly's Great Discovery*, 9798885540254; *Molly Tells the World*, 9798885540285; *Molly Finds a Way*, 9798885540315), was interviewed on Canvas Rebel to [talk about her publishing and creative journey](#). (June 17)

Events

Author Events:

Rachel Funez, *Sonia and the Super-Duper Disaster* (9798885543903) takes on storytime:

- July 24: Parachute Library, Parachute, CO
- July 25: Rifle Library, Rifle, CO
- July 26: Glenwood Springs Library, Glenwood Springs, CO
- July 27: New Castle Library, New Castle, CO
- July 30: with signing at Second Store to the Right Bookstore, Denver, CO

Debi Novotny, *Addy's Chair to Everywhere* (9798765922477)

- August 24: storytime and signing at Barnes & Noble, Chandler, AZ

American Library Association Recap

We had a fantastic time meeting our librarian partners in sunny San Diego June 28th – July 1st. Here is a quick recap of what you told us:

Hands are Not for Hitting (9781575422008) is one of the most popular titles in the library and has helped millions of caregivers! In fact several titles in the *Best Behavior Board Book Series* are highly recommended by librarians: *Teeth are Not for Biting* (9781575421285), *Feet are Not for Kicking* (9781575421582), *Germies are Not for Sharing* (9781575421964), and *Diapers are Not Forever* (9781575422961).

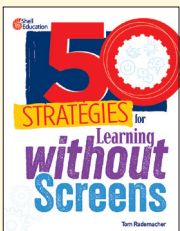
Librarians love our *Food Justice Series* and appreciated Author, Erik Talkin signing ALL of his titles!

Lulu and the Hunger Monster (9781631985461), *Jesse and the Snack Food Genie* (9781631987403), *Frankie versus the Food Phantom* (9781631987434)

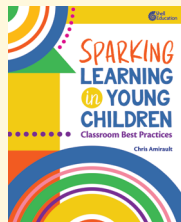
Our Thank You Night (9798885546737) Advanced Review Copy signed by Author Dan McCauley and Illustrated by Jo Loring-Fisher is a great addition to storytime and is beautifully illustrated with a heart-warming message.



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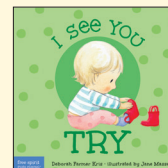
50 Strategies for Learning without Screens (Paperback)
9798765965733



Sparking Learning in Young Children (Paperback)
9798765971956



I See You Smile (Board Book)
9798885540735



I See You Try (Board Book)
9798885540759



Sonia and the Super-Duper Disaster (Hardcover)
9798885543903



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