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### **Kid Innovators**

Hilarious childhood biographies and full-color illustrations show how Tiger Woods, Gabby Douglas, Bruce Lee, Billie Jean King, and other budding sports champions faced kid-sized challenges growing up. Forget the gold medals, the championships, and the undefeated seasons. When all-star athletes were growing up, they had

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regular-kid problems just like you. Baseball legend Babe Ruth was such a troublemaker, his family sent him to reform school. Race car champion Danica Patrick fended off bullies who told her “girls can’t drive.” And football superstar Peyton Manning was forced to dance the tango in his school play. Kid Athletes tells all of their stories and more with full-color cartoon illustrations on every page. Other subjects include Billie Jean King, Jackie Robinson, Yao Ming, Gabby Douglas, Tiger Woods, Julie Krone, Bruce Lee, Muhammad Ali, Bobby Orr, Lionel Messi, and more!

### **The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian**

Bestselling author Sherman Alexie tells the story of Junior, a budding cartoonist growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Determined to take his future into his own hands, Junior leaves his troubled school on the rez to attend an all-white farm town high school where the only other Indian is the school mascot. Heartbreaking, funny, and beautifully written, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, which is based on the author's own experiences, coupled with poignant drawings by Ellen Forney that reflect the character's art, chronicles the contemporary adolescence of one Native American boy as he attempts to break away from the life he was destined to live. With a forward by Markus Zusak, interviews with Sherman Alexie and Ellen Forney, and four-color interior art throughout, this edition is perfect for fans and collectors alike.

## **Blades of Glory**

Woods rocketed to fame in 1997 after his spectacular victory at the Masters Golf Tournament in Augusta, Georgia. Even those not interested in the game of golf were suddenly struck by this talented and articulate young man. Now young readers can follow his career from the first time he hit a ball at age 9 months, through his days as a junior champion in grade school and high school, on to Stanford University where he turned professional in his second year of college, and finally a detailed look at some of his most spectacular victories.

## **Before We Were Yours**

This action-packed biography gives readers an inside look at the career of basketball superstar Zion Williamson. Filled with exciting photos, compelling text, and informative sidebars, this book is sure to be a hit with young basketball fans.

## **Swat Team Members in Action**

The true story of Fauja Singh, who broke world records to become the first one hundred-year-old to run a marathon, shares valuable lessons on the source of his grit, determination to overcome obstacles, and commitment to positive

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representation of the Sikh community. Every step forward is a victory. Fauja Singh was born determined. He was also born with legs that wouldn't allow him to play cricket with his friends or carry him to school miles from his village in Punjab. But that didn't stop him. Working on his family's farm, Fauja grew stronger to meet his own full potential. He never stopped striving. At the age of 81, after a lifetime of making his body, mind, and heart stronger, Fauja decided to run his first marathon. He went on to break records all around the world and became the first person over 100 to complete the grueling long-distance race. With exuberant text by Simran Jeet Singh and exhilarating illustrations by Baljinder Kaur, the true story of Fauja Singh reminds us that it's both where we start and how we finish that make our journeys unforgettable.

### **Maniac Magee**

A six-time NBA All-Star, Wardell Stephen Curry II (known as Stephen) was named the NBA Most Valuable Player twice and won three NBA championships. He was largely thought of as the greatest shooter in NBA history. Curry was the first player in NBA history to be elected MVP by a unanimous vote and to lead the league in scoring. Curry's father was former NBA player Dell Curry. The family's support of his father instilled a deep love of basketball in Curry, and led to him becoming one of the top record-setters in the sport.

## **Garvey's Choice**

A Newbery Medal winning modern classic about a racially divided small town and a boy who runs. Jeffrey Lionel "Maniac" Magee might have lived a normal life if a freak accident hadn't made him an orphan. After living with his unhappy and uptight aunt and uncle for eight years, he decides to run--and not just run away, but run. This is where the myth of Maniac Magee begins, as he changes the lives of a racially divided small town with his amazing and legendary feats.

## **Ask a Manager**

ZJ's friends Ollie, Darry and Daniel help him cope when his father, a beloved professional football player, suffers severe headaches and memory loss that spell the end of his career.

## **The Battle of the Alamo**

Have you ever had a dream? How did you make that dream come true? Dave McGillivray is a world-renowned athlete, entrepreneur, captivating motivational speaker, and philanthropist. He's also the director of the Boston Marathon, the world's oldest and maybe most famous annual race! But he wasn't always so

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accomplished. In *Dream Big: A True Story of Courage and Determination*, his nonfiction picture book for readers ages 6 to 10, Dave shares his unique, true story about reaching deep and showing extreme determination in the face of doubt, disappointment, and loss. In *Dream Big: A True Story of Courage and Determination*, Dave is a small kid who wants more than anything to be a professional athlete. But there's one problem. You have to be tall to play basketball. You have to be big to play football. And Dave? He's little, but his dreams are BIG. He turns to running, because you don't have to be big to be a marathon runner! But you do need to train. And Dave doesn't do much training before he crosses his first starting line of the Boston Marathon. Which is probably why he doesn't quite cross the finish line on his first attempt at the famous race. But his Grandpa believes in him, and that's enough to make Dave train hard for the next Boston Marathon. But will his Grandpa be there to see him succeed? Kids and grownups alike will be inspired by Dave's story of passion, determination, and grit. Nomad Press's first foray into the genre of nonfiction picture books, *Dream Big* delivers on all the promise you'd expect from a vibrant, real-life character paired with an award-winning fine artist. Together, Dave McGillivray and Ron Himler create a story that is heartwarming, inspiring, and beautifully presented.

### **Becoming a True Champion**

An exposé of high school hockey as reflected by the author's season-long

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relationship with the Bloomington Jefferson Jaguars describes the tremendous pressure and other factors contributing to their championship status, citing such issues as divorce, teen suicide, and performance-enhancing drugs. 25,000 first printing.

### **Sacagawea**

Moving, funny, and totally true childhood biographies and full-color illustrations tell stories from the early years of a diverse group of innovators like Grace Hopper, Reshma Saujani, Jacques Cousteau, Jonas Salk, Alan Turing, Walt Disney, and more. Every innovator started out as a kid--and in some cases, were kids when they began experimenting with ideas to change the world! Kid Innovators tells the stories of a diverse group of trailblazers in fields like technology, education, business, science, art, and entertainment. Featuring kid-friendly text and full color illustrations on nearly every page, readers will learn about the exciting discoveries, advancements, and inventions made by Grace Hopper, Steve Jobs, Bill Gates, Reshma Saujani, Jacques Cousteau, the Wright Brothers, William Kamkwamba, Elon Musk, Alan Turing, Hedy Lamarr, Jonas Salk, Florence Nightingale, Maria Montessori, Madam C.J. Walker, Walt Disney, and Alvin Ailey.

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Recipient of the Seal of Approval by Catholic Writer's Guild! This best selling treasury of stories for children is now into its second edition. Two new stories include the children of Fatima and St. Germaine Cousin. Readers will be enlightened by a gallery of photos showing actual sites of these documented miracles. Delightful pen and ink illustrations complement the text. Here is the perfect First Communion gift sure to inspire young and old alike.

### **A Stranger at Home**

In today's modern world, young girls have many women to look up to, such as Michelle Obama, Oprah Winfrey, and Rachel Maddow. In the 1800s, however, it was harder to find strong female role models. Sacagawea is one of those rare figures. Little is known about the incredible woman who acted as both guide and translator on the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Step into this book to find out what we do know, the questions we're still asking, and why she is still considered a strong voice for female rights and values. Book jacket.

### **Before the Ever After**

This action-packed biography gives readers an inside look at the career of hockey superstar Patrick Kane. Filled with exciting photos, compelling text, and

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informative sidebars, this book is sure to be a hit with young hockey fans.

### **Jocks**

Funny and totally true childhood biographies and full-color illustrations tell tales from the challenging yet defining growing-up years of Albert Einstein, Jane Goodall, Marie Curie, and 12 other brilliant scientists. Every great scientist started out as a kid. Before their experiments, inventions, and discoveries that changed the world, the world's most celebrated scientists had regular-kid problems just like you. Stephen Hawking hated school, and preferred to spend his free time building model airplanes, inventing board games, and even building his own computer. Jane Goodall got in trouble for bringing worms and snails into her house. And Neil deGrasse Tyson had to start a dog-walking business to save up money to buy a telescope. Kid Scientists tells the stories of a diverse and inclusive group—also including Temple Grandin, Nikola Tesla, Ada Lovelace, Benjamin Franklin, Isaac Newton, Rosalind Franklin, Sally Ride, Rachel Carson, George Washington Carver, and Vera Rubin—through kid-friendly texts and full-color cartoon illustrations on nearly every page.

### **Tiger Woods**

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Funny and totally true childhood biographies and full-color illustrations tell the tales from the challenging yet defining growing-up years of J. K. Rowling, Beverly Cleary, J. R. R. Tolkien, and 12 other great writers. Every great author started out as a kid. Before the best sellers, fan clubs, and beloved stories we know today, the world's most celebrated writers had regular-kid problems just like you. Sam Clemens (aka Mark Twain) loved to skip school and make mischief, with his best friend Tom, of course! A young J. R. R. Tolkien was bitten by a huge tarantula—or as he called it, “a spider as big as a dragon.” Toddler Zora Neale Hurston took her first steps when a wild hog entered her house and started chasing her! Kid Authors tells their stories and more—the diverse and inclusive cast that includes Roald Dahl, Beverly Cleary, J. K. Rowling, Jules Verne, Lewis Carroll, Stan Lee—through kid-friendly texts and full-color cartoon illustrations on nearly every page.

### **Kid Presidents**

The hottest young basketball players are already tearing up the court. Basketball's New Wave gives readers a front-row seat to this transition from one generation to the next, with pages full of information about these players, where they came from, and what makes them stand out.

### **Kid Authors**

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This action-packed biography gives readers an inside look at the career of basketball superstar Kawhi Leonard. Filled with exciting photos, compelling text, and informative sidebars, this book is sure to be a hit with young basketball fans.

### **Kawhi Leonard**

Looks at the experiences of a young Inuit girl returning from a residential religious school, where she is not recognized by her mother and is seen as an outsider.

### **Fauja Singh Keeps Going**

A Kirkus Reviews Best Book of the Year A School Library Journal Best Book of the Year Garvey's father has always wanted Garvey to be athletic, but Garvey is interested in astronomy, science fiction, reading--anything but sports. Feeling like a failure, he comforts himself with food. Garvey is kind, funny, smart, a loyal friend, and he is also overweight, teased by bullies, and lonely. When his only friend encourages him to join the school chorus, Garvey's life changes. The chorus finds a new soloist in Garvey, and through chorus, Garvey finds a way to accept himself, and a way to finally reach his distant father--by speaking the language of music instead of the language of sports. This emotionally resonant novel in verse by award-winning author Nikki Grimes celebrates choosing to be true to yourself.

## **All about Julia Morgan**

!--[if gte mso 9] 800x600 ![endif]-- New York Times bestseller Boys can be anything they want to be! This timely book joins and expands the gender-role conversation and gives middle-grade boys a welcome alternative message: that masculinity can mean many things. You won't find any stories of slaying dragons or saving princesses here. In Stories for Boys Who Dare to Be Different, author Ben Brooks-with the help of Quinton Winton's striking full-color illustrations-offers a welcome alternative narrative: one that celebrates introverts and innovators, sensitivity and resilience, individuality and expression. It's an accessible compilation of 75 famous and not-so-famous men from the past to the present day, every single one of them a rule-breaker and stereotype-smasher in his own way. Entries include Frank Ocean, Salvador Dali, Beethoven, Barack Obama, Ai Weiwei, Jesse Owens, and so many more-heroes from all walks of life and from all over the world.

## **Heavenly Hosts**

This book relays the factual details of the Battle of the Alamo that took place in 1836 during the Texas Revolution. The narrative provides multiple accounts of the event, and readers learn details through the point of view of a Texan army commander, a Mexican soldier, and a survivor at the Alamo. The text offers

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opportunities to compare and contrast various perspectives in the text while gathering and analyzing information about a historical event.

### **Patrick Kane**

Hilarious childhood biographies and full-color illustrations show how George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt, Barack Obama, and other presidents-to-be faced kid-sized problems growing up in America. Every president started out as a kid! Forget the legends, tall tales, and historic achievements—before they were presidents, the future leaders of the United States had regular-kid problems just like you. John F. Kennedy hated his big brother. Lyndon Johnson pulled pranks in class. Barack Obama was bothered by bullies. And Bill Clinton was crazy clumsy (he once broke his leg jumping rope). Kid Presidents tells all of their stories and more with full-color cartoon illustrations on every page. History has never been this much fun!

### **Kid Activists**

My Place is Sally Morgan's rich, zesty and moving story of her childhood and growing up in Perth, Western Australia. It tells how she gradually came to realise the truth about her family and their heritage. In its original edition, My Place was

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warmly and enthusiastically received by readers and critics. This new edition has been adapted for younger readers.

### **Sequoyah and His Talking Leaves**

Hilarious childhood biographies and full-color illustrations reveal how Leonardo da Vinci, Beatrix Potter, Keith Haring, and other great artists in history coped with regular-kid problems. Every great artist started out as a kid. Forget the awards, the sold-out museum exhibitions, and the timeless masterpieces. When the world's most celebrated artists were growing up, they had regular-kid problems just like you. Jackson Pollock's family moved constantly—he lived in eight different cities before he was sixteen years old. Georgia O'Keeffe lived in the shadow of her "perfect" older brother Francis. And Jean-Michel Basquiat triumphed over poverty to become one of the world's most influential artists. Kid Artists tells their stories and more with full-color cartoon illustrations on nearly every page. Other subjects include Claude Monet, Jacob Lawrence, Leonardo da Vinci, Vincent van Gogh, Pablo Picasso, Frida Kahlo, Beatrix Potter, Yoko Ono, Dr. Seuss, Emily Carr, Keith Haring, Charles Schulz, and Louise Nevelson.

### **Kid Scientists**

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Funny and totally true childhood biographies and full-color illustrations tell the tales from the challenging yet defining growing-up years of great writers, artists, athletes, and presidents.

### **Kid Athletes**

Presents a dramatization of the life of Sequoyah, the man who created the Cherokee syllabary allowing the Cherokee language to be written down.

### **Stories for Boys Who Dare to Be Different**

THE BLOCKBUSTER HIT—Over two million copies sold! A New York Times, USA Today, Wall Street Journal, and Publishers Weekly Bestseller Look for Lisa Wingate's powerful new historical novel, *The Book of Lost Friends*, available now! "Poignant, engrossing."—People • "Lisa Wingate takes an almost unthinkable chapter in our nation's history and weaves a tale of enduring power."—Paula McLain *Memphis*, 1939. Twelve-year-old Rill Foss and her four younger siblings live a magical life aboard their family's Mississippi River shantyboat. But when their father must rush their mother to the hospital one stormy night, Rill is left in charge—until strangers arrive in force. Wrenched from all that is familiar and thrown into a Tennessee Children's Home Society orphanage, the Foss children are

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assured that they will soon be returned to their parents—but they quickly realize the dark truth. At the mercy of the facility's cruel director, Rill fights to keep her sisters and brother together in a world of danger and uncertainty. Aiken, South Carolina, present day. Born into wealth and privilege, Avery Stafford seems to have it all: a successful career as a federal prosecutor, a handsome fiancé, and a lavish wedding on the horizon. But when Avery returns home to help her father weather a health crisis, a chance encounter leaves her with uncomfortable questions and compels her to take a journey through her family's long-hidden history, on a path that will ultimately lead either to devastation or to redemption. Based on one of America's most notorious real-life scandals—in which Georgia Tann, director of a Memphis-based adoption organization, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country—Lisa Wingate's riveting, wrenching, and ultimately uplifting tale reminds us how, even though the paths we take can lead to many places, the heart never forgets where we belong. Publishers Weekly's #3 Longest-Running Bestseller of 2017 • Winner of the Southern Book Prize • If All Arkansas Read the Same Book Selection This edition includes a new essay by the author about shantyboat life.

### **Sally's Story**

Through first-hand accounts, interviews with survivors, powerful images, and primary sources, award-winning children's author Cheryl Mullenbach brings to life

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the pre-war environment in both America and Europe. *Torpedoed!* vividly re-creates the events surrounding the sinking of the SS Athenia, the first ship lost in the battle of the Atlantic during World War II. The amazing stories of fear and hope are recounted through the words of two American children onboard that day.

### **Torpedoed!**

Moving, relatable, and totally true childhood biographies of Martin Luther King Jr., Susan B. Anthony, Helen Keller, Malala Yousafzai, and 12 other inspiring activists. Every activist started out as a kid—and in some cases they were kids when their activism began! But even the world's greatest champions of civil liberties had relatable interests and problems--often in the middle of extraordinary circumstances. Martin Luther King, Jr. loved fashion, and argued with his dad about whether or not dancing was a sin. Harvey Milk had a passion for listening to opera music in different languages. Dolores Huerta was once wrongly accused of plagiarizing in school. *Kid Activists* tells these childhood stories and more through kid-friendly texts and full-color cartoon illustrations on nearly every page. The diverse and inclusive group encompasses Susan B. Anthony, James Baldwin, Ruby Bridges, Frederick Douglass, Alexander Hamilton, Dolores Huerta, Helen Keller, Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela, Iqbal Masih, Harvey Milk, Janet Mock, Rosa Parks, Autumn Peltier, Emma Watson, and Malala Yousafzai.

## **Basketball's New Wave**

Julia Morgan was born into a world that doubted the ability of women, but her mother and grandmother taught her not to listen. Not only did she graduate college as the only woman in her class getting a degree in civil engineering, she went on to attend Beaux-Arts in Paris. As the best architecture school in the world, many were surprised when she passed the entrance exams, and even more so when she finished the five-year program in three years! After becoming the first woman to receive an architecture license in California, she opened her own business and was quickly singled out by William Hearst, who admired her imaginative style and unique projects. With his funding, she built Hearst Castle, one of the most famous buildings in California. It was her largest and most complex project, but by no means her last. She went on to build and advocate for the YWCA and Mills College, which both worked to advance women's opportunities.

## **Kid Legends**

"A "mind-blowing, page-turning, unputdownable" novel (Elif Batuman) about the fifteen-year fallout from a poisonous high school rumor, exploring how stories from the past can come to define who we are. A gifted and reclusive ghostwriter, Alice Lovett makes a living helping other people tell their stories. But she is haunted by

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the one story she cannot tell: the story of, as she puts it, "the things that happened while I was asleep." Back in 1999, Nick Brothers and his high school lacrosse team return for their senior year in a well-to-do Baltimore suburb as the reigning state champs. The afterglow of their big win is bound to last until graduation; not even the pressure of college applications can get in the way of their fun. But when a private school girl attempts suicide in the wake of one of the team's "legendary" parties, and a rumor begins to circulate that two of Nick's teammates sexually assaulted her, it seems like it might ruin everything--until the team circles the wagons, casts doubt on the story, and the town moves on. But not everyone does. Fifteen years later, four people--Alice, Nick, a documentary filmmaker, and a wealthy entrepreneur--remain haunted by the roles they played, the things they still don't understand, and how the story has shaped their lives. In sections told from different points of view, each more propulsive than the last, the layers of mystery are gradually peeled back as we barrel toward the truth of what really happened that night . . . and what came after. At once a compulsive page-turner and a thought-provoking exploration of issues both timely and timeless, True Story marks the debut of a phenomenal new voice in fiction."--

### **Alexandra the Great**

Becoming a True Champion offers a path to achieving athletic excellence, longevity, and dignity through the values and hard work that once distinguished

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athletes as true role models. Providing an antidote to images of misbehaving athletes, this book guides readers through the ethics and standards that will set them apart both on and off the field.

### **Nathan MacKinnon**

True Stories of America's Gay Male Athletes Find out what happens when the final closet door-that of gay men in sports-finally swings open. Is there life after coming out to your teammates? Is there life before coming out? This collection of more than twenty-five inspiring real-life stories deals simultaneously with two very American obsessions: sports and sex.

### **Dream Big**

Alexandra the Great tells the gripping story of underdog filly Rachel Alexandra. Despite dominating every filly her age, her owner refused to let her compete against male horses. When a new owner saw her potential and raced her against bigger, stronger males, Rachel Alexandra thrived and went on to win the 2009 Preakness, the first filly to do so in 85 years, and the Woodward, a feat never before achieved. A strong, muscular, dominating athlete, Rachel Alexandra epitomizes the "run like a girl" celebratory attitude toward girl empowerment

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today. Appealing to horse-obsessed upper elementary and middle school kids, Alexandra the Great is written in an exciting, suspenseful way and includes vivid details informed by the author's interviews with Rachel Alexandra's owners, jockey, veterinarian, and more.

### **P.K. Subban**

P.K. Subban has always stood out in the world of hockey. Whether it's his flashy personal style, his incredible charity work, or the fact that he's a black player in a mostly white sport, Subban turns heads wherever he goes. This exciting book gives readers an in-depth look into everything that makes Subban a star, from his childhood in Canada to the trade that sent shockwaves through the hockey world. Every sports franchise has its face-the star of the show, the player fans can't take their eyes off of, the one whose talent determines the fate of the entire operation. The Franchise series explores these athletes' stories, taking readers into the players' lives on and off the field of play. Learn about your favorite athletes' early days, the challenges they've overcome to reach the top, and the qualities that make them truly incomparable.

### **True Story**

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### **Zion Williamson**

Give readers an inside look at the dangerous job of SWAT team members. Additional features include a table of contents, a Fast Facts spread, critical-thinking questions, a phonetic glossary, an index, a selected bibliography, an introduction to the author, and sources for further research.

### **All about Stephen Curry**

The ideal graduation gift for anyone about to enter the workforce, a witty, practical guide to 200 difficult professional conversations—featuring all-new advice from the creator of the popular website Ask a Manager and New York’s work-advice columnist. There’s a reason Alison Green has been called “the Dear Abby of the work world.” Ten years as a workplace-advice columnist have taught her that people avoid awkward conversations in the office because they simply don’t know what to say. Thankfully, Green does—and in this incredibly helpful book, she tackles the tough discussions you may need to have during your career. You’ll

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learn what to say when • coworkers push their work on you—then take credit for it • you accidentally trash-talk someone in an email then hit “reply all” • you’re being micromanaged—or not being managed at all • you catch a colleague in a lie • your boss seems unhappy with your work • your cubemate’s loud speakerphone is making you homicidal • you got drunk at the holiday party Advance praise for Ask a Manager “A must-read for anyone who works . . . [Alison Green’s] advice boils down to the idea that you should be professional (even when others are not) and that communicating in a straightforward manner with candor and kindness will get you far, no matter where you work.”—Booklist (starred review) “I am a huge fan of Alison Green’s Ask a Manager column. This book is even better. It teaches us how to deal with many of the most vexing big and little problems in our workplaces—and to do so with grace, confidence, and a sense of humor.”—Robert Sutton, Stanford professor and author of *The No Asshole Rule* and *The Asshole Survival Guide* “Clear and concise in its advice and expansive in its scope, Ask a Manager is the book I wish I’d had in my desk drawer when I was starting out (or even, let’s be honest, fifteen years in).”—Sarah Knight, New York Times bestselling author of *The Life-Changing Magic of Not Giving a F\*ck*

### **Better Nate Than Ever**

“The Nate series by Tim Federle is a wonderful evocation of what it’s like to be a theater kid. Highly recommended.” —Lin-Manuel Miranda, star and creator of the

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musical, Hamilton A New York Times Notable Book of the Year A Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year A Slate Favorite Book of the Year A small-town boy hops a bus to New York City to crash an audition for E.T.: The Musical in this winning middle grade novel that The New York Times called “inspired and inspiring.” Nate Foster has big dreams. His whole life, he’s wanted to star in a Broadway show. (Heck, he’d settle for seeing a Broadway show.) But how is Nate supposed to make his dreams come true when he’s stuck in Jankburg, Pennsylvania, where no one (except his best pal Libby) appreciates a good show tune? With Libby’s help, Nate plans a daring overnight escape to New York. There’s an open casting call for E.T.: The Musical, and Nate knows this could be the difference between small-town blues and big-time stardom. Tim Federle’s “hilarious and heartwarming debut novel” (Publishers Weekly) is full of broken curfews, second chances, and the adventure of growing up—because sometimes you have to get four hundred miles from your backyard to finally feel at home.

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