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ANSWER THE CALL
The Heroic Story of WWI Telephone Operators
Written by CLAUDIA FRIDDELL
Illustrated by ELIZABETH BADDELEY

Led by twenty-five-year-old Grace Banker, thirty-two telephone operators—affectionately called “Hello Girls” back in the US—became the first female combatants in World War I.

Follow Grace Banker’s journey from her busy life as a telephone switchboard trainer in New York to her pioneering role as the chief operator of the First Unit of World War I telephone operators in the battlefields of France. With expert skill, steady nerves, and steadfast loyalty, the Signal Corps operators transferred orders from commanders to battlefields and communicated top-secret messages between American and French headquarters. After faithfully serving her country—unlaunted by freezing weather and fires, long hours and little sleep, and nearby shelling and far off explosions—Grace was the first and only woman operator in the Signal Corps to be awarded the Army’s Distinguished Service Medal.

Author Claudia Friddell and artist Elizabeth Baddeley beautifully capture this true American story that celebrates the lives of this little-known heroine and her team of Signal Corps Operators. Includes a timeline of Grace Banker’s life; an exploration of the aftermath of the war and the operators; a look at the Signal Corps by numbers; a listing of WWI firsts; a look at how telephone operators worked; and a bibliography.

CLAUDIA FRIDDELL is a writer of several nonfiction picture books for children. She lives in Baltimore, Maryland. Visit claudiafriddell.com.

A biography and science book about the rainforest wrapped up in one

THE LEAF DETECTIVE
How Margaret Lowman Saved the Trees
Written by HEATHER LANG
Illustrated by JANA CHRISTY

Meg Lowman was determined to investigate the marvelous, undiscovered world of the rainforest treetops. Her perseverance and creativity allowed her to achieve this goal, but when this fantastic ecosystem started to disappear, Meg needed to act quickly.

Meg Lowman was always fascinated by the natural world above her head. As a scientist, she set out to climb up and investigate the rainforest tree canopies—and to be the first scientist to do so. But she encountered challenges after challenge. Male teachers would not let her into their classrooms, the high canopy was difficult to get to, and worst of all, people were logging and clearing the forests. Meg never gave up or gave in. She studied, invented, and persevered, not only creating a future for herself as a scientist, but making sure that the rainforests had a future as well.

Working closely with Meg Lowman, author Heather Lang and artist Jana Christy beautifully capture Meg’s world in the treetops. Includes a bibliography, source notes, an author’s note, and photos.

HEATHER LANG loves to write about real women who overcame extraordinary obstacles and never gave up on their dreams. She lives in Lexington, Massachusetts. Visit heatherlangbooks.com.


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LINCOLN CLEARS A PATH
Abraham Lincoln’s Agricultural Legacy
Written by PEGGY THOMAS
Illustrated by STACY INNERST

Throughout his life, Abraham Lincoln tried to make life easier for others. During the darkest days of the Civil War, when everyone needed hope, President Lincoln cleared a path for all Americans to a better future.

As a boy, Abraham Lincoln helped his family break through the wilderness and struggle on a frontier farm. When Lincoln was a young man, friends made it easier for him to get a better education and become a lawyer. As a politician, he paved the way for better schools and roads. And, as president, Lincoln cleared a path to better farming, improved transportation, accessible education, and most importantly, freedom.

Author Peggy Thomas uncovers Abraham Lincoln’s passion for agriculture and his country while illustrator Stacy Innerst cleverly captures Lincoln’s many positive changes. Back matter includes an author’s note that explores in detail Lincoln’s early life and his agricultural legacy, with key websites and a selected bibliography.

PEGGY THOMAS is the author of more than 15 books for children and young adults. She lives in Middleport, New York. Visit peggythomaswrites.com.

STACY INNERST is a painter, children’s book artist, and educator. His books have been honored with several awards, including the New York Times Best Illustrated Children’s Book Award and the Sydney Taylor Award. He lives in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Visit stacyinnerst.com.
Explore a part of history that continues to resonate today

**THE ELAINE TWELVE**

**EPILOGUE**

“there are no courts, no jails, no sheriffs on our rolls.”

**RACE AGAINST TIME**

The Untold Story of Scipio Jones and the Battle to Save Twelve Innocent Men

Written by SANDRA NEIL WALLACE and RICH WALLACE

Scipio Africanus Jones—a self-taught attorney who was born enslaved—led a momentous series of court cases to save twelve black men who’d been unjustly sentenced to death.

In October 1919, a group of black sharecroppers met at a church in an Arkansas village to organize a union. Bullets rained down on the meeting from outside. Many were killed by a white mob, and others were rounded up and arrested. Twelve of the sharecroppers were hastily tried and sentenced to death. Up stepped Scipio Africanus Jones, a self-taught lawyer who’d been born enslaved. Could he save the men’s lives and set them free?

Through in-depth research and consultation with legal experts, award-winning nonfiction authors Sandra Neil Wallace and Rich Wallace examine the complex proceedings and an unsung African American early civil rights hero. Extensive source materials provide a detailed account of the authors’ thorough research, including field research in Little Rock, Arkansas, and significant primary sources.

SANDRA NEIL WALLACE and RICH WALLACE are investigative journalists and award-winning authors of several nonfiction titles for young readers. They live in Kemo, New Hampshire. Visit sandranielwallace.com and richwallacebooks.com.
BAKERS MOUNTAIN STORIES

DRIVE
Written by JOYCE MOYER HOSTETTER

This middle-grade book, the fourth in the best-selling Bakers Mountain Stories series by Joyce Moyer Hostetter, features twin sisters Ida and Ellie Honeycutt, who find themselves growing apart as they respond differently to their father's postwar trauma, the NASCAR speedway in their town, and their new high school. With home life destabilized by her father's posttraumatic symptoms, Ellie Honeycutt seeks escape at the NASCAR speedway and in her dreams of travel and college, while her twin sister, Ida, clings to family and finds solace in her sketchbook. Their close relationship is threatened when they both fall for the same charming classmate at their new high school. But a devastating car accident renews the sisters' deep bond and forces them to reverse their roles. Set against the backdrop of the nuclear arms race and the 1952 presidential election, this coming-of-age story is told in the twins' alternating voices.

BAKERS MOUNTAIN STORIES

EQUAL
Written by JOYCE MOYER HOSTETTER

In this fifth installment in the Bakers Mountain Stories, thirteen-year-old Jackie must challenge his community's prejudices while learning how to stand up for what is right.

It's the summer of 1959, and when 13-year-old Jackie Honeycutt bumps into Thomas Freeman fishing on the riverbank, he hopes the two of them can be friends. However, he quickly learns that racial inequalities and Jackie's own behaviors make the prospect of friendship challenging. Meanwhile, North Carolina becomes the focus of the civil rights movement, as African Americans seek to integrate variety store lunch counters. Amid community pushback to racial integration, bullying at school, and turmoil within his family, Jackie struggles to free both his conscience and his voice and to secure his friendship with Thomas.

JOYCE MOYER HOSTETTER lives with her husband in Hickory, North Carolina, close to her two adult children and nine grandchildren. Visit joycemoyerhostetter.com.
VIEW FROM PAGODA HILL
Written by MICHAELA MACCOLL

Set in the late 1800s, this is the story of Ning, a Chinese American girl who struggles to find her place in the world when she is forced to leave her home in Shanghai to go to America to live with her father’s family.

Twelve-year-old Ning doesn’t know where she belongs. The daughter of a Chinese woman and American man, Ning doesn’t fit in in 1870s Shanghai, where her American features and unbound feet make her stand out. When she receives news that her father will be visiting from America, Ning excitedly hopes that her parents will become a family. Instead, she learns her father is taking her back with him to America. Ning wonders if being American will finally give her a sense of belonging, but when she arrives, she discovers that living in America isn’t perfect either.

In this coming-of-age novel based on the life of author Michaela MacColl’s great-great-grandmother, a young girl learns to accept both sides of her heritage and find a new identity for herself. Includes archival images and resources at the end of the book that provide background and history to the story.

MICHAELA MACCOLL is the award-winning author of several historical novels. She has degrees in multidisciplinary history from Vassar College and Yale University. She and her family live in Westport, Connecticut. Visit michaelamaccoll.com.
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**GROW**

Written by **JOANN EARLY MACKEN**
Illustrated by **STEPHANIE FIZER COLEMAN**

An ideal birthday or baby gift, *Grow* is a triumphant celebration of how young animals—and people—grow into unique individuals.

What would it be like to grow from an acorn into an oak, a tadpole into a frog, or a fawn into a deer? You would stretch your limbs into the sky, jump from puddle to pond, and spring from path to forest. Children learn to do these things and more as they grow from tiny babies into individuals unlike anyone else in this dazzling world. This reassuring picture book honors the changes that make you unique and is a glorious ode to the wonders of growing up.


**STEPHANIE FIZER COLEMAN** loves illustrating informative nonfiction as well as picture books, greeting cards, puzzles, and other products. She lives in Scott Depot, West Virginia. Visit stephaniefizercoleman.com.
A timeless tale of overcoming obstacles and resilience

LITTLE SCOOT
Written by REBECCA KAI DOTLICH
Illustrated by EDSON IKÊ

A tiny tugboat overcomes her fears of a turbulent storm to save a stranded barge in this timeless tale of persistence.

When faced with a tough challenge, Little Scoot only tries harder. Sent into a gathering storm to rescue a barge that’s run aground, Little Scoot is tempted to turn around. But though she’s scared of the squall, she perseveres through thunder, lightning, blustering winds, and swamping waves, reminding herself “Little Scoot never quib!” This triumphant tale with bright, retro illustrations is a testimony to the power of determination.

REBECCA KAI DOTLICH is the author of many children’s poetry and picture books that have won various honors, including the Boston Globe-Horn Book Honor Award and the Golden Kite Honor Award. She lives in Carmel, Indiana. Visit rebeccakadotlich.com.

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ASTRONAUT TRAINING

Written by ANETA CRUZ
Illustrated by OLIVIA ASERR

When Astrid’s first space mission goes disastrously wrong, she realizes she needs a bit more training than she thought!

Astrid is training to go to space! But as she builds her shuttle, prepares astronaut food, and practices floating in zero gravity, Dad tells Astrid that the ship’s construction is too dangerous, she’s too little to cook alone, and she’s not allowed to flood the bathroom. That night, when Astrid dreams she’s an astronaut, the challenges she encounters are overwhelming. Astrid realizes she isn’t as ready for space as she thought. Back on Earth, Astrid turns to her loving and supportive dad, who helps Astrid continue her astronaut training. This STEAM title lovingly depicts a parent-child relationship and is a great choice for social-emotional learning at home and in the classroom.

ANETA CRUZ is an author and preschool teacher who currently lives in California. Visit anetacruz.wixsite.com/author.

OLIVIA ASERR is a background painter on Cartoon Network’s Victor & Valentino and a children’s illustrator. She lives in Los Angeles, California. Visit oliviaaserr.com.
SOMETIMES IT’S BRIGHT
Written and illustrated by ANNIE RUYGT

In this visually rich picture book, a girl discovers the joy of creativity, first on a walk through the city and ultimately within herself.

As Roman and her mother spend an afternoon together, the girl notices a sparkling brightness—flowing in the notes of a street musician, blaring from billboards, and flying from dancers on stage. She wonders where she could find that brightness—and discovers the magic can come from her, too, when she dances, draws, and paints. Sometimes It’s Bright explores how being our most creative selves brings joy to us and to the world.

ANNIE RUYGT earned her BFA in illustration from Cal State Fullerton. Before she pursued a career as a freelance artist, she spent time traveling and playing gigs as a singer-songwriter; this helped her develop an ear for the rhythm and rhyme that appears in her picture books. She lives in Napa, California. Visit annieruygitillustration.com.
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LAURENCE PRINGLE has written more than 100 books for children and teenagers. Internationally, his books have sold more than 3 million copies. He lives in West Nyack, New York. Visit laurencepringle.com.

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