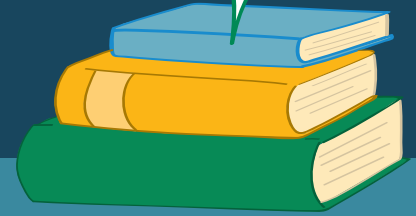


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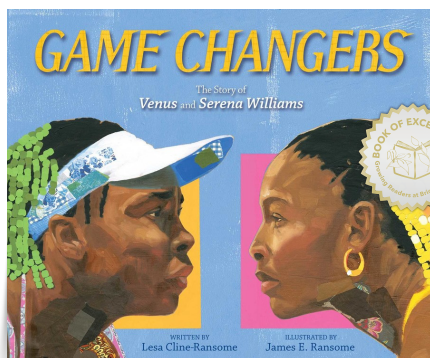


Books of Excellence and Notable books are selected annually by a panel of Bright Horizons early childhood experts and represent some of the best new writing in children's literature.

BOOKS OF EXCELLENCE

SCHOOL-AGE | *BH Book of Excellence Award Winner*

Game Changers: The Story of Venus and Serena Williams



Written by Lesa Cline-Ransome; Illustrated by James E. Ransome

Best friends and sisters, Venus and Serena Williams are also the most dynamic twosome in tennis history. As young girls growing up in the challenging community of Compton, CA, they both found their place on the tennis court. With a father who relentlessly encouraged their pursuit of excellence and a mother who reminded them that “whatever you become, you become in your head first”, they grew to believe in themselves. Styles and talents unique to each, the two young women took the tennis world by storm and quickly became highly ranked players. This book beautifully details the strength and determination that Venus and

Serena consistently exhibited on their journey to becoming the most influential women in their sport. From childhood through adulthood, it describes their relationship well past wins and losses. Their story sends an inspiring message to all readers.

About the Author: Lesa Cline-Ransome is best known for her authorship of award-winning biographies for children. She and her husband, James Ransome, partner as an author/illustrator duo.

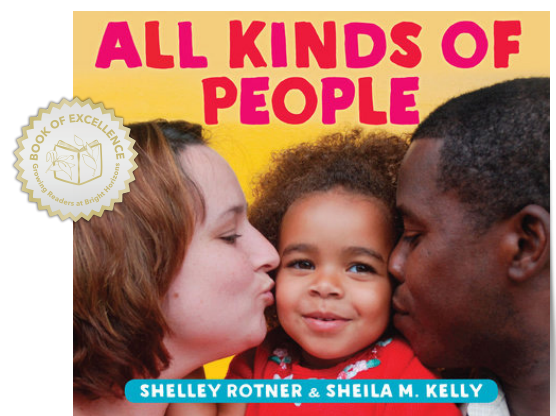
“ I like when they started playing tennis. It was great – HARRISON AGE 4

INFANTS AND TODDLERS | *BH Book of Excellence Award Winner*

All Kinds of People

Written by Shelley Rotner and Sheila M. Kelly

This board book celebrates the diversity of everyday life. The exploration of the different shades of people's skin color paired with simple text and bright photographs will capture even the youngest reader's attention. Pink, rose, gold and almond...we find lots of shades, even in the same family.



“ All the kids can go swimming, all the hands in the sand. – SYDNEY AGE 2

PRESCHOOL | *BH Book of Excellence Award Winner*

Mary Wears What She Wants

Written and Illustrated by Keith Negley

This book highlights being who you are and not letting clothes define or limit your boundaries. Mary wanted to wear pants at a time when women only wore dresses. This true story of Mary Edwards Walker, a doctor in the 1800's encourages readers to be independent thinkers and inspires them to do what makes them happy, no matter if it's not the norm.



“ I'm thinking about boys and girls can wear all the dresses and the pants! – DECLAN AGE 3

SPECIAL INTEREST BOOK



This issue's special interest book focuses on a unique new infant and toddler book.

Maud Lewis 123

Written by Carol McDougall & Shanda LaRamee-Jones

This adorable counting book for infants and toddlers introduces families to the happy folk art of Canadian national treasure Maud Lewis who, despite a difficult life, filled her tiny Nova Scotia home with brilliant paintings inspired by nature and the four seasons. With each turn of the page, babies and toddlers will enjoy searching for, pointing to, and counting birds, kittens, flowers, and more in Maud's paintings. Maud's art is bold and colorful, simple, and endearing – drawing in little learners and reminding parents of their own childhood. The book features a beautiful photo of Maud surrounded by her captivating paintings.

Notable Books

Other great books we recommend.

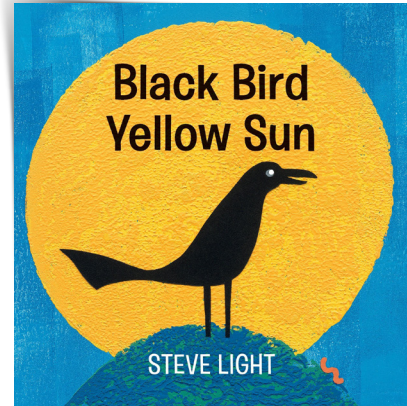


Black Bird Yellow Sun

Written and illustrated by Steve Light

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This beautiful board book follows Black Bird throughout its day. Children will love looking for Black Bird's tiny worm friend among the rich textured images, and vibrant colors. This book is sure to please infants and toddlers alike.

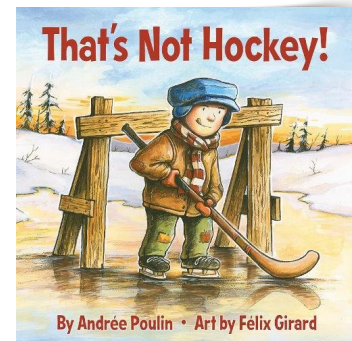


That's Not Hockey!

Written by Andrée Poulin; Illustrated by Félix Girard

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Preschoolers will enjoy learning about the true story of goalie, Jacques Plante, a life-long hockey player who invented the hockey mask. This is a powerful story of invention, courage, perseverance, and standing up to bullies amidst constant taunts of "That's Not Hockey!"



Joan Proctor, Dragon Doctor: The Woman Who Loved Reptiles

Written by Patricia Valdez; Illustrated by Felicita Sala

PRESCHOOL

As a young girl, Joan Proctor was wonderfully unusual. She loved the most slithery and scaly of creatures and her best friends were lizards! Preschoolers will enjoy this entertaining biography that brings to life a curious, female scientist who changed how the world viewed reptiles.



Notable Books

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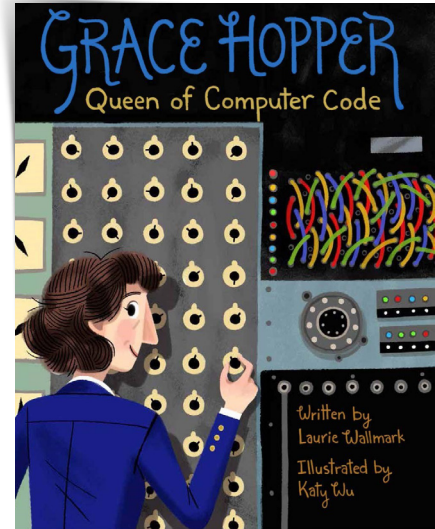


Grace Hopper: Queen of Computer Code

Written by Laurie Wallmark; Illustrated by Katy Wu

SCHOOL-AGE

This colorfully illustrated story of the boundary-breaking woman who revolutionized computer code, coined the term “computer bug” and faced every new challenge with curiosity, resiliency, and a “why not” attitude will inspire readers – young and old.



The Boo-Boos That Changed the World

Written by Barry Wittenstein; Illustrated by Chris Hsu

SCHOOL-AGE

The Band-Aid celebrates its 100th birthday in 2020. This amazing true story shares how an accident-prone wife and a caring husband invent a new way of treating boo-boos that literally changes the world. This fascinating story is told in a humorous style that school-agers will enjoy.

