



Buzzworthy Announcements

June 2025

Reviews



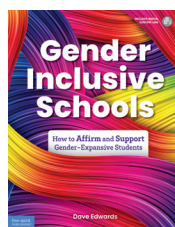
Bea's Balikbayan Box of Treasures
(9798885546416)
by Christine Alemshah

"A touching celebration of cultural identity and familial connection . . . a welcome addition to everyone's bookshelf."
—Readers' Favorite, May 2025



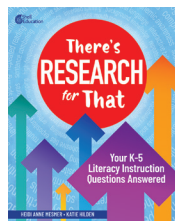
Birds Sing Their Words (9798885544542) and **Trees Stand Tall** (9798885544559)
by Mélina Mangal

"Especially and unreservedly recommended."
—Children's Bookwatch, Midwest Review, May 2025



Gender-Inclusive Schools (9798885543965)
by Dave Edwards

"A timely and thoughtful resource for educators, administrators, and caregivers seeking to create more inclusive and supportive environments for students who identify as gender-expansive."
—Middleweb May 2025



There's Research for That (9798765971734)
by Heidi Mesmer & Katie Clouse-Hilden-Clouse

"Unreservedly recommended."
—Wisconsin Bookwatch, Midwest Book Review, May 2025

Features, Articles & Highlights

Being Your Child's Most Important Teacher (9781087663593) was featured as a recommended resource in the Colorín Colorado (an educational service of WETA) newsletter. (April 30)

Jayden's Impossible Garden (9781631985904) was featured on the TPT, the Twin Cities (Minnesota) PBS, show Book Drop that launched on YouTube, and which features a [storytime and activity](#). (May 5, monthly visitors: 56,854)

How to Bird (9798885540346) was included in a School Library Journal list of [joyful picture books to enjoy on summer vacation](#). (May 5, monthly visitors: 129,318)

Sabrina Winkleman, author of **50 Strategies for Cooperative Learning** (9798765987612), published an article on MiddleWeb about [reflecting to connect with students](#). (May 7)

Christine Alemshah, author of **Bea's Balikbayan Box of Treasures** (9798885546416), was included in the Publisher Weekly [article on authors and illustrators to meet at Children's Institute 2025](#). (May 23, monthly visitors: 424,276; print distribution: 68,000)

Deborah Farmer Kris published a guest article on Edutopia about [how to facilitate awe in the classroom](#) (May 14, monthly visitors: 588,772), an excerpt of **Raising Awe-Seekers** (9798885549349) in Mindshift that covers [how experiencing wonder helps kids learn](#) (May 19, monthly visitors: 963,704), an article on [how to help teens find more chances to experience awe](#) for CNN (May 27, monthly visitors: 104,947,935), and an article about [the magic of starting an awe journal](#) for Tiny Buddha (May 27, monthly visitors: 449,692).

[The Edelweiss Disability Pride List](#) includes both **Molly's Great Discovery** (9798885540254) at #6 and **My Brother and Me** (9781087600987) at #71. (May 13)

Emily Kircher-Morris and Amanda Morin, authors of **Neurodiversity-Affirming Schools** (9798885543972), wrote about [affirming neurodiversity through our practices in education](#) for MiddleWeb. (May 27)

Dear Dad: Love, Nelson (9781631986819) was included in the Black Children's Books and Authors list of [picture books for Father's Day](#). (May 28, monthly visitors: 1,447)

Jayden's Impossible Garden (9781631985904) and **How to Bird** (9798885540346) were included in on Birds' Books [list of books in honor of Cicely Mary Barker](#). (May 28)

Children's Book Council continues to spotlight our books, including **Thank You, Sun** (9798885544887) in the [June Hot Off the Press roundup](#) and **Dominique's Thrifted Treasures** (9798765924860), **Jamie and Bubbie** (9781631985430), **Jamie Is Jamie** (9781631981395), and **LGBTQ** (9781631983023) in the [Pride Month booklist](#). (May 31)



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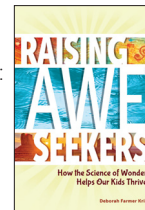
The Publishers Weekly [AAPI Heritage Month Q&A with authors](#) features [Christine Alemshah](#), author of *Bea's Balikbayan Box of Treasures* (9798885546416). (May 8, monthly visitors: 424,276)

Erin Walsh, author of *It's Their World* (9798885547949), appeared on Minnesota Now, a Minnesota Public Radio show, to [discuss her book and advice for parents around teens and tech](#). (May 13, listenership: 100 to 1k monthly listeners)

Mélina Mangal, author of *Birds Sing Their Words* (9798885544542), appeared on the Wildstory podcast and [discussed book censorship, the vital role of storytelling, and why the freedom to read and access information is essential to the health of our democracy](#). (May 24)

Deborah Farmer Kris, author of *Raising Awe-Seekers* (9798885549349), made the podcast rounds in anticipation of the book's release, including:

- Miss Poppins Podcast, [episode 30: Raising Awe-Seekers Ft. Deborah Farmer Kris of PBS](#) (May 5)
- The Parent Venture, episode: [Raising Awe-Seekers: How the Science of Wonder Helps Our Kids Thrive](#) (May 9)
- Edit Your Life Show, episode [Raising Awe-Seekers \(with Deborah Farmer Kris\)](#) (May 15, listenership: 1k-10k monthly listeners)
- Building Pathways to Healthy Minds Podcast, episode [Raising Awe-Seekers](#) (May 16)
- The Balanced Parent Podcast, episode [227: Why Wonder & Awe Matter for Kids and Parents](#) (May 20)
- Tilt Parenting Podcast, episode [443: Deborah Farmer Kris on Harnessing the Power of Awe in Our Parenting Lives](#) (May 20, listenership: 10k-100k monthly listeners)
- Beautifully Complex Podcast, episode [313: Build Resilience and Joy with Awe and Wonder](#) (May 21, listenership: 10k-100k monthly listeners)



Upcoming Author Events & Sponsored Webinars

July 17: **Rasha Hamid**, *How to Bird* (9798885540346), featured speaker at the Nature-Based Early Learning Conference, virtual

July 19: **Christine Alemshah**, *Bea's Balikbayan Box of Treasures* (9798885546416), festival at Saturday Mercado at KUBO LB, Long Beach, CA

July 20: **Christine Alemshah**, *Bea's Balikbayan Box of Treasures* (9798885546416), book launch at Norman P. Murray Community Center, Mission Viejo, CA

July 21: **Maria Munro-Schuster**, *The Empathetic Classroom* (9798885549431), speaking on panel at the Conference to Restore Humanity, virtual

July 23: **Erin Walsh**, *It's Their World* (9798885547949), bookstore event at Boswell Book Company, Milwaukee, WI

July 24: **Erin Walsh**, *It's Their World* (9798885547949), bookstore event at Dotters Books, Eau Claire, WI

July 24: **Shannon Anderson**, leading a session at SENG conference, Westin Alexandria Old Town, Alexandria, VA

July 25-29: **Maria Munro-Schuster**, speaking at Association of Teacher Educators summer conference, Hyatt Regency St. Louis Arch, St. Louis, MO

August 16, **Mélina Mangal**, *Jayden's Impossible Garden* (9781631985904), storytime and garden activity, Boston Children's Museum, Boston, MA

August 19: TCM presents best in fall nonfiction in *School Library Journal* webinar

September 24: **Christine Alemshah**, *Bea's Balikbayan Box of Treasures* (9798885546416), storytime at Pretend City Museum, Irvine, CA

October 1: TCM presents [Idea to Page: A Children's Book Author Showcase](#), panel discussion, virtual

October 18: **Lucy Payne & Sue Strom**, *Academic Intervention Success* (9798330903740), presenting a book-related session at the NCTM conference, Atlanta, GA

October 25: **Christine Alemshah**, *Bea's Balikbayan Box of Treasures* (9798885546416), Liwanag Lit Festival, Long Beach, CA

November 11: Free Spirit Publishing presents picture books in *School Library Journal* webinar



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