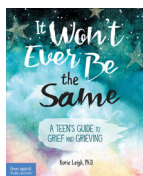




Buzzworthy Announcements

August 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

"A gentle and sensitive resource for grieving young people."
 — School Library Journal

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

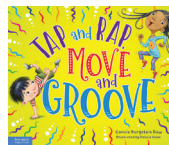
"Professional therapist Crist brings together his knowledge, experience, and skills to this teen-focused and friendly text that not only educates and informs readers about peer counseling strategies but also shows that they are not alone in their feelings."
 — Booklist



Awards

Tap and Rap, Move and Groove (9798885540520)

- CAL Award winner, in the Book Cover Design: Children and the Illustration categories.
- 2024 [Purple Dragonfly Book Award](#) Winner, Arts/Music



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)

Features, Articles & Interviews

Free Spirit's Fall 2024 lineup was profiled in the *Publisher Weekly* [Children's Fall 2024 Preview issue](#).

Free Spirit books also made it into the *Publisher Weekly* [Children's Spring 2025 sneak preview](#).

Sonia and the Super-Duper Disaster (9798885543903) was spotlighted in the Children's Book Council's [picture book feature](#).

I'm Here (9798885543767), **B Is for Belonging** (9798885543873), and **Papa and Pearl** (9798885544511) were included in the Children's Book Council's [August Hot Off the Press reading list](#).

Author Shannon Anderson [was interviewed about creating inclusive spaces through children's books](#) in promotion of her new book **B Is for Belonging** (9798885543873).

Blurbs/Endorsements

Praise for **Thank you, World series** (**Thank You, Night**: 9798885546737; **Thank You, Rain**: 9798885544870)

"The Thank You, World series is an opportunity to slow down and breathe, offering children an intentional moment to explore gratitude and mindfulness and to appreciate just how wonderful nature can be."—Mallika Chopra, author of *Just Breathe*

Praise for **Nurturing Your Child's Well-Being** (**Early Elementary**: 9798765977194; **Upper Elementary**: 9798765977224; **Middle School**: 9798765977255)

"Parents, you need this! Inside you'll find essential tips, ideas, and activities to support you in your parenting journey. As a clinical psychologist, I know the importance of accessible parenting knowledge, and this comprehensive guide is an indispensable resource."—Colleen M. Napleton, Psy.D., The Center for Balanced Parenthood



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Praise for *The Sky Is Not Blue* (9798885544153)

"A beautiful and visionary story about the ways young people help us to see! —Jacqueline Woodson, award-winning and bestselling author, Young People's Poet Laureate 2015–2017, National Ambassador for Young People's Literature 2018–19, and MacArthur Fellow

Praise for *When You're the New Teacher* (9798885545099)

"From the very first page, *When You're the New Teacher* is insightful, instructive, and most importantly, actionable. As veteran teachers exit the field and take their knowledge with them, Dr. Soslau provides a guidebook for new and old teachers alike, with a tremendous amount of wisdom, vision, and care."—Chanea Bond, lead literacy teacher and teacher mentor

Praise for *Soulful Struttin'* (9798885545259)

"This book is great for anyone trying to teach their loved ones that chores don't have to be . . . well, a chore. With the right soundtrack and mindset, any tedious task can be fun"—Daniel J. O'Brien, illustrator of *Juneteenth Is* and *Glenn Burke, Game Changer: The Man Who Invented the High Five*

Events

Author Events:

August 24: Debi Novotny, *Addy's Chair to Everywhere* (9798765922477), storytime and signing at Barnes & Noble, Chandler, AZ

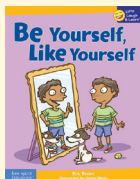
October 17: Gabriella Aldeman, *Paula's Patches* (9781631987335), Virginia Library Association Conference appearance, Norfolk, VA

October 18 & 19: Connie Bergstein Dow, *Tap and Rap, Move and Groove* (9798885540520), Louisville Book Festival appearance, Kentucky International Convention Center, Louisville, KY

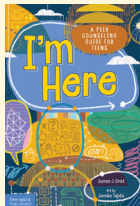
August Releases



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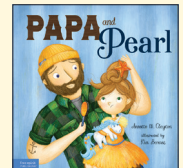
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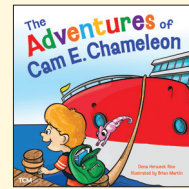


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