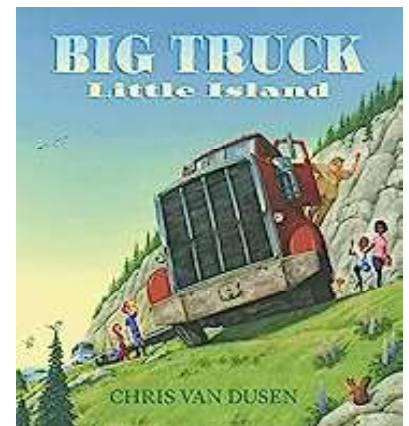
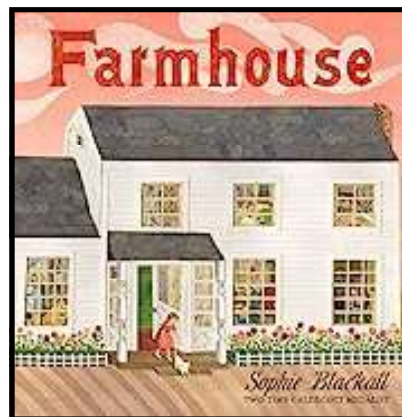
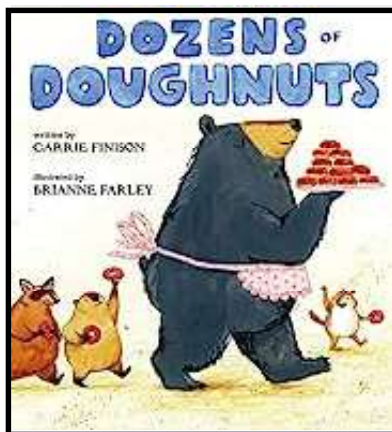
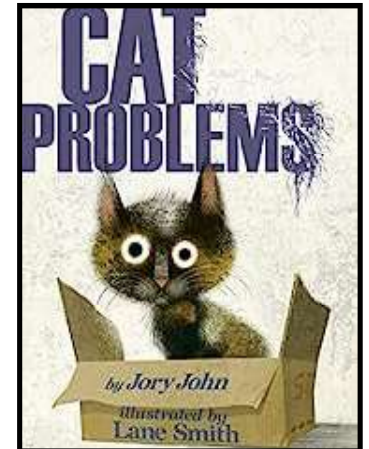
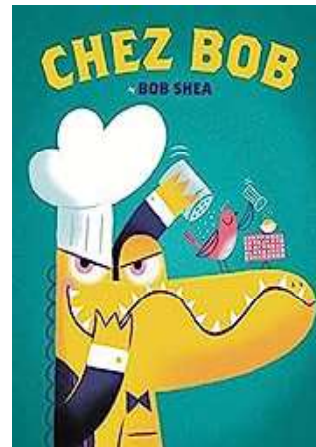
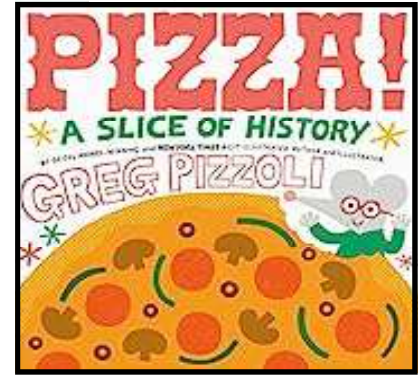
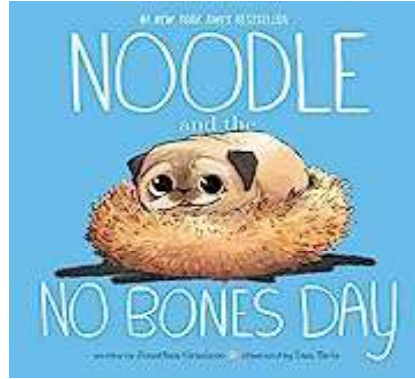
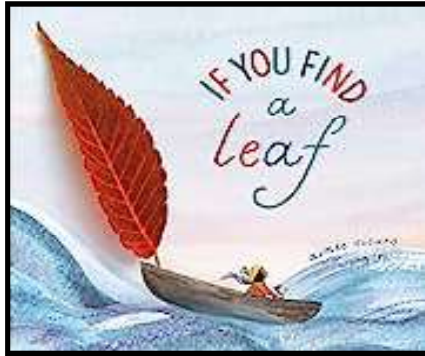


Ladybug Picture Book Award 2023 Voting Guide



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Learn more at <https://www.nhsl.dncr.nh.gov/about-us/center-book>

The Ladybug Picture Book Award is a program of the Center for the Book at the New Hampshire State Library and is designed to promote early literacy and honor the best in recent children's picture books. This year is the 21st year that the NH Center for the Book has given this award.

The nominees are selected through a series of surveys and voting among NH library staff. Each spring 10 picture book titles are announced as the nominees for that year. Then, during November, New Hampshire children from preschoolers to those in third grade vote to choose the award winner. The winning picture book is announced at the end of the year.

To be considered for nomination, a picture book must meet the following criteria:

- be published, in its current edition, within the last three years
- be in print
- have an author and illustrator both residing in the United States
- possess strong child appeal
- have artistic quality with text that supports the illustrations
- not be a title previously nominated (visit our website for the complete list)

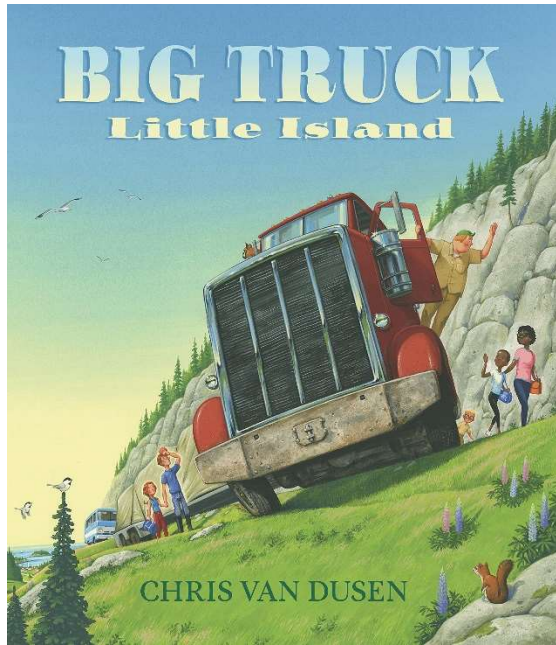
Voting may be held anywhere there are Granite State kids of eligible Ladybug voting age (up to 3rd graders). To be a voting site you must make all nominated books for that year available to your voters (this can be through storytimes, making the books available for kids to read themselves, or to take home, or a combination of these).

Voting materials for 2023, including a picture ballot, printable tally sheet, and the online tally form are all available at <https://www.nhsl.dncr.nh.gov/about-us/center-book/ladybug-picture-book-award>. There is also an order form to purchase voting and book stickers and several customizable flyers you can download to help promote your Ladybug events.

Voting may be conducted in any way that works for the voting site—picture ballots, raised hands, gathering near the book (Iowa-caucus style), putting an object in a container by the chosen book (like a penny raffle), or whatever you come up with that results in a count of votes for each nominated title that reflects the choices of the kids involved.

Votes must be received at the State Library, either through the online ballot or on an official tally sheet, by 11:30 pm on Sunday, December 17, 2023 in order to be counted.

This guide includes information and activities about each of the ten titles nominated for the 2023 Ladybug Picture Book Award. This information was compiled by Mary Russell, Director, Center for the Book at the NHSL and edited by Felicia Martin, Deputy Director, Center for the Book at the NHSL.



***Big Truck Little Island* by Chris Van Dusen (Candlewick Press, 2022)**

That big truck is stuck! How will the island residents get where they're going? A tale of community and ingenuity inspired by a true story.

When a big truck and its big load get stuck on a narrow road, traffic on the little island comes to a halt. Some cars need to go south and some have to travel north. How will Meg get to her swim meet? What about Barry's ballet class? Luckily, the kids come up with an ingenious solution: why not just swap cars? Inspired by an incident that happened on Vinalhaven, Maine, Chris Van Dusen tells a fun tale of resourcefulness and community through clever, rhyming wordplay and whimsical illustrations, sprinkled with plenty of cars and trucks for transportation-loving readers.

About Chris Van Dusen

Chris Van Dusen was born in 1960 in Portland, Maine. He has been writing and illustrating books since 2000 when *Down to the Sea with Mr. Magee* was published. He lives on the coast of Maine with his wife Lori and a yellow lab named Opal. His website is <https://www.chrisvandusen.com>

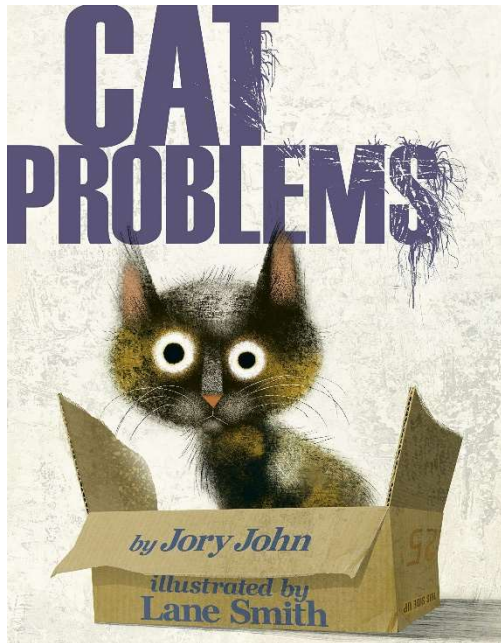
Activities & Links

- Take a video visit to Chris Van Dusen's studio as he works on this book <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1VzvK8AnnIE>
- Reading Rockets (<https://www.readingrockets.org/>) talks with the author about his process and his background at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w8FPBGncPnM>
- Learn more about Vinalhaven, Maine, where the event that inspired this story took place, in an article from *Yankee Magazine* which includes lots of great pictures <https://newengland.com/travel/maine/vinalhaven-maine-guide/>
- Activity sheets, including a maze and a word scramble from Candlewick Press are at https://www.candlewick.com/book_files/1536203939.kit.1.pdf
- Teacher tips for talking about this book with kids are at https://www.candlewick.com/book_files/1536203939.btg.1.pdf

Suggestions for Further Reading

- If you want more books from Chris Van Dusen consider his two previous Ladybug Picture Book Award nominated titles: *If I Built a House* (our 2014 winner) or *The Circus Ship*
- If you want to read another story about cooperation, consider *Too Tall Houses* by Gina Marino

- If you want to read more books about community check out <https://nhbookcenter.blogspot.com/2022/02/ladybug-longlist-community.html>
- If you are looking for more books about trucks consider *Little Blue Truck* by Alice Schertle & Jill McElmurry or *I Stink!* by Kate and Jim McMullan
- Check out the other 2023 Ladybug Longlist titles about transportation at <https://nhbookcenter.blogspot.com/2023/02/ladybug-longlist-transportation.html>
- If you want books about vehicles of all kinds check out the list at <https://www.readingrockets.org/booklists/reading-without-walls-road-rails-trails>



***Cat Problems* by Jory John and Lane Smith
(Random House Studio, 2021)**

What could a pampered house cat possibly have to complain about?

Just like most cats, this cat lives an extremely comfortable life. But he has his problems too!

The sun spot he's trying to bathe in won't stop moving. He keeps getting served dry food instead of wet. And don't even get him started on the vacuum--it's an absolute menace!--and the nosy neighbor squirrel that just can't seem to mind its own business. Will this cat ever find the silver lining?

About Jory John

Jory John has written many award winning books for kids. He lives in Oregon with a cat named William. His website is <http://www.joryjohn.com/>

About Lane Smith

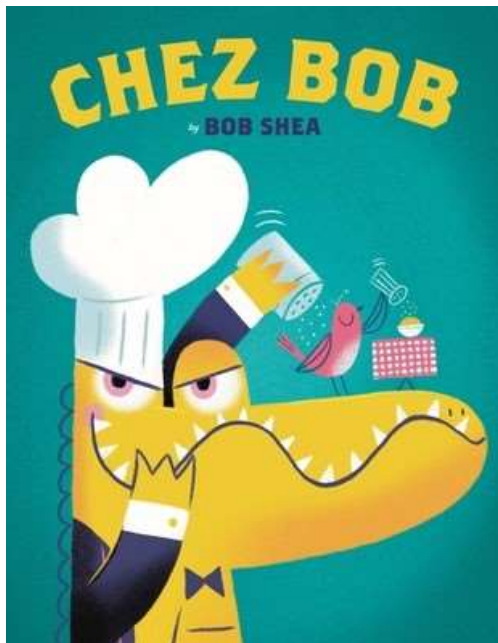
Lane Smith lives in Connecticut and illustrates children's books. *True Grit* by Charles Portis is one of his favorite books. Smith's book, *Princess Hyacinth (the Surprising Tale of a Girl Who Floated)* with Florence Parry Heide, was the winner of the 2010 Ladybug Award. His website is at <https://www.lanesmithbooks.com/>

Activities & Links

- Check out the trailer for this book at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=14_yyJAGR7M
- Read an interview with the creators at <https://www.bookweb.org/news/jory-john-and-lane-smith-julyaugust-kids-indie-next-list-top-pick-cat-problems-1626035>
- Learn more about Lane Smith and "The Art of the Picture Book" at <https://www.artofthepicturebook.com/-check-in-with/2018/6/26/an-interview-with-lane-smith>
- Read an interview with Jory John at <https://www.averyandaugustine.com/blog/2018/10/14/giraffe-problems-interview-with-jory-john>
- Learn more about house cats at <https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/cat/352924>
- Catster has 20 fun cat facts to share with kids at <https://www.catster.com/lifestyle/cat-facts-fun-kids-adults> and Cats.com has a list of 15 fun facts (with pictures) at <https://cats.com/facts-about-cats-for-kids>

Suggestions for Further Reading

- If you want to read another book by John Jory and Lane Smith consider *Giraffe Problems* or *Penguin Problems*
- Watch videos of Jory John reading some of his other books at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPsyN5XIBSzxWgZNRXepnqg>
- Check out the other 2023 Ladybug Longlist titles about cats at <https://nhbookcenter.blogspot.com/2023/01/ladybug-longlist-cats.html>.
- If you still want more books about cats check out the 2022 Ladybug Longlist titles about cats (and dogs) at <https://nhbookcenter.blogspot.com/2022/02/ladybug-longlist-cats-and-dogs.html>
- If you want to read about a New Hampshire cat consider *Cat in the Clouds* by Eric Pinder.



***Chez Bob* by Bob Shea (Little, Brown and Company, 2021)**

Meet Bob! Lazy but hungry reptile. Devious mastermind of the perfect trap for prey. "Chef" at the finest birdseed restaurant around.

And maybe...just maybe...a really good friend?

About Bob Shea

He lives in a yellow house in Madison, Connecticut with his wife. He wishes he had a dog, but he does have a beaver in his backyard. He has written numerous books for young people, including the *Dinosaur vs.* series.

Additionally, Bob has worked with Comedy Central, was the designer of the PBS Kids logo, developed an on-air character for Playhouse Disney, worked with Nick Jr.,

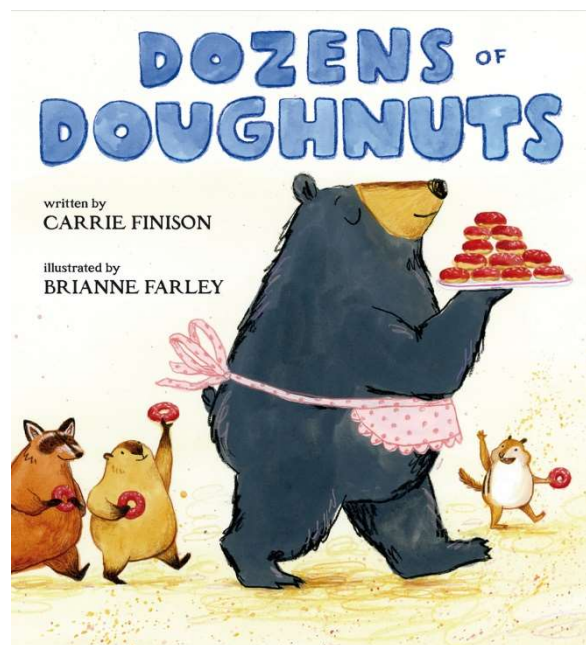
has appeared on Noggin and *The Sunny Side Up Show* and has also worked on a super-secret project with some really smart people at Google. His website is bobshea.com

Activities & Links

- The author introducing readers to his book: <https://vimeo.com/555802264>
- Learn more about reptiles at <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/reptiles>

Suggestions for Further Reading

- Check out the other 2023 Ladybug Longlist titles about food at <https://nhbookcenter.blogspot.com/2023/02/ladybug-longlist-food-drink.html>
- If you want to read another book by Bob Shea, consider *Crash, Splash, or Moo!* or *The Scariest Book Ever*.



***Dozens of Doughnuts* by Carrie Finison and Brianne Farley (G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2020)**

LouAnn is cooking up a doughnut feast. But just before she takes the first bite --DING DONG! Her friend Woodrow drops by. LouAnn is happy to share her doughnuts, but as soon as they sit down to eat-- DING DONG! Clyde is at the door.

One by one, LouAnn's friends come over--until it's one big party. LouAnn makes batch after batch of doughnuts, always dividing them equally among her friends. But she makes one BIG miscalculation: she forgets to save any for herself! What's a hungry bear to do?

About Carrie Finison

Carrie Finison began her literary career at the age of seven with an idea, a box of markers, and her father's typewriter. She has been writing off and on ever since, though she has (somewhat regretfully) traded in the typewriter for a laptop. She is the author of *Dozens of Doughnuts* (Putnam, 2020), a Junior Library Guild selection; and *Don't Hug Doug* (Putnam, 2021), an ALA Notable Children's Book, which received starred reviews from both Kirkus and Publishers Weekly. Her most recent picture books are *Lulu & Zoey: A Sister Story* (Running Press Kids, 2022), and *Hurry, Little Tortoise, Time for School!* (Random House Studio, 2022). When she's not writing, Carrie enjoys reading mystery novels, trying new recipes, and curling up on the couch for family movie nights. She lives outside Boston with her husband, son, daughter, and two cats who permit her to write in their cozy attic office. Her website is <https://carriefinison.com>

About Brianne Farley

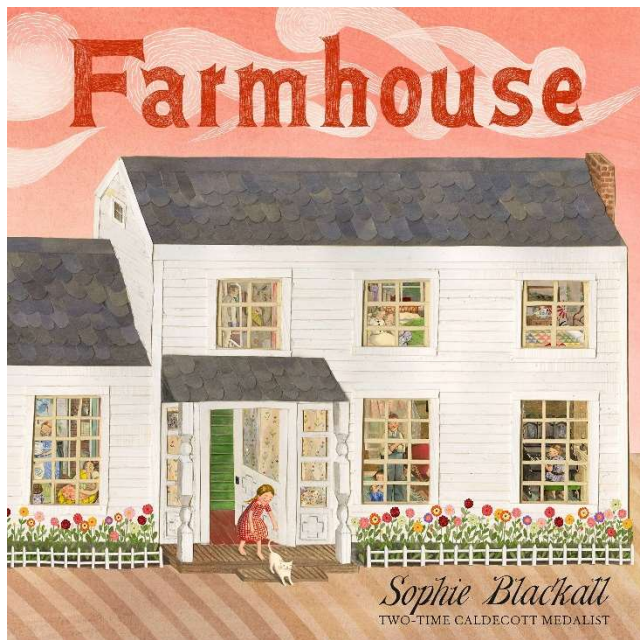
Brianne Farley is an author and illustrator of picture books. Her debut, *Ike's Incredible Ink*, was awarded the Marion Vannett Ridgway Book Award Honor for debut authors and was selected for the Society of Illustrators Original Art Show. She also illustrated the picture book series *Charlotte the Scientist is Squished* by Camille Andros, which was a Ladybug nominee in 2018. Brianne (rhymes with Ian; BREE-in) is an occasional muralist and very occasional editorial illustrator. She received her MFA in Illustration from the Savannah College of Art and Design before working as a designer for Random House Books for Young Readers and Schwartz & Wade Books in New York. She now lives in Traverse City, Michigan. Her website is <http://www.briannefarley.com/>

Activities & Links

- Find bonus activities including recipes at <https://www.carriefinison.com/books/dozens-of-doughnuts/>
- A video of Carrie Finison reading her book: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IqwOO62oqII>
- Find facts about bears and hibernation at <https://sciencing.com/fun-hibernation-bears-preschoolers-12279060.html>

Suggestions for Further Reading

- Check out the other 2023 Ladybug Longlist titles about food and drink at <https://nhbookcenter.blogspot.com/2023/02/ladybug-longlist-food-drink.html>
- If you want more books about bears consider *Bear Snores On* by Karma Wilson and Jane Chapman, *Sleep Big Bear, Sleep!* by Maureen Wright and Will Hillenbrand, or *Ugly Pie* by Lisa Wheeler and Heather Solomon.
- For another book about friends helping each other consider *Help: A Story of Friendship* by Holly Keller or *Little Blue Truck* by Alice Schertle and Jill McElmurray.



***Farmhouse* by Sophie Blackall (Little, Brown and Company, 2022)**

Over a hill, at the end of a road, by a glittering stream that twists and turns stands a farmhouse.

Step inside the dollhouse-like interior and relish in the daily life of the family that lives there, rendered in impeccable, thrilling detail. Based on a real family and an actual farmhouse where Sophie salvaged facts and artifacts for the making of this spectacular work, page after page bursts with luminous detail and joy. Join the award-winning, best-selling Sophie Blackall as she takes readers on an enchanting visit to a farmhouse across time, to a place that echoes with stories.

About Sophie Blackall

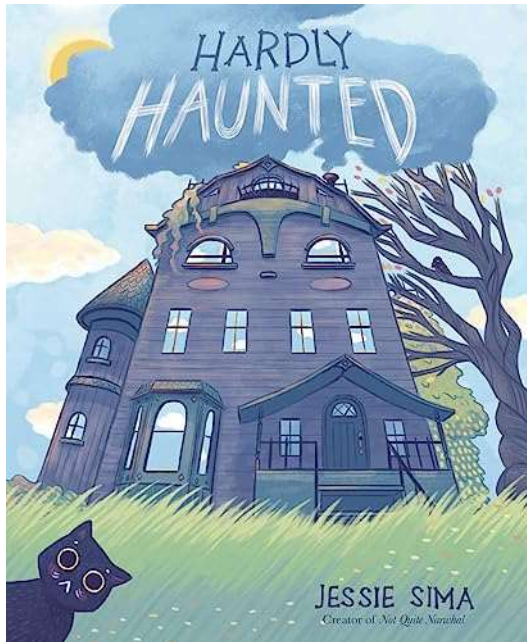
Sophie Blackall is an award-winning illustrator of over 50 books for children, including the *Ivy and Bean* series. She is a four-time recipient of *The New York Times* Best Illustrated Picture Book Award and has worked with UNICEF and Save the Children, UK on global health and literacy initiatives. Originally from Australia, she now splits her time between Brooklyn, New York, and the Catskill Mountains, where she is building a retreat for the children's book community called Milkwood Farm. Her website is <https://www.sophieblackall.com/>

Activities & Links

- Read a tribute to this book at <https://www.themarginalian.org/2022/11/29/farmhouse-sophie-blackall/>
- Watch an introduction to the book by the author at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5OSHXIm3Lk>
- Check out this interview with Sophie Blackall by Ann Patchett (author, and owner of Parnassus Books) <https://parnassusmusing.net/2022/08/24/sophie-blackall/>
- This book review includes several ideas for related activities: <https://gifteddevelopment.org/musings/thewestinggame-42jlm>
- Activities based on this book from Little Learners Hub: <https://littlelearnerhub.com/2023/06/01/teaching-and-learning-activities-for-farmhouse-by-sophie-blackall/>
- Read about developing collage skills (like the layers used in this book's illustrations) at <https://artsandbricks.com/magazine-collage-ideas-for-kids/>

Suggestions for Further Reading

- This review from *School Library Journal* includes a lot of suggestions for other house-related books: <https://afuse8production.slj.com/2022/06/03/review-of-the-day-farmhouse-by-sophie-blackall/>
- For more books about houses check out the previous Ladybug Longlist titles at <https://nhbookcenter.blogspot.com/2022/02/ladybug-longlist-houses.html> and <https://nhbookcenter.blogspot.com/2023/02/ladybug-longlist-home.html>
- If you want more books from Sophie Blackall consider *If You Come to Earth*, a 2021 Ladybug nominee or *Hello Lighthouse*, which won the 2019 Caldecott Medal.



***Hardly Haunted* by Jessie Sima (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2021)**

House has a problem. At least she thinks she does. Her hinges are squeaky. And her floorboards are creaky. And when the wind howls her shutters go *clack, clack, clack*. Could she be...haunted?

About Jessie Sima

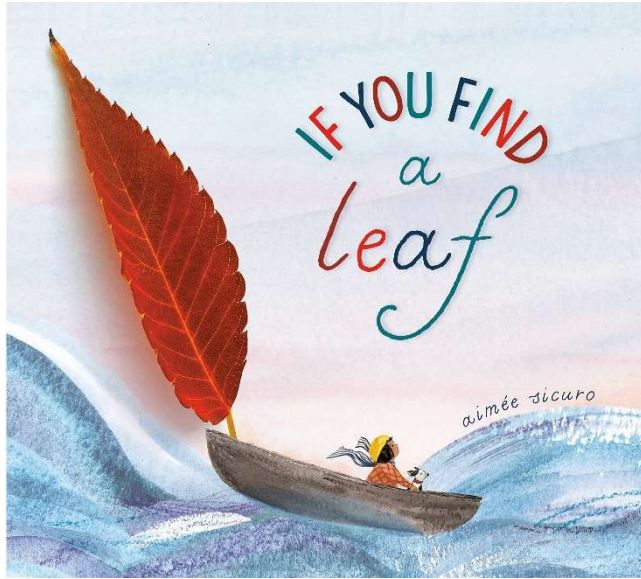
Jessie Sima is an author and illustrator of picture books. They grew up in a small town in southern New Jersey and now write and draw in a creaky house in New York State. When not making books, Jessie can be found reading graphic novels, watching spooky movies, and playing outside with dogs. Jessie is the author of *Not Quite Narwhal*, which won the 2018 Ladybug Picture Book Award. Their website is at <https://www.jessiesima.com>

Activities & Links

- Check out the publisher's activity sheet for this book at <https://tinyurl.com/4h9behsc>
- Learn about ghosts at <https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/ghost/574605>
- Check out some haunted house craft ideas at <https://www.pbs.org/parents/crafts-and-experiments/halloween-haunted-house> and <https://www.allkidsnetwork.com/crafts/halloween/haunted-house-craft.asp>
- Find a collection of silly ghost jokes at <https://www.liveabout.com/ghost-jokes-for-kids-1696085>
- Read a 2018 interview with Jessie Sima at <https://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/childrens/childrens-authors/article/77814-in-conversation-jessie-sima-and-christian-trimmer.html>
- Learn more about Jessie's illustration process on the *Let's Talk Picture Books* blog at <http://www.letstalkpicturebooks.com/2019/01/lets-talk-illustrators-95-jessie-sima.html>

Suggestions for Further Reading

- A read-aloud of this story from the Cincinnati Museum Center: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QpES1P6FTXU>
- For more books about houses check out the previous Ladybug Longlist titles at <https://nhbookcenter.blogspot.com/2022/02/ladybug-longlist-houses.html> and at <https://nhbookcenter.blogspot.com/2023/02/ladybug-longlist-home.html>
- If you want another spooky book consider *Creepy Carrots* by Aaron Reynolds and Peter Brown or *Bats at the Beach* by Brian Lies
- If you want to read another book by Jessie Sima check out *Harriet Gets Carried Away* or *Love, Z.*



***If You Find a Leaf* by Aimée Sicuro (Random House Studio, 2022)**

When a child collects fall leaves, a whole world is created as she imagines what a leaf could be. It can be a boat, or a hat, or a hot-air balloon to take you high above the trees. Here is a story that celebrates the fall season and encourages children to let every leaf spark a new idea.

About Aimée Sicuro

Aimée Sicuro knew at an early age she wanted to make things and spent many years trying to figure out how. She is the

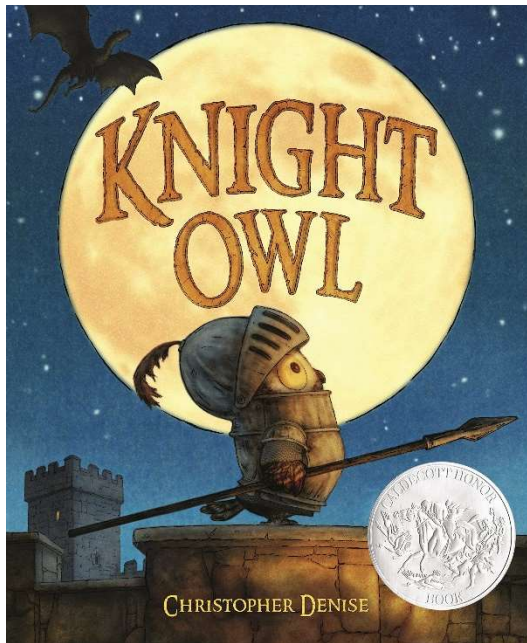
illustrator of many books, and her work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *Parent Magazine* and many other publications. *If You Find A Leaf* is her authorial debut. She lives in Brooklyn, New York with her husband and two young children. Her website is <http://www.aimeesicuro.com>

Activities & Links

- At the end of this book there are instructions for creating your own collage with leaves. For more leaf craft ideas visit <https://handsonaswegrow.com/kids-leaf-crafts-2/>
- An interview with Aimée Sicuro at *Max's Boat* <https://www.maxsboat.com/post/interview-with-aim%C3%A9e-sicuro-if-you-find-a-leaf> includes lots of picture books that she recommends
- The Maryland Department of Wildlife created a list of leaf activities for kids https://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Documents/LatH_Leaf_Activities.pdf
- A video of the author explaining how to make a leaf collage <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Bm8UNpQqjo>

Suggestions for Further Reading

- A read-aloud of this story from the Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7XJFqEQZNqo>
- Check out the other 2023 Ladybug Longlist titles about nature at <https://nhbookcenter.blogspot.com/2023/02/ladybug-longlist-nature.html>
- If you want more books about exploring nature consider *Outside In* by Deborah Underwood and Cindy Derby or *Swirl by Swirl* by Joyce Sidman and Beth Krommes
- If you are looking for another book illustrated by Aimee Sicuro check out *Dancing Through Fields of Color* by Elizabeth Brown, or *The Stuff Between the Stars* by Sandra Nickel



***Knight Owl* by Christopher Denise (Christy Ottaviano Books, 2022)**

Since the day he hatched, Owl dreamed of becoming a real knight. He may not be the biggest or the strongest, but his sharp nocturnal instincts can help protect the castle, especially since many knights have recently gone missing. While holding guard during Knight Night Watch, Owl is faced with the ultimate trial—a frightening intruder. It's a daunting duel by any measure. But what Owl lacks in size, he makes up for in good ideas.

Full of wordplay and optimism, this surprising display of bravery proves that cleverness (and friendship) can rule over brawn.

About Christopher Denise

Christopher Denise is a children's book illustrator. His first book was *The Fool of the World and the Flying Ship*, a retelling of the Russian folktale. Since then, Chris has illustrated more than twenty books for children, including some in Brian Jacques' acclaimed Redwall series. He lives in Rhode Island with his family. His website is <https://www.christopherdenise.com>

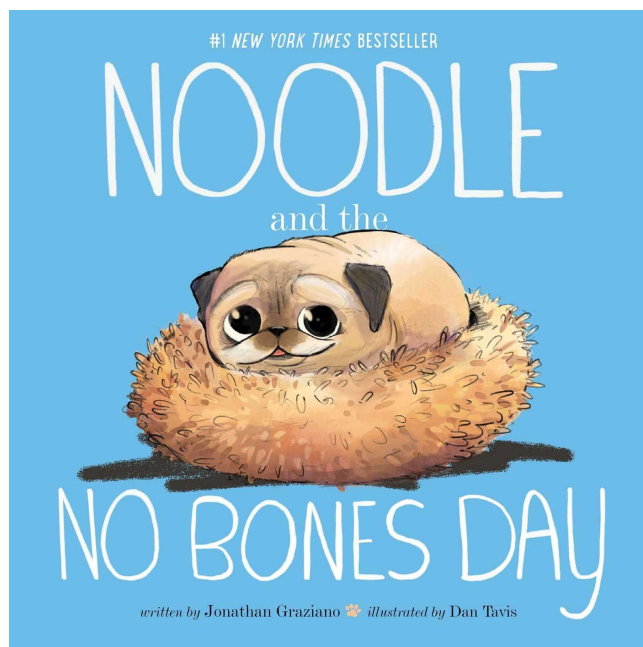
Activities & Links

- An interview with the author from School Library Journal <https://afuse8production.slj.com/2022/02/24/oh-what-a-knight-owl-interview-talking-with-christopher-denise-about-tiny-armored-birds/>
- "The Children's Bookshelf" from WCMU has activity questions to go with this book and an episode about it at <https://radio.wcmu.org/show/the-childrens-bookshelf/2022-03-14/the-childrens-bookshelf-knight-owl-march-14-2022>
- Find a variety of free printable coloring pages featuring owls at <https://www.bestcoloringpagesforkids.com/owl-coloring-pages.html>
- Facts about knights at <https://www.dkfindout.com/us/history/castles/knights/>
- Facts about owls at <https://www.audubon.org/news/13-fun-facts-about-owls>
- This book was selected as a Caldecott Honor title; learn more at <https://alsc-awards-shelf.org/book/5248/knight-owl>

Suggestions for Further Reading

- A read-aloud of this story by the author at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fpL1nl3J5FI>
- Check out the 2022 Ladybug Longlist titles about birds at <https://nhbookcenter.blogspot.com/2022/02/ladybug-longlist-birds.html>
- If you want more books with knights in them consider *The Wall in the Middle of the Book* by Jon Agee or *Dragon Was Terrible* by Kelly DiPucchio and Greg Pizzoli

- If you want to read another book illustrated by Christopher Denise consider *Tugg and Teeny* by J. Patrick Lewis or *Oliver Finds His Way* by Phyllis Root.
- If you are looking for more books about friendship check out *Swashby and the Sea* by Beth Ferry and Juana Martinez-Neal or *Help: A Story of Friendship* by Holly Keller.



***Noodle and the No Bones Day* by Jonathan Graziano and Dan Tavis (Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2022)**

Noodle is a sweet, silly old pug who enjoys doing all his favorite activities with his favorite human, Jonathan. But one day when Jonathan goes to take Noodle on his morning walk, he finds Noodle still comfortable in bed. When Jonathan lifts Noodle up, Noodle just flops over. It's almost like Noodle woke up without any bones!

Noodle isn't sick or sad—but he also isn't interested in going for walks or sitting outside (he will accept snacks, though). Today, all he needs are extra snuggles and

belly rubs. Jonathan soon learns that not every day can be a Bones Day, and sometimes a No Bones Day is exactly what you need to get through the week.

About Jonathan Graziano

Jonathan Graziano is a Rochester, NY native who currently resides in New York City. His eternal muse, Noodle, continues to inspire him each and every day. It is Jonathan's hope that through this story he can continue Noodle's legacy of spreading joy and kindness and encourage others to adopt and/or rescue a senior pet next time they're looking to add a new member to their family. You can find Jonathan on TikTok at @JonGraz. (He doesn't have a website).

About Dan Tavis

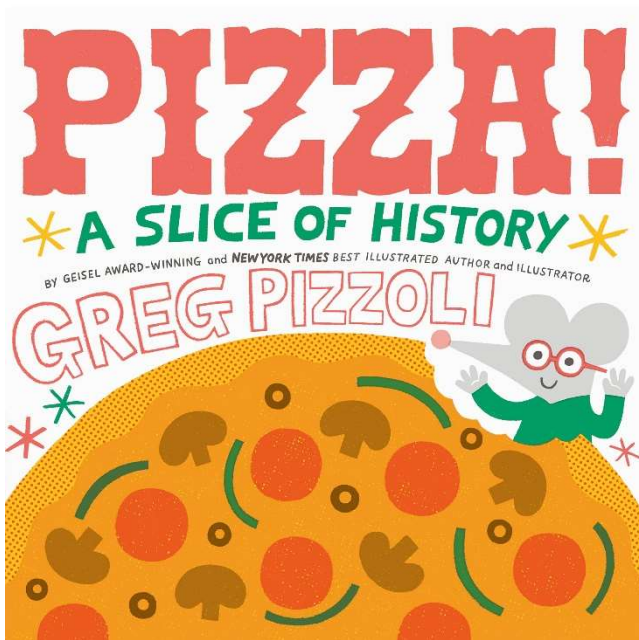
Dan Tavis is an illustrator living in New Hampshire. He has been doodling ever since his first math class in elementary school! His website is DanTavis.com

Activities & Links

- Noodle (and Jonathan Graziano) appear on *The Today Show* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jWRZK8WDoeY>
- Learn more about pugs at <https://kids.kiddle.co/Pug>
- Sad news about Noodle <https://variety.com/2022/digital/news/noodle-bones-no-bones-dog-dies-tiktok-1235448996/>
- Get activity sheets, a teaching guide, and a printable poster from the publisher at <https://www.simonandschuster.com/books/Noodle-and-the-No-Bones-Day/Jonathan-Graziano/Noodle-and-Jonathan/9781665927109>

Suggestions for Further Reading

- A read-aloud of this story by the author <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l9TZIhyjrxk>
- Check out the 2022 Ladybug Longlist titles about cats and dogs at <https://nhbookcenter.blogspot.com/2022/02/ladybug-longlist-cats-and-dogs.html>



***Pizza: A Slice of History* by Greg Pizzoli (Viking, 2022)**

Cheese! Pepperoni! Pineapple? Do YOU like PIZZA? Because right now, somewhere in the world, someone is eating it. Did you know that in the United States we eat 350 slices of pizza every second? Or that in Sweden they serve pizza with bananas and peanuts? All over the world, people love pizza—but where did it come from? And who made the first pizza? Travel through time and around the globe to discover the mouth-watering history of the world's best food.

About Greg Pizzoli

Greg Pizzoli is the creator of the *Baloney and Friends* graphic novel series, as well as the author and illustrator of both non-fiction for kids and picture books. Greg studied English Literature at Millersville University; spent two years as a VISTA volunteer; earned a Masters of Fine Art in Book Arts and Printmaking; and taught silkscreen for seven years before he began making picture books full-time. He works in a studio he shares with his wife Kay Healy, who is a printmaker and author. They live in South Philadelphia with their two daughters. His website is <https://www.gregpizzoli.com/about>

Activities & Links

- An interview with Greg at the *Let's Talk Picture Books Blog*: <http://www.letstalkpicturebooks.com/2017/06/lets-talk-illustrators-27-greg-pizzoli.html>
- Learn more about pizza at <https://kids.kiddle.co/Pizza>
- Check out 10 Top Tomato Facts from National Geographic Kids at <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/science/nature/ten-top-tomato-facts/>

Suggestions for Further Reading

- A read-aloud of this story, along with a pizza-making demo, from the Osterhout Public Library: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V-5YaK5VjTs>
- Check out the other 2023 Ladybug Longlist titles about food at <https://nhbookcenter.blogspot.com/2023/02/ladybug-longlist-food-drink.html>
- If you want to read more books illustrated by Greg Pizzoli consider *Crunch the Shy Dinosaur* by Cirocco Dunlap or *Dragon Was Terrible* by Kelly DiPucchio. Both were past Ladybug Picture Book Award nominees.
- If you want to read more non-fiction picture books consider *Little Dog Lost* by Monica Carnesi or *Inky's Amazing Escape* by Sy Montgomery.