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As we prepare for the Fall 2025 season, nothing could be more important than promoting our Canadian creators. As our country braces for uncertain economic times, everyone is making an effort to "Buy Canadian." Our publishing program is financially supported by the Government of Canada through the Canada Book Fund and the Canada Council for the Arts. We also receive support from the Province of Ontario through the Ontario

Arts Council and Ontario Creates. Without the generous support of these extraordinary literary programs our publishing activities might not be as robust and healthy as they have been since our beginning.

Our Fall 2025 list is a wonderful mix of beautiful picture books and exciting novels, all written and illustrated by Canadians. We are proud to publish these talented creators and hope you will support their work in the coming months. You can follow along @pajamapressbooks on Instagram, @pajamapress.bsky.social on Blue Sky, @pajamapress on Facebook, and @pajama.press on TikTok.

In early January of this year, Gillian Collins joined Pajama Press to become our new Designer and Marketing Coordinator. Many of the titles in this new list have been designed by Gillian, the most notable being Seabird and Prudence.

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Warmly,

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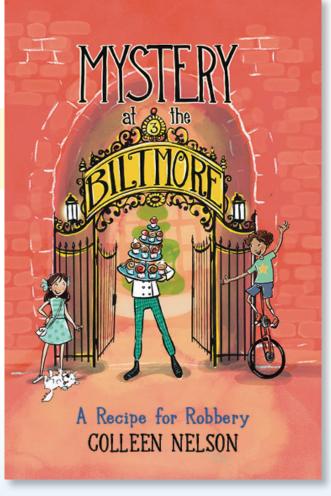


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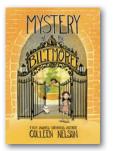


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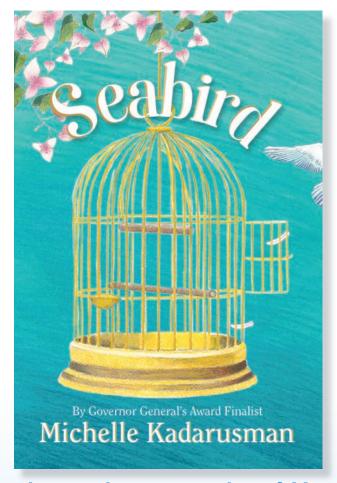
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by Michelle Kadarusman

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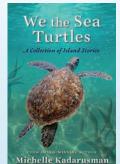
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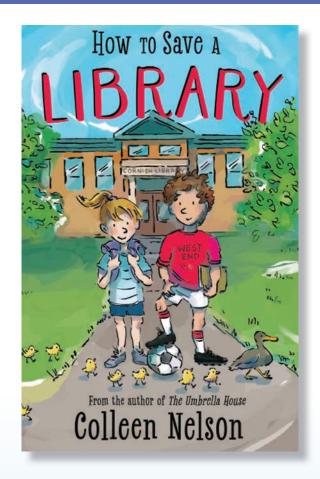


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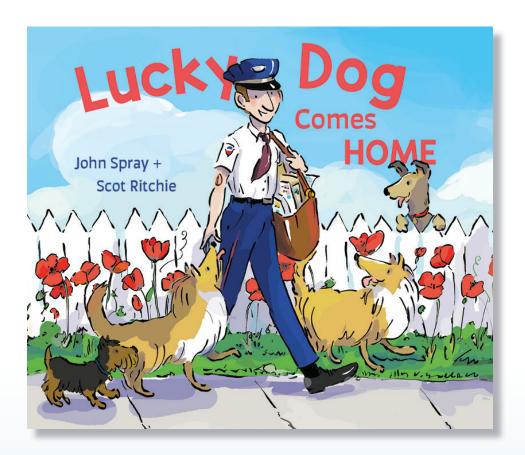
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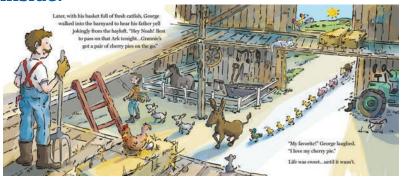
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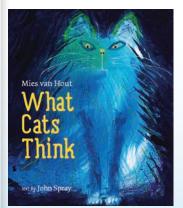
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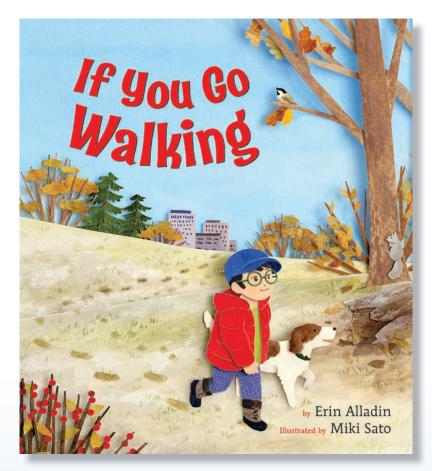
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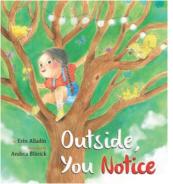
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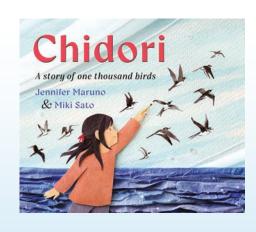
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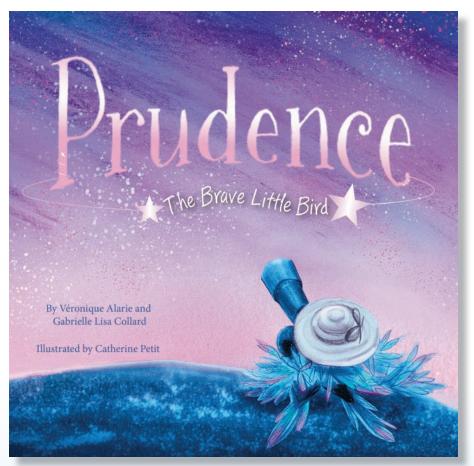


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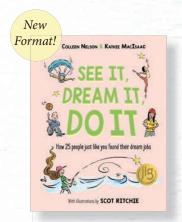
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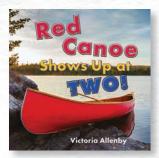






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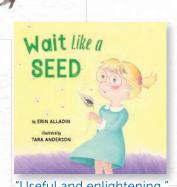
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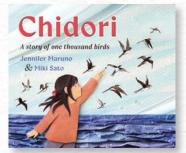
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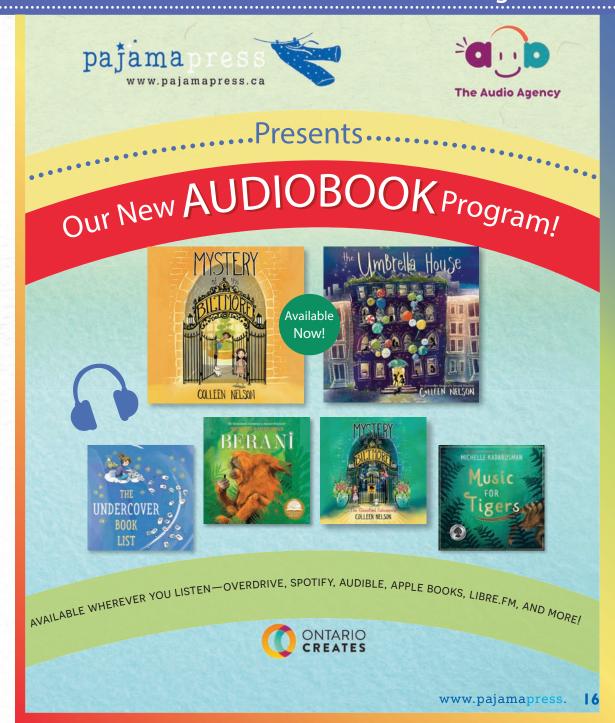


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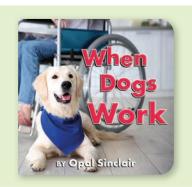
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