War Brothers
The Graphic Novel

by Sharon E. McKay, Daniel Lafrance
illustrated by Daniel Lafrance

*The searing story of a child soldier.*

When fourteen-year-old Jacob is brutally abducted and forced to become a child soldier, he struggles to hold on to his sanity and the will to escape.

Daniel Lafrance’s striking artwork and the poignant, powerful text capture the very essence of life as a child soldier. Readers will never forget the experiences of this young boy struggling to survive, unsure who to trust, afraid of succumbing to madness, and above all, desperate to get to freedom. In the end, Jacob engineers a daring escape.

This graphic novel is based on the acclaimed novel of the same title, winner of a 2009 Arthur Ellis award. The author spent time in Uganda and based this story on real-life accounts of the horrors inflicted on child soldiers and their victims. This is a story of unthinkable violence, but also one of hope, courage, friendship, and family.

**SHARON E. MCKAY** is an award-winning author. Her books include *Enemy Territory* and *Thunder over Kandahar*. She lives in Prince Edward Island.

**DANIEL LAFRANCE** is a storyboard and graphic novel artist. He lives in Toronto, Ontario.

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Their maturity, sensitivity, and even their sense of humor will give teens going through similar situations the important realization that there are many ways to break free from the chains of others’ addictions.

**Chloe Shantz-Hilkes** is a writer and a producer of radio interviews and soundscapes for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. She lives in Toronto, Ontario.

**Decode** is a global strategic consultancy out of Toronto that helps clients “decode” what young people think, feel, want, need, believe in, and aspire to.

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by Elizabeth MacLeod

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At times a gripping whodunit, at others an exercise in deductive reasoning, this book will be hard to put down for any kids who love mysteries, murder, and suspense.

Elizabeth MacLeod is a prolific author of non-fiction books for children, including biographies, craft books, and the Red Maple Award–winning Royal Murder. She lives in Toronto, Ontario.

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Who Gets It, Who Spends It, Where Does It Go?
by Kevin Sylvester and Michael Hlinka
illustrated by Kevin Sylvester

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Showtime
Meet the People
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by Kevin Sylvester

Find out about the “other” stars in show business.

There are hundreds of people who make a live show worth seeing: the entertainers on stage, of course, but also the many people behind the scenes whose work ensures that the show will be a success.

Set designer Machiko Weston meticulously creates miniature 3D sets that capture the smallest detail of what the actual stage will look like. Long-haul trucker Ben Pinel makes sure that instruments, lights, and speakers get to the venue safely and on time. And if onstage fireworks, laser shows, and special effects are appealing, the job of pyrotechnics expert comes with its fair share of excitement—and danger.

Readers will learn about other behind-the-scenes people such as costume designer, promoter, vocal coach, and more: all people whose job it is to make sure that every show is the best one ever.

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The Big Picture

Native Americans
A Visual Exploration

by S.N. Paleja

“A real eye-opener to enlighten children and adults alike.”
—Resource Links

Packed with exciting infographics that capture the history and culture of Native Americans in the U.S. and Canada, this compact and innovative approach decodes information simply and clearly. Using highly colorful, vibrant layouts including maps, pictographs, charts, and timelines, the book builds understanding with answers to questions such as:

• How did the first humans come to America?
• How did the arrival of European settlers affect Native American populations?
• What are some issues Native Americans face today?

Designed to quickly engage readers, The Big Picture: Native Americans is an appealing, accessible entry point into a vast and multi-faceted topic.

S.N. PALEJA has appeared as an actor in film, television, and theater. This is his first book for children; he also recently completed an adult novel. He lives in Vancouver, British Columbia.
In the same series:

“Succinct definitions and compact descriptions provide an interesting blend of the contemporary with the traditional … informative and age-appropriate.”
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In the Arab World Thought of It
Inventions, Innovations, and Amazing Facts
by Saima S. Hussain

Discover the rich legacy of the peoples of the Arab world.

Ink-filled pens, mattresses, and bars of soap—these are only some of the inventions and innovations that have been passed down through the millennia from the peoples of Arab lands. Readers may be surprised to learn that they have also given us:

- the scalpel
- planetariums
- three-course meals

As in the other titles in this series, The Arab World Thought of It uses stunning photos and well-researched information to provide an overview of contributions made in the fields of medicine, architecture, food, and education. Also included is a look at accomplishments in the areas of engineering, transportation, and oil production. Complete with maps, timeline, index, and a list of further reading, this book is an excellent starting point for the exploration of a thriving culture.

Raised in Saudi Arabia, SAIMA S. HUSSAIN is a graduate of the University of Toronto and the Munk School of Global Affairs. This is her first book.
10 Plants That Shook the World

by Gillian Richardson
illustrated by Kim Rosen

Dig up the amazing stories of the plants that have transformed our lives.

Plants might start out as leafy things growing in the earth, but they can come into our lives in unexpected ways. And believe it or not, some have even played an exciting role in history.

Discover how:
• Countries went to war over pepper
• A grass called papyrus made it possible to share knowledge through writing
• Cotton improved the livelihoods of a few, but caused unthinkable suffering for many more

The ten plants in this book are the source of profound changes in the world, both good and bad. Through vibrant illustrations and astonishing facts, you’ll discover that without them, our lives today would be vastly different.

GILLIAN RICHARDSON has written more than a dozen children’s books, including Kaboom! Explosions of All Kinds. She lives near Sorrento, British Columbia.

Olemaun is eight and knows a lot of things. But she does not know how to read. Ignoring her father’s warnings, she travels far from her Arctic home to the outsiders’ school to learn.

The nuns at the school call her Margaret. They cut off her long hair and force her to do menial chores, but she remains undaunted. Her tenacity draws the attention of a black-cloaked nun who tries to break her spirit at every turn. But the young girl is more determined than ever to learn how to read.

Based on the true story of Margaret Pokiak-Fenton, and complemented by stunning illustrations, When I Was Eight makes the bestselling Fatty Legs accessible to younger readers. Now they, too, can meet this remarkable girl who reminds us what power we hold when we can read.

Christy Jordan-Fenton and Margaret Pokiak-Fenton are the authors of Fatty Legs and A Stranger at Home. They live in Fort St. John, British Columbia.

Gabrielle Grimard has illustrated numerous books for children. She lives in Quebec.
What the Snakes Wrote

by Hazel Hutchins
illustrated by Tina Holdcroft

Hurrah for snakes!

Rufus first notices the strangely shaped snakes on the ground outside his house. The word they form with their bodies, DOG, looks oddly familiar. Soon dozens of snakes join in, until the farmer’s field is covered in words. What are the snakes trying to say?

The farmer, busy covering up an old well in his field, doesn’t realize that his action will destroy the winter home of the harmless snakes. But Rufus’s determination helps the snakes find a way to tell the farmer their predicament and save their home.

Tina Holdcroft’s illustrations are an energetic and fun-filled complement to a charming story that subtly presents the benefits of literacy as well as the importance of preserving animal habitats. A brief afterword gives young readers additional information about snakes.

Hazel Hutchins has written over 30 books for children and young adults and has received numerous awards for her work. She lives in Canmore, Alberta.

Tina Holdcroft is the author and/or illustrator of more than 40 books for children, including Spy, Spy Again. She lives in Toronto, Ontario.
Cat Comes Too

by Hazel Hutchins
illustrated by Gosia Mosz

Antics in the attic with little cat.

When its owner goes up to the attic, this curious little cat follows right behind. There, it has to maneuver itself in, up, and around the jumble of stored items. Too crowded among the boxes, cat takes a little climb; when a pile of clothes proves to be too lumpy-bumpy, it takes a little leap; and when a swinging lampshade is too tippy, it takes a little slide to get off.

Very young children will love the antics of the adorable cat as it explores the crowded attic. Little will they realize that they are also honing their language skills as the repetitive word pattern based on “too” takes them through various parts of speech.

Hazel Hutchins, author of the bestselling board books *Up Cat* and *Up Dog*, has written over 30 books for children and young adults and has received numerous awards for her work. She lives in Canmore, Alberta.

Gosia Mosz is a freelance illustrator who specializes in children’s books, editorial illustration, greeting cards, maps, and fine art. She lives in England.
Dog Comes Too

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illustrated by Gosia Mosz

Over hill and dale with little dog.

Little dog is not about to stay behind when its owner goes off for a walk in the country. But it’s quite a job for little dog to keep up as it takes a big jump to get across a divide that’s too wide; a big swim when it finds itself in water that is too deep; and a big run when confronted by a porcupine that is too prickly.

Toddlers will fall in love with little dog, whose quizzical expressions reflect the dilemmas he finds himself in. With its predictable, repetitive pattern, the text lends itself perfectly to small children chiming in. For older preschoolers, the simple language makes it an ideal learn-to-read book.

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