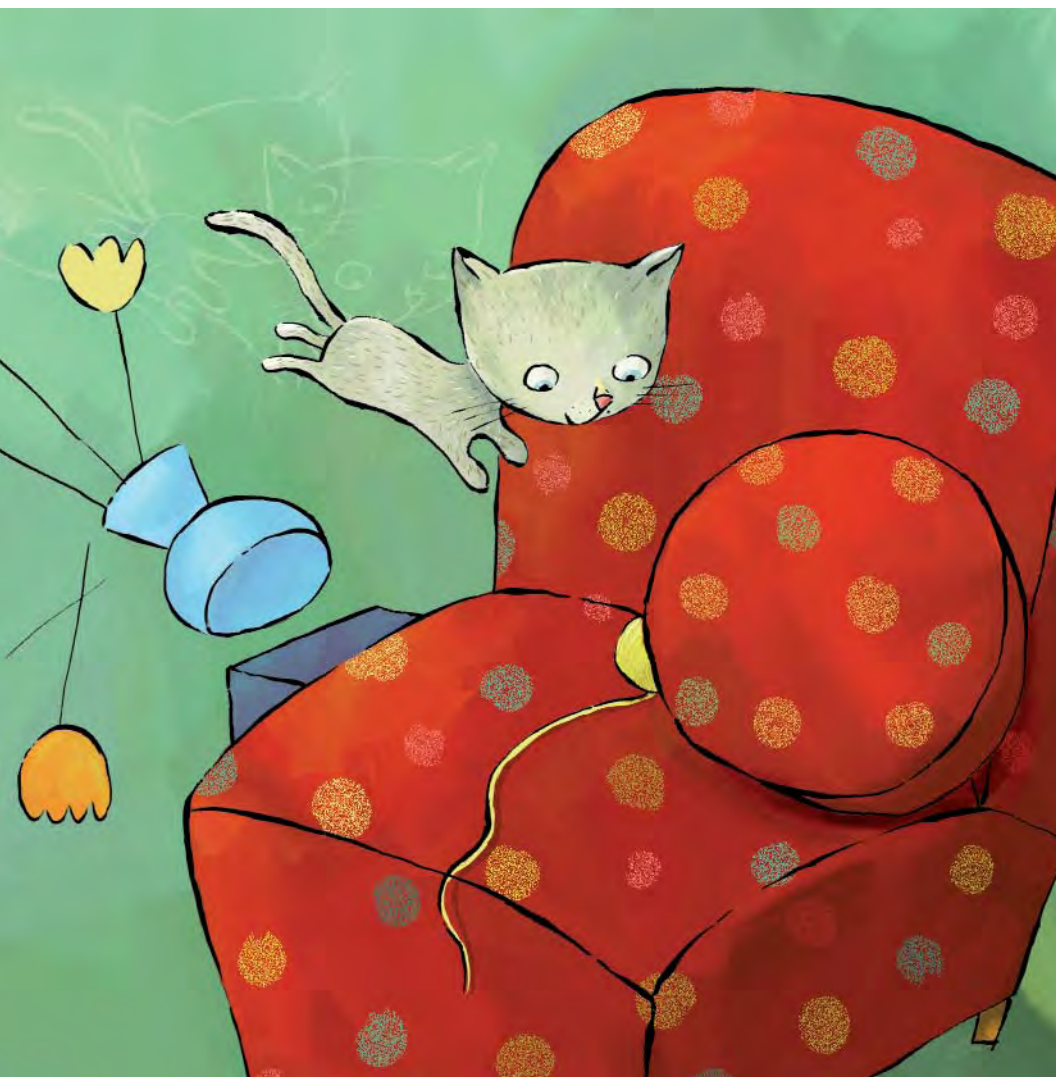


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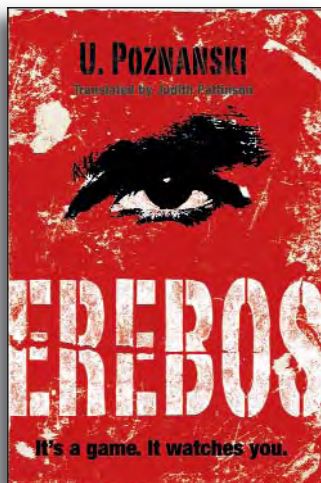


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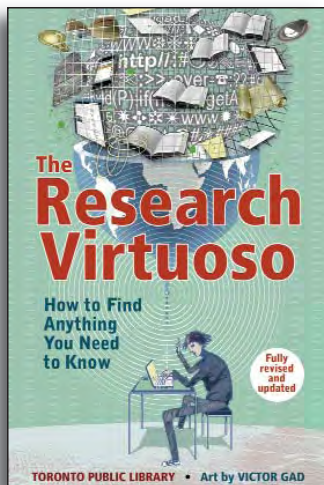
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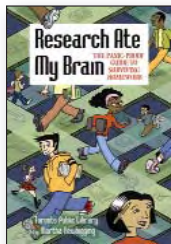
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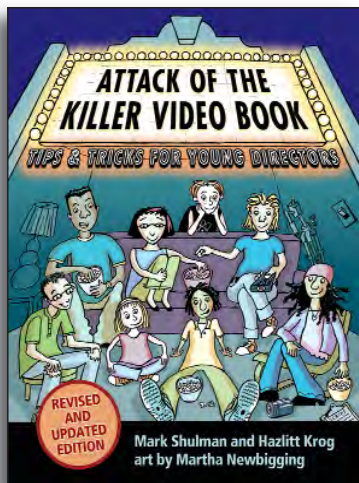
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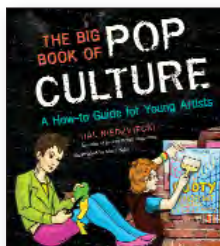
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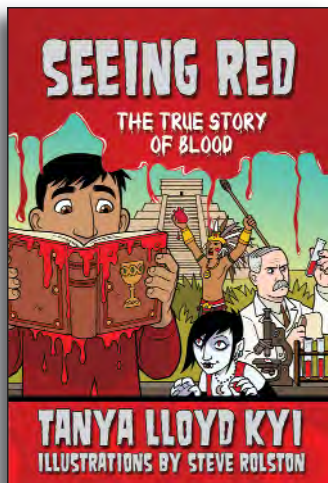
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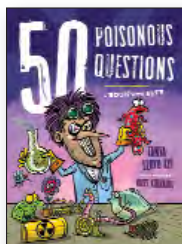
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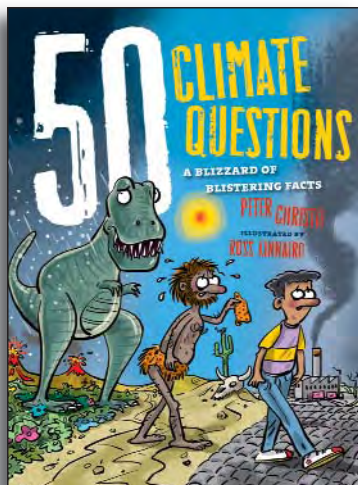
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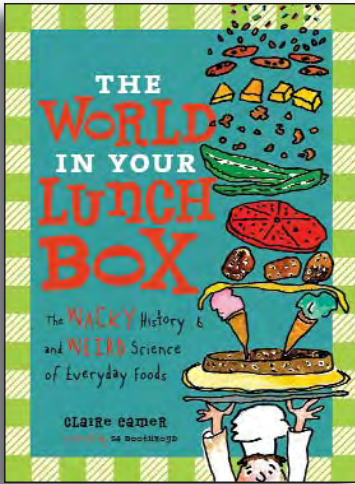
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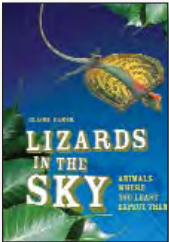
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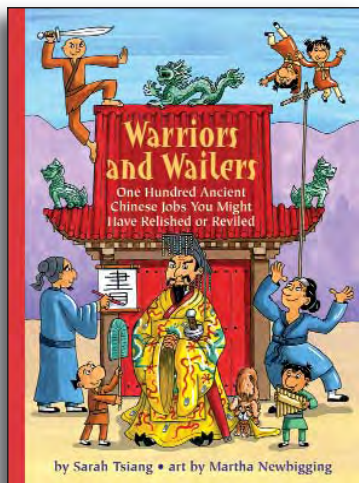
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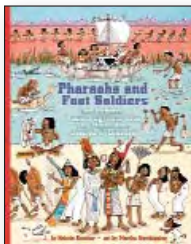
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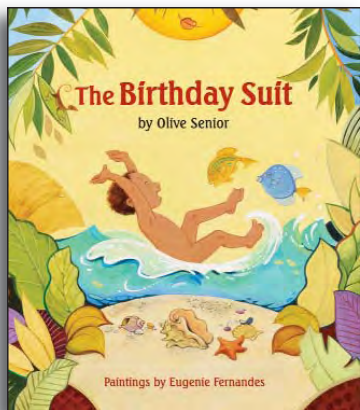
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EVA SALINAS, a journalist with roots in Chile, has lived and worked in London, Vancouver, Ghana, and Chile. She lives in Toronto, Ontario.



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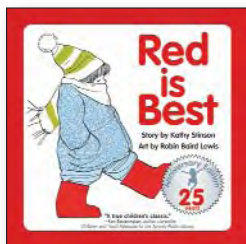
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OLIVE SENIOR, originally from Jamaica, is a poet and author living in Toronto, Ontario. Her short story collection *Summer Lightning* won the 1987 Commonwealth Writers' Prize.

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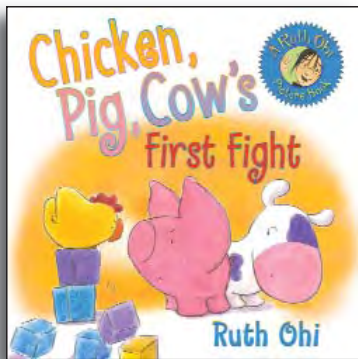
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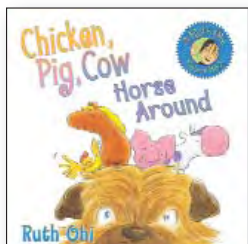
Chicken, Pig, and Cow have always gotten along well—until the day Girl builds a big city out of blocks. Thinking something is missing, Chicken makes a leaf statue. Now the city is perfect.

Pig loves zipping and zooming around the city. Chicken warns him to be careful, but Pig is having too much fun to listen. Then the inevitable happens: Pig zooms right into Chicken's statue, destroying it. Chicken is furious!

Pig's attempts to fix the statue only make matters worse. In the end, he demolishes the entire city. Realizing what a mess he's made, Pig hides while Chicken, Cow, and Dog rebuild the city. After a nap, Pig feels better and returns to apologize to his friends. They forgive him and invite him to join in.

RUTH OHI has illustrated and written many books for children, including all six books in the Chicken, Pig, Cow series. She is currently a writer-in-residence for the Toronto District School Board.

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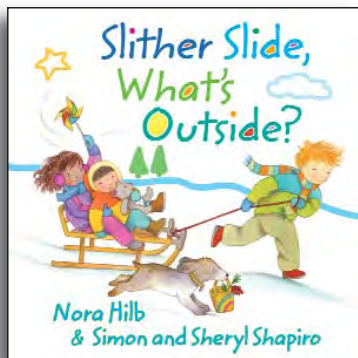


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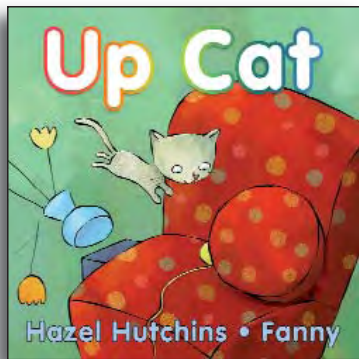
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SIMON and **SHERYL SHAPIRO** are the husband-and-wife team who wrote *Better Together*. They live in Toronto, Ontario.



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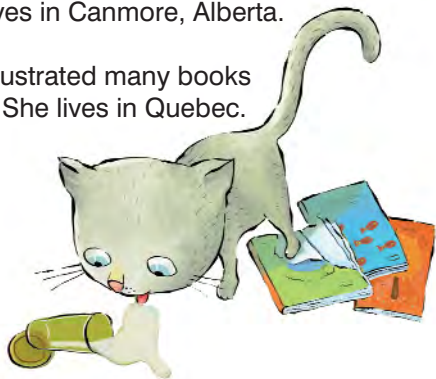
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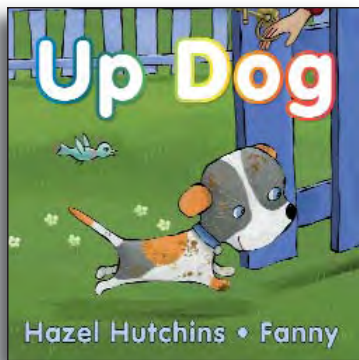


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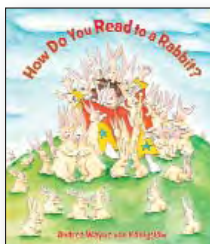
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