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From *The House* by Roberto Innocenti and J. Patrick Lewis

The House

On a country hill, above a village, stands the House. It bears a construction date of 1656, and it saw much in its first two centuries. A plague was endured. Generations were sheltered. Countless stones were mortared. The House became a legend, and then it became abandoned. But at the turn of the 20th century, it is rediscovered and reborn. As 10 more decades pass, war ravages the hillside, old ways are replaced by new technologies, and another family story unfolds. The House bears witness to it all, but in the end, can it survive another desertion?

The House is artist Roberto Innocenti's first book since winning the prestigious Hans Christian Andersen Award in 2008. He is in peak form here, rendering a beautiful sequence of paintings that portray 100 years of



changes brought to a house and its plot of land by the irresistible passage of time. The quatrains of poet J. Patrick Lewis, meanwhile, offer a rare narrative perspective by giving voice to the House itself, lending soul to an old stone structure that watches seasons change, inhabitants come and go, and its own existence come into jeopardy.

Author: J. Patrick Lewis

Illustrator: Roberto Innocenti

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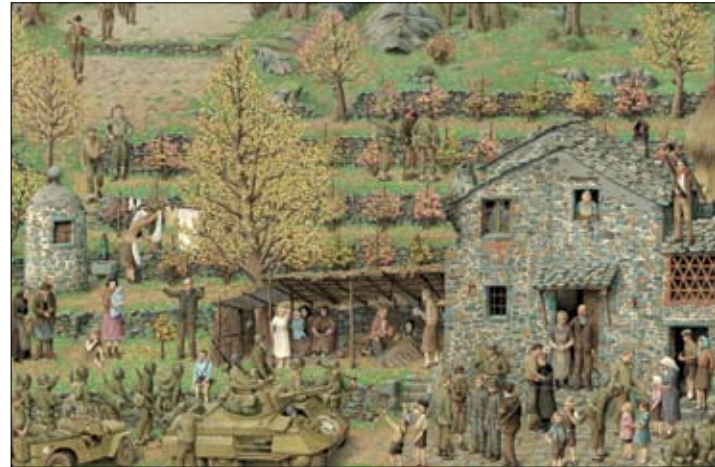
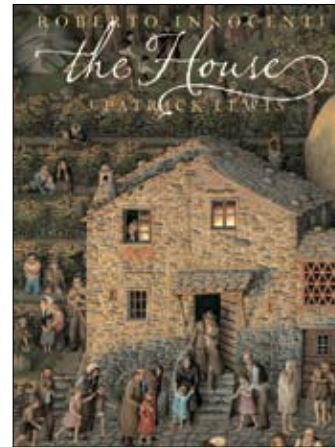
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Color illustrations



MOON THEATER

Every night, as the curtains of evening part, a timeless production unfolds. The rising moon takes center stage, surrounded by vigilant owls, choirs of howling dogs, and other supporting characters. But before the sun makes its exit and the lights dim, a young stagehand must complete a host of preparations. Stars must be made sparkly, flowers and feathers dusk, dolls soothed to slumber, and monsters of the dark appeased. Only then can the moon be hoisted aloft and the real show begin.

Artist Etienne Delessert has been creating picture books for decades, and his distinctive style is at its finest in this simple but spellbinding title. Despite the nighttime theme and somber colors on the pages, Delessert keeps the story bright and spirited. Rats play

games, an owl tests new spectacles, and even creatures that are the stuff of nightmares are made docile—all under the gaze of the waiting moon and before a backdrop of oversized flowers and trees that sprout stars. When the night sky is unveiled at last, *Moon Theater* concludes a magical performance that audiences will be eager to revisit ... day or night.

Author: Etienne Delessert

Illustrator: Etienne Delessert

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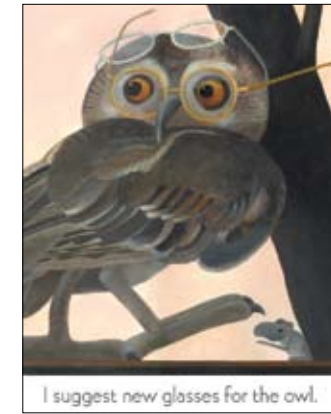
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Color illustrations



THE RIVERBANK

In 1831, a young English naturalist named Charles Darwin set sail aboard the HMS *Beagle* on a five-year exploration of the world, from Africa to South America. Digging for fossils and studying countless plants and animals, he came to believe that not only was life ever-changing, but that all life forms on Earth could trace their origins back to just a few primitive organisms—beliefs he announced in his revolutionary 1859 book *On the Origin of Species*. Darwin's theories were most simply and elegantly summarized in the book's final paragraph—four sentences that reflect on the vast, continual process of life as seen in a common setting.

In *The Riverbank*, a picture book conceived and illustrated by artist Fabian Negrin, watercolor paintings accented with pencil and wax beautifully interpret this powerful concluding paragraph upon the



150th anniversary of *On the Origin of Species*' publication. Negrin's artwork—depicting a child's exploration of a shallow river and its bank, complete with birds, shells, leaves, and insects—gives accessible representation to some of the most fundamental laws of nature, from reproduction to natural selection. Endnotes offer concise explanations of key concepts, contributing to a fuller appreciation of Darwin's discoveries.

Author: Charles Darwin

Illustrator: Fabian Negrin

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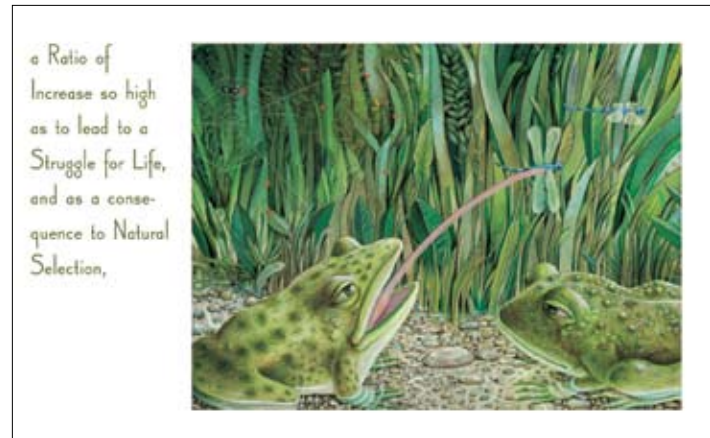
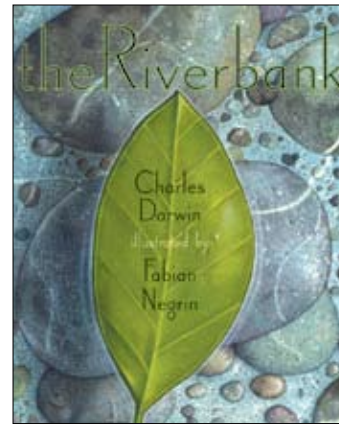
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Reading level: Grade 3 and up

Color illustrations



TUBA LESSONS

In this reissued version of one of Creative Editions' most beloved picture books, a boy ventures through the woods on his way to a tuba lesson, but he can't resist the temptation to climb trees and take a nap in the shade. After a curious squirrel tests out the tuba and an assortment of intrigued woodland creatures gather, the boy finds himself giving a concert to his unexpected audience, sending big notes bounding across the pages. But when a huge, snarling bear shows up and roars forth his own notes, will music be able to soothe even the most savage of beasts?

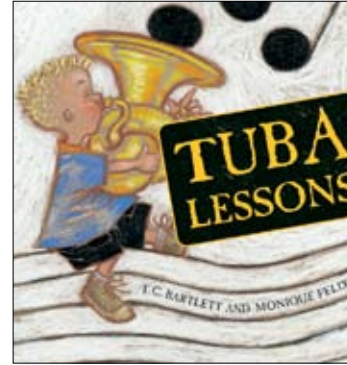
Critics were unanimous in their praise of *Tuba Lessons* upon its original publication. Admiring T. C. Bartlett's cleverly spare story and Monique Felix's exuberant illustrations, *School Library Journal* said, "children will be caught up

in the mirth." *Publishers Weekly* gave the book a starred review, describing it as "a frothy little confection infused with a gentle sensibility. . . . Readers treated to its imaginative pleasures will almost certainly call for an encore." Light on words but heavy on fun, *Tuba Lessons* is an unforgettable celebration of music and friendship.

Author: T. C. Bartlett
Illustrator: Monique Felix
978-1-56846-209-7

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DAYS OF CHANGE

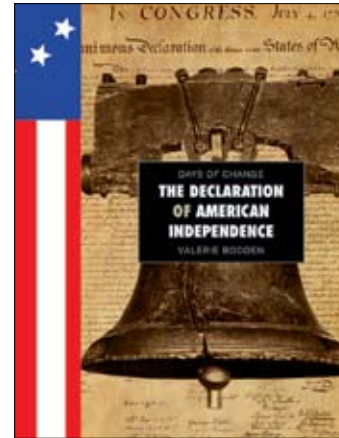
There are days that make history, and then there are days that shape the world. The popular and newly expanded *Days of Change* series examines events that caused—and, in some cases, continue to cause—enormous global change. Each book examines how the pivotal days unfolded and surveys the world both pre- and post-event, while striking historical photographs and illustrations capture the drama and powerful emotions of the Declaration of American Independence and other unforgettable happenings.

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The Declaration of American Independence

LIVING WILD

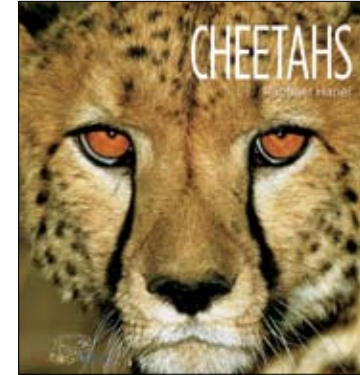
The speed of cheetahs, the agility of monkeys, the pack mentality of wolves, and the defining characteristics of five other fascinating animals are explored in the newest titles in the *Living Wild* series. Vivid photographs help take readers on a virtual field study to observe the life cycle and behaviors of the featured creature. Each book also looks at past and present scientific research and includes a unique storytelling element in the form of an animal tale drawn from mythology or folklore.

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Monkeys

NFL Today

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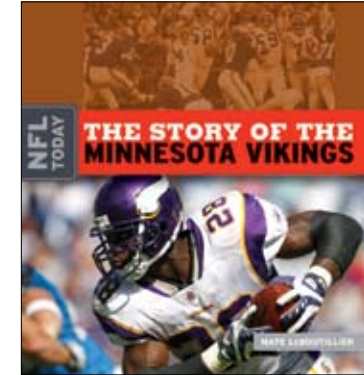
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The Story of the New York Giants

POETRY BASICS

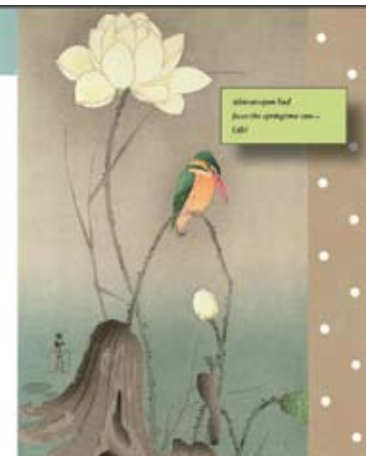
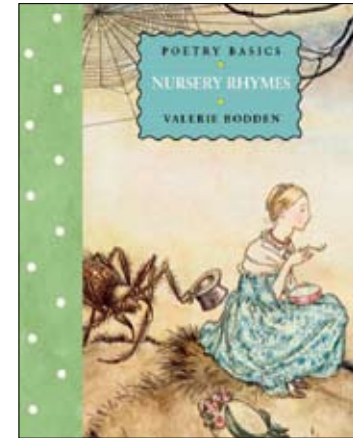
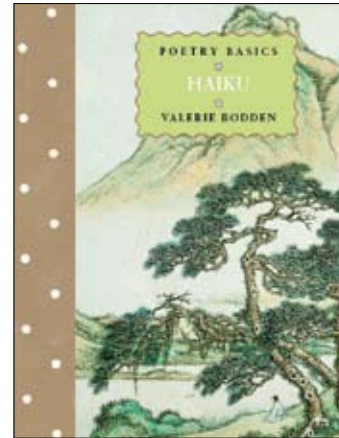
Poetry need not be complicated. In fact, some of the most time-honored forms of this creative writing style are intended largely for children. The new *Poetry Basics* series combines colorful illustrations with accessible example poems and fundamental analysis to introduce readers to the simplicity of haiku, humor of limericks, "music" of nursery rhymes, and imaginative forms of concrete poems. Each book concludes with "Think Like a Poet" exercises to encourage hands-on experimentation.

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Haiku

THIS LAND CALLED AMERICA

America is a land of diverse peoples, rich opportunities, and varied landscapes. From Montana to South Carolina to Nevada, the newly completed *This Land Called America* offers an engaging introduction to 25 more states in the nation. Clear text and colorful photographs are set into a beautiful design to illuminate the history, natural resources, people, and attractions that make each state unique. Each title includes "quick facts" and a timeline of events that help to define the state.

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