



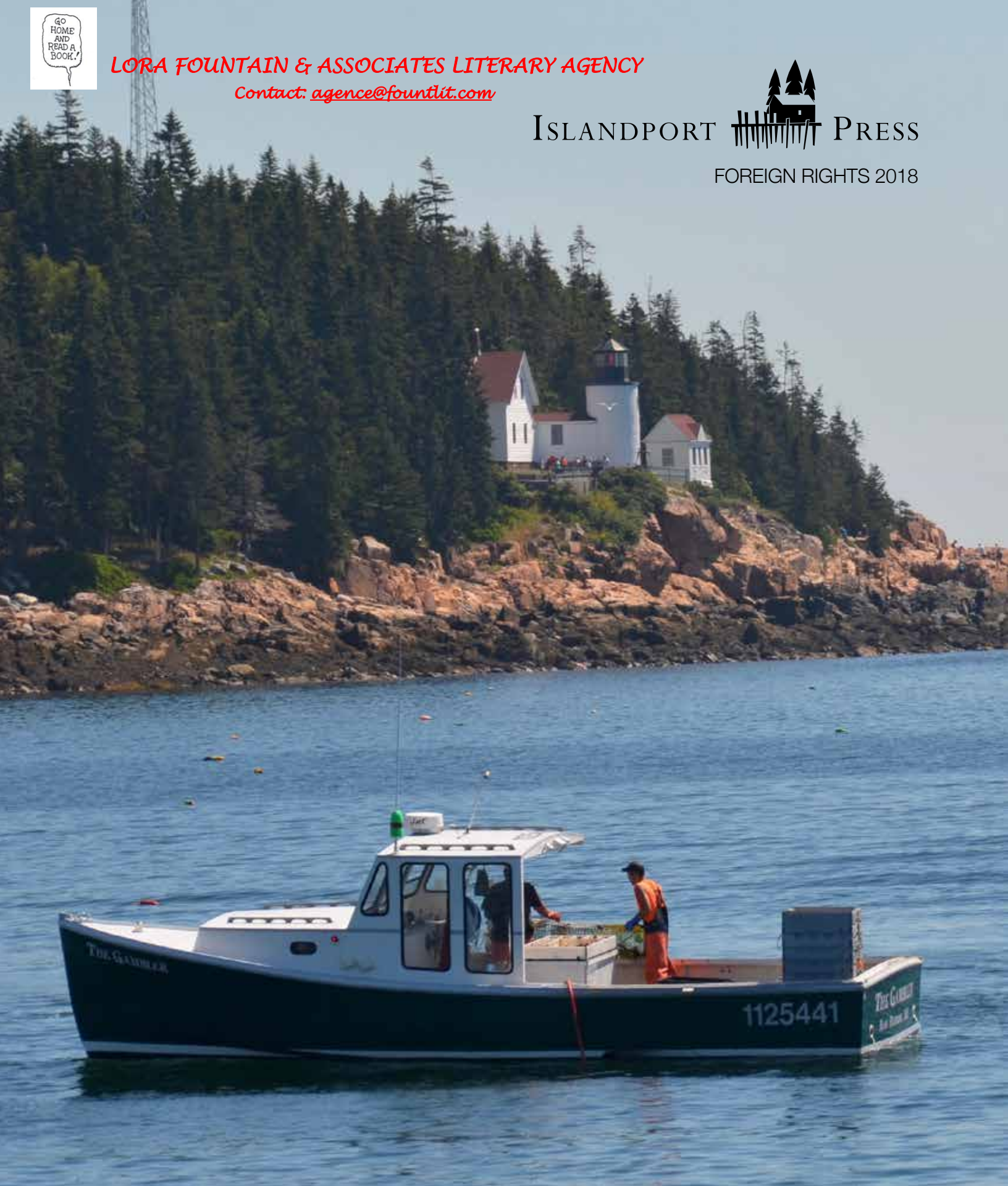
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*Magic is in the wind.*

## What the Wind Can Tell You

by Sarah Marie A. Jette

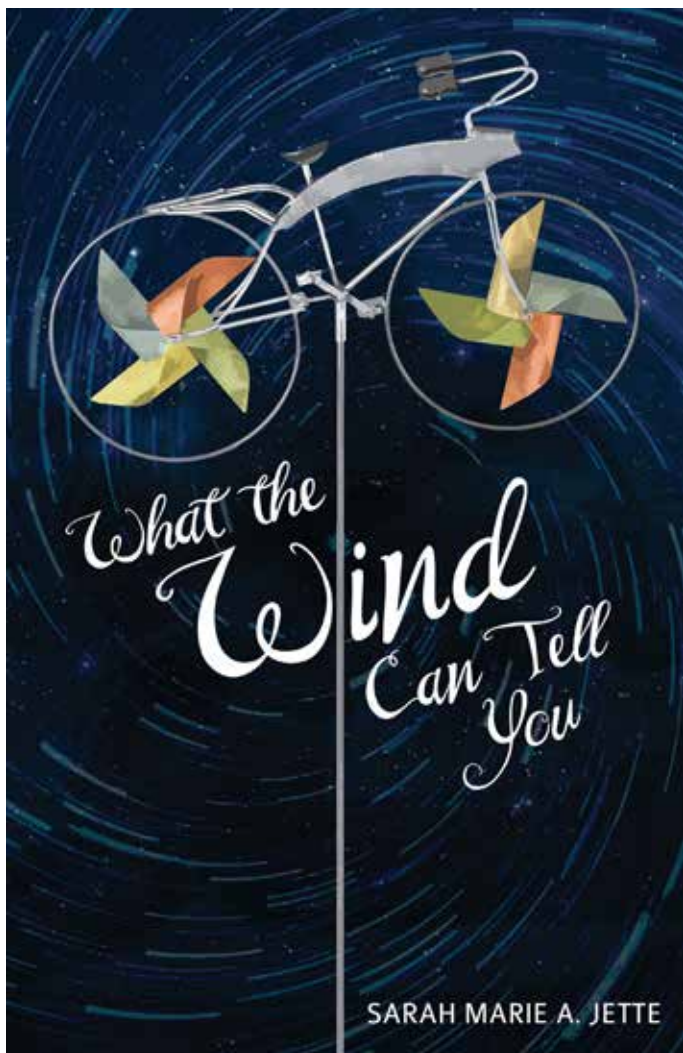
Isabelle is fascinated by wind. And this year, she's determined to win the middle school science fair with her wind machine. She's just as determined to have her brother, Julian, who has a severe form of epilepsy and uses a wheelchair, serve as her assistant. But after Julian has a grand seizure, everything changes. Isabelle is suddenly granted entry into Las Brisas, a magical world where Julian's physical limitations disappear, and one, she discovers, that he visits every night. The more Isabelle explores Las Brisas, the more possibilities she sees—for Julian, and for herself—and the more she finds herself at odds with her parents. Debut author Sarah Marie A. Jette has told, with remarkable insight and humor, a powerful story of a family struggling to love without fear.

**U.S. \$14.95**

**ISBN: 978-1-944762-41-4**

**Middle grade fiction, softcover, 5.5 x 8.5, ages 8-12, 208 p.**

**Publication: May 2018**



### Sarah Marie A. Jette

Sarah Marie grew up in Lewiston, Maine, in a house filled with books. A graduate of Mount Holyoke College, she served in the Peace Corps in Mongolia, studied rehabilitation counseling, and now has the best job in the world: teaching fourth-graders. When she's not writing, she's crafting with her three children, sewing her own clothes, and snuggling with her cats. Sarah Marie lives in Belmont, Massachusetts. This is her first novel.



Photo by Bridget Hogan



# I Am Birch

By Scott Kelley

A birch tree is an unlikely champion and protector of the forest in this story inspired by Gluskap, the heroic and kind-hearted figure of Wabanaki legends. As rumors of coming cold and darkness spread through the woods, chaos and fear grow. In a panic to collect and store food, the animals do damage to their very homes. The birch, now only a stump, remains firmly rooted and, with the wisdom and dry humor that only a stump can possess, helps the animals put their fears to rest. Acclaimed fine art painter Scott Kelley used his portraits of Wabanaki tribal elders as a springboard for the extraordinary paintings that make this a children's book like no other.

**U.S. \$17.95**

**ISBN: 978-1-944762-39-1**

**Children's picture book, hardcover (DJ), 8 x 10, ages 4 - 8, 32 p.**

**Publication: April 2018**

SCOTT KELLEY'S paintings have appeared in numerous galleries and museums since 1981. His attention to detail, brush strokes that manage to be both abstract and precise, and blend of image and design, have drawn high praise from art critics and collectors. He received a BFA from The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art in New York. He also attended the Slade School of Fine Art in London and The Glassel School of Art, Museum of Fine Arts in Houston. The Legends of Gluskap was exhibited at Sigrid Freundorfer Fine Art, New York, in 2015, and a subsequent collection, Birch, was on display at the Dowling Walsh Gallery in Rockland, Maine, in 2017. Kelley lives on an island off the coast of Maine with his wife, Gail, son, Abbott, and an imaginary pig named Lunchbox.





## Wildlife on the Move

### A Monarch Butterfly Story

Written by Melissa Kim  
Illustrated by Jada Fitch

A young boy learns about threats to Monarch Butterflies and inspires his class and community to learn about the butterfly's life cycle and to plant a butterfly friendly garden, offering the iconic insects safe places to lay eggs and native plants full of nectar to fuel their long migration. Through a simple narrative with beautiful illustrations, young readers will learn about the Monarch Butterfly, its cycle from egg to caterpillar to butterfly, threats to its survival, and respectful human interaction to help conserve this increasingly threatened species. This is the fourth title in the Wildlife on the Move series, published in partnership with Maine Audubon.

**U.S. \$10.95 / CAN \$12.95**  
**ISBN: 978-1-944762-11-7**  
Children's board book, 7 x 7, ages 0-6, 24 p.

### A Blanding's Turtle Story

Written by Melissa Kim  
Illustrated by Jada Fitch

A Blanding's Turtle ventures across streams, over roads, and through wetlands to find food and a safe place to make a nest, in the third book of the Wildlife on the Move series. *A Blanding's Turtle Story* follows one turtle through her seasonal cycle of hibernating, foraging, and nesting, with some unexpected challenges—and help—along the way. Through a simple narrative with beautiful illustrations, young readers will learn about the Blanding's Turtle, its behaviors and habitat, threats to its survival, and how respectful human interaction can help protect this rare endangered species.

**U.S. \$10.95 / CAN \$12.95**  
**ISBN: 978-1-939017-92-5**  
Children's board book, 7 x 7, ages 0-6, 24 p.

### A Little Brown Bat Story

Written by Melissa Kim  
Illustrated by Jada Fitch

Inspired by true stories, *A Little Brown Bat Story* follows one bat through his daily ritual of eating and sleeping, and his annual migration to a safe spot to hibernate in winter. Through a simple narrative with beautiful illustrations, young readers will learn about Little Brown Bat behavior and habitat, threats to the bats' survival, and how respectful human interaction can help conserve this important and threatened species.

**U.S. \$10.95 / CAN \$12.95**  
**ISBN: 978-1-939017-70-3**  
Children's board book, 7 x 7, ages 0-6, 24 p.

### A Snowy Owl Story

Written by Melissa Kim  
Illustrated by Jada Fitch

2016 Sigurd Olson Nature Writing Award, Children's Notable Book  
12 Best Bird Books of 2015,  
National Audubon

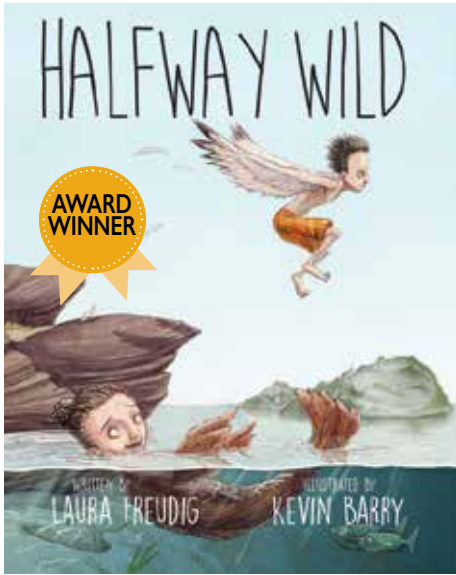
Based on a true story, *A Snowy Owl Story* describes, through the adventures of one particular owl, the recent irruption of Snowy Owls all across the United States. Through simple narrative and beautiful illustrations, youngsters will learn about migration, adaptation, and respectful human interaction with nature.

**U.S. \$10.95 / CAN \$12.95**  
**ISBN: 978-1-939017-48-2**  
Children's board book, 7 x 7, ages 0-6, 24 p.

### Praise

"*A Snowy Owl Story* isn't just another cute kids book; it's full of science and purpose . . . Beautifully illustrated with easy-to-read text, the book teaches children about the bird's habitat and diet, and also shows them how to help an avian in need."

—National Audubon



## Halfway Wild

Written by Laura Freudig  
Illustrated by Kevin Barry

On some days, there's just not a good word for the way you are feeling. If your socks are sagging and your pants are wrinkled, what do you call it? Maybe you're feeling like a turtle. Maybe you're feeling halfway wild. In this fresh and lyrical picture book, a family's feelings and moods are imagined through animal traits and behaviors as they make their way through the course of one lazy summer day.

**U.S. \$17.95 / CAN \$20.95**  
**ISBN: 978-1-934031-48-3**  
**Children's picture book, hardcover (DJ), 8 x 10, ages 4-8, 32 p.**

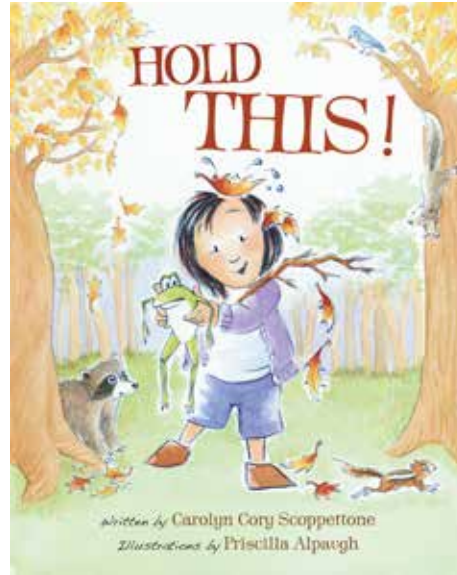
### Praise

"Good both for classroom explorations of metaphors and for inspiring imaginative play."

—*Kirkus Reviews*

"This fun read-aloud about a loving family encourages children to mimic the animal behaviors depicted."

—*School Library Journal*



## Hold This!

Written by Carolyn Cory Scoppettone  
Illustrated by Priscilla Alpaugh

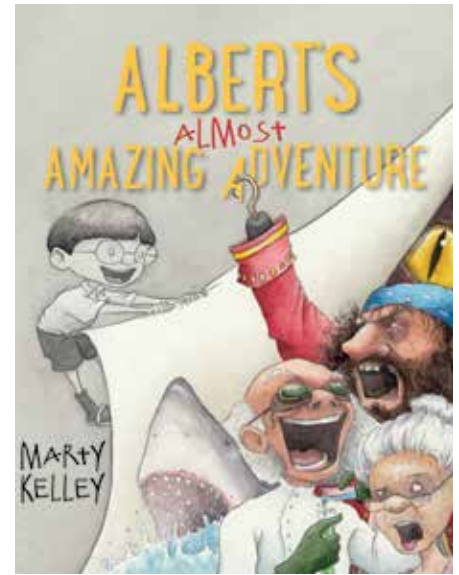
A girl and her father go for a walk, experiencing all the sights, sounds, smells, and feels of the woods. With every step and stumble, Mika finds both the wonders and treasures of nature, and the ability to pick herself up after a fall. But the real discovery for both daughter and parent comes at the end, when they both realize that the truest treasure is a hand to hold.

**U.S. \$17.95 / CAN \$19.95**  
**ISBN: 978-1-939017-68-0**  
**Children's picture book, hardcover (DJ), 8 x 10, ages 3-7, 32 p.**

### Praise

"A toddler and her dad take a walk in the woods, where there is much to behold and to hold. A sweet celebration of sharing in the outdoors."

—*Kirkus Reviews*



## Albert's Almost Amazing Adventure

by Marty Kelley

Albert's vacation was amazing—in his mind. But to his friends, his time in Maine was boring. They've got a much more creative idea of what Albert could have done on his trip. Marty Kelley tells this wonderful read-aloud story by contrasting panels of black-and-white charcoal drawings with colorful spreads of what Albert's friends imagine for his summer adventures. But Albert's trip might not have been as dull as they thought!

**U.S. \$17.95 / CAN \$20.95**  
**ISBN: 978-1-939017-69-7**  
**Children's picture book, hardcover (DJ), 8 x 10, ages 4-8,**

### Praise

"As unique as it is entertaining, *Albert's Almost Amazing Adventure* is very highly recommended for children ages 5 to 8 and would prove to be an enduringly popular addition to elementary school and community library picture book collections."

—*Midwest Book Review*



## The Iciest, Diciest, Scariest Sled Ride Ever!

Written by Rebecca Rule  
Illustrated by Jennifer Thermes

On a cold winter day when “the world was ice and we were skaters without skates,” friends set out on an adventure that soars to epic proportions when Grampa Bud lets them use his old runner sled to tackle the iciest, diciest, scariest hill ever!

**U.S. \$17.95 / CAN \$19.95**  
**ISBN: 978-1-934031-88-9**  
Children's picture book, hardcover (DJ),  
9 x 11, ages 4–8, 36 p.  
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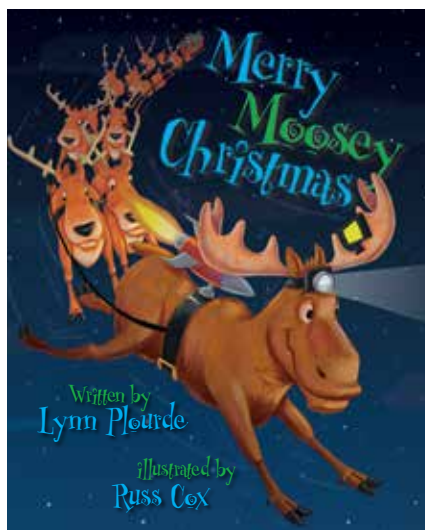
### Praise

“The watercolors give a wonderful array of viewpoints, showing the path of the sled run as well as close-ups of the children: fresh-faced and having the time of their lives.”

—*Kirkus Reviews, Starred Review*

“The faces of the characters alight with anticipation and the crisp, snow-covered landscapes perfectly capture the joy and freedom of a carefree childhood.”

—*School Library Journal*



## Merry Moosey Christmas

Written by Lynn Plourde  
Illustrated by Russ Cox

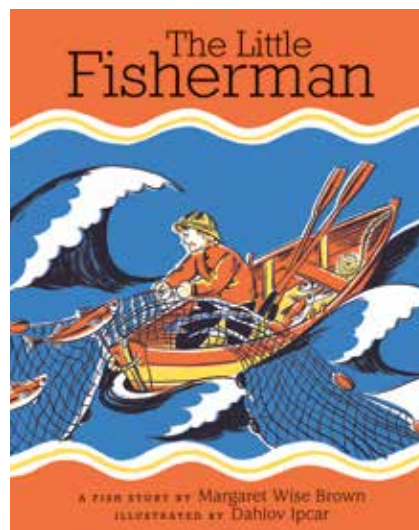
This Christmas Eve, Rudolph just wants to enjoy the holiday without having to work. So he convinces Santa to accept a substitute. They find an eager and resourceful moose for the job, but on Christmas Eve, Rudolph worries: Was the moose's training good enough?

**U.S. \$17.95 / CAN \$20.95**  
**ISBN: 978-1-939017-38-3**  
Children's picture book, hardcover (DJ), 9 x 11, ages 4–8,  
32 p.

### Praise

“Readers will enjoy being in on the silly problem-solving, and Cox's art, often focused on Rudolph and the Moose's big expressive eyes, gleefully plays into the story's comical premise.”

—*Publishers Weekly*



## The Little Fisherman

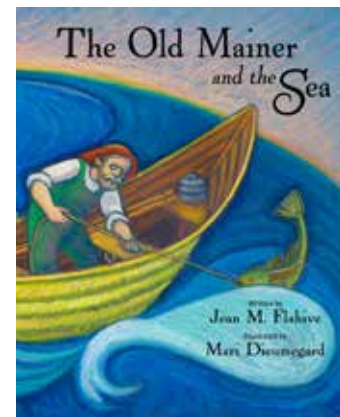
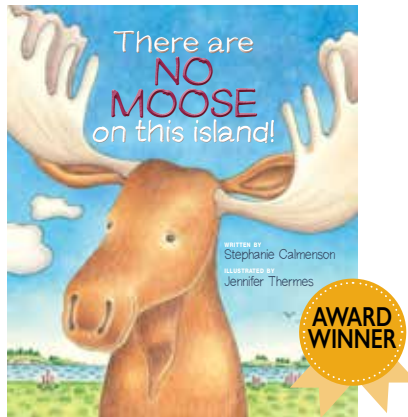
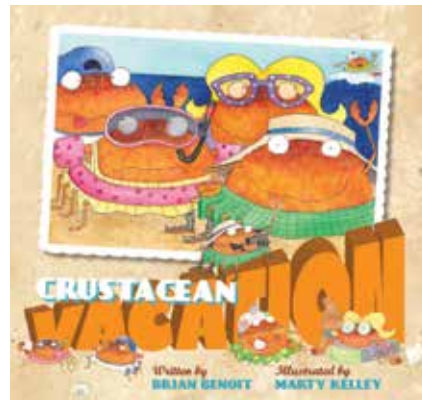
Written by Margaret Wise Brown  
Illustrated by Dahlov Ipcar

“Once there was a great big fisherman and a little fisherman . . . They sailed boats.” So begins the classic story by Margaret Wise Brown. The book follows the two fisherman through a day in their life at sea, the big fisherman with his big boat, big fish, and big sailors, and the little fisherman with his little boat, little fish, little sailors—and a big story.

The first children's book illustrated by Dahlov Ipcar, *The Little Fisherman* helped establish her distinctive style and ignited a four-decade creative run that saw her write and illustrate more than thirty children's books.

**U.S. \$16.95 / CAN \$18.95**  
**ISBN: 978-1-934031-14-8**  
Children's picture book, hardcover (DJ), 9.25 x 11.25, ages  
4–9, 38 p.  
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Japanese [BL Shuppan]; and Simplified Chinese [Beijing  
Mediatime Books Co., Ltd.] )





## Nic and Nellie

by Astrid Sheckels

Nic and Nellie is a gorgeously illustrated, heartwarming story of a girl and her beloved dog, Nellie, who slowly learn that new places really aren't so scary, and that often friends can be found around every corner, even in old rowboats, tidal ponds, and stinky mudflats.

**U.S. \$17.95 / CAN \$20.95**

**ISBN: 978-1-934031-52-0**

Children's picture book, hardcover (DJ), 9.25 x 11.25, ages 4-9, 36 p.

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## Crustacean Vacation

Written by Brian Benoit

Illustrated by Marty Kelley

Where do you go when you're feeling crabby and just need a vacation? To the seaside, of course! Join a frolicsome family of curious crabs as they scuttle on land to picnic at the beach, try their luck in an arcade, and slide and glide in a water park.

**U.S. \$17.95 / CAN \$19.95**

**ISBN: 978-1-934031-95-7**

Children's picture book, hardcover (DJ), 9.5 x 8.5, ages 4-8, 36 p.

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## My Cat, Coon Cat

Written by Sandy F. Fuller

Illustrated by Jeannie Brett

A young girl moves into a new home and slowly wins the affection of a shy cat. Beautiful illustrations enhance rhyming verses to create a delightful book for children, cat lovers, and anyone who has felt the warmth of making a new friend.

**U.S. \$17.95**

**ISBN: 978-1-934031-32-2**

Children's picture book, hardcover (DJ), 9.25 x 11.25, ages 2-8, 36 p.

## The Fish House Door

Written by Robert Baldwin

Illustrated by Astrid Sheckels

A beautifully illustrated book set in a Maine island fishing village. A summer visitor gives a young islander a new perspective and a fresh look at the people and traditions that have shaped his past and will chart his future.

**U.S. \$16.95 / CAN \$18.95**

**ISBN: 978-1-934031-30-8**

Children's picture book, hardcover, (DJ)  
9.25 x 11.25, ages 4-9, 36 p.

## There are No Moose on this Island

Written by Stephanie Calmenson

Illustrated by Jennifer Thermes

Jake's excited to visit an island, and he wants to see a moose. But his dad insists: there are no moose there. With graceful illustrations, Jake starts to see the moose, but Dad can't. In the end, Jake shows Dad how to truly experience the outdoors.

**U.S. \$17.95 / CAN \$20.95**

**ISBN: 978-1-934031-34-6**

Children's picture book, hardcover (DJ), 9 x 11, ages 4-8, 32 p.

## Old Mainer and the Sea

Written by Jean Flahive

Illustrated by Mari Dieumegard

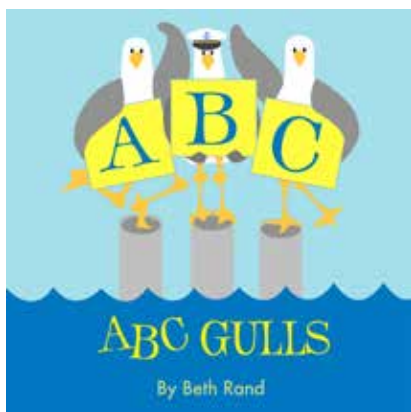
Eben goes out fishing one day, rowing six miles from his island home towards the harbor on the mainland, hauling in cod as he goes. But a porpoise tangles his lines, fog rolls in, and an accident leads to a broken oar. Lonely, tired, and adrift, Eben is almost ready to give in to the embrace of the sea, when rescue comes in an unexpected form.

**U.S. \$17.95**

**ISBN: 978-1-944762-27-8**

Children's picture book, hardcover (DJ), 8 x 10, ages 4-8, 32 p.





## 123 GULLS

Written and illustrated by Beth Rand

*123 Gulls* offers a fresh take on a counting book, as intrepid seagulls skate, ski, and collect items, counting down from ten mittens to one snowy surprise. The gulls also experience 50 and 100, until one moon puts them to sleep in the end. Little ones can start by learning numbers while early counters will have fun finding all the items.

**U.S. \$14.95**

**ISBN: 978-1-944762-52-0**

**Children's picture book, hardcover, 8 x 8, ages 2 - 6, 32 p.**

**Publication: October 2018**

## ABC GULLS

Written and illustrated by Beth Rand

*ABC Gulls* offers a playful look at the alphabet with a coastal twist. A cast of seagulls chronicles scenes from everyday island life. Little ones can start by learning letters and move up to sounding out individual words and full sentences.

**U.S. \$14.95**

**ISBN: 978-1-944762-08-7**

**Children's picture book, hardcover, 8 x 8, ages 2 - 6, 32 p.**



## The Sugar Mountain Snow Ball

by Elizabeth Atkinson

Cheerful Ruby LaRue and her shy friend Eleanor Bandaranaike couldn't be more different. Ruby has lived her whole life in the small ski town of Paris, New Hampshire. Eleanor's family comes from Sri Lanka. But these unlikely best friends share one thing: they both have BIG plans. So when a mysterious fortuneteller urges them to go outside their world to unlock their dreams, they plunge down a whirlwind path to try to reach their goals.

**U.S. \$16.95 / CAN \$19.95**

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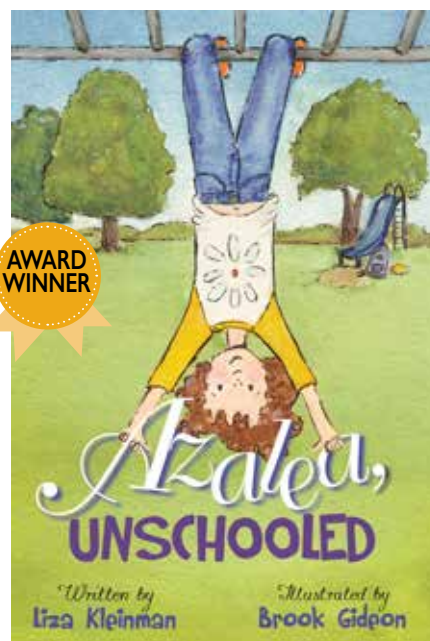
**Middle grade fiction, hardcover (DJ), 6 x 9, ages 8-12, 224 p.**

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### Praise

"A feel-good story that has it all . . . This delightful tale with a hint of mystery will engross readers from the first page."

—School Library Journal



## Azalea, Unschool'd

by Liza Kleinman  
Illustrated by Brook Gideon

Azalea's sick of moving. But now, someone is threatening her father's business. Can Azalea use her freedom as an unschooler to save the day? In Kleinman's fresh, funny debut, she deftly explores the unschooling movement and the challenges of moving, making friends, and finding room for differences within a family.

**U.S. \$16.95 / CAN \$18.95**

**ISBN: 978-1-939017-58-1**

**Middle grade fiction, hardcover (DJ), 6 x 9, ages 8-12, 140 p.**

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### Praise

"With everyday challenges come valuable lessons, and both parents and kids can be educated by this fascinating perspective."

—Foreword Reviews

# THE FIVE STONES TRILOGY

Move over, Narnia. The journey to Ayda has begun.



BOOK 1

## The Fog of Forgetting

by G.A. Morgan

One summer, five children find themselves engulfed in a curtain of dense, powerful fog that transports them from the rocky Maine coast to the mysterious island of Ayda. They soon find themselves at the center of a centuries-old battle between Dankar, the ruler of Exor, and three siblings that rule the other realms of Ayda. At stake are the four stones of power and the elusive Fifth Stone that binds them all.

**U.S. \$18.95 / CAN \$20.95**

**ISBN 978-1-939017-23-9**

**Middle grade fiction, hardcover (DJ), 6 x 9, ages 10-14, 316 p.**



BOOK 2

## Chantarelle

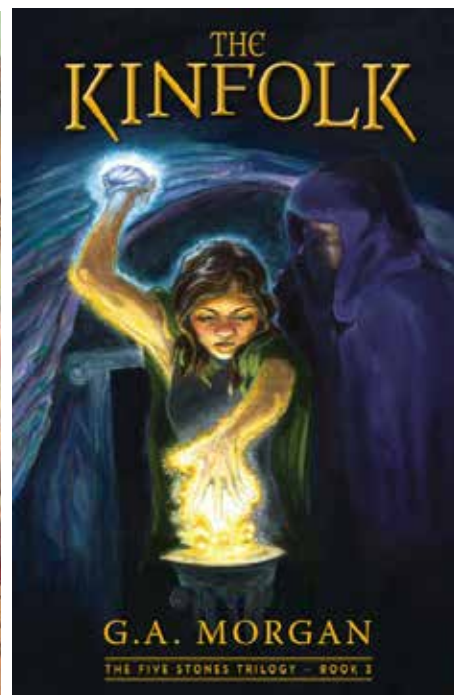
by G.A. Morgan

Determined to fulfill his promise to find the unifying Fifth Stone, Captain Nate returns to the island of Ayda, where one realm is burning and two others are under siege from Dankar's dark forces of Exor. Meanwhile, Knox and Evelyn must trust a mysterious guide to help them find a way back, though each has their own personal struggle to overcome. The children must decide if they can put their own needs—and fears—aside to save their friends and family. Morgan raises the stakes with a deeper examination of the evil power at work in Dankar, the conflict between love and loyalty, and the pain of sacrifice.

**U.S. \$18.95 / CAN \$20.95**

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BOOK 3

## The Kinfolk

by G.A. Morgan

In the dramatic conclusion of *The Five Stones Trilogy*, Chase, Evelyn, and Knox must gather together disparate forces to save not just Ayda but their own world. The three young people have returned through the fog to fulfill their promise to the Keepers on the island of Ayda, whose four realms are in turmoil. But in Exor, Dankar's evil forces continue to grow as he corrupts and coerces all in his domain, with the final intent of gaining total control of Ayda so he may take his battle to the world beyond the fog—our world. Chase, Evelyn, and Knox—each one struggling in a different realm—are on a desperate quest to learn more about their own powers and halt what seems to be the inevitable destruction of Ayda. The dramatic reappearance of Chantarelle and two mysterious guests bring answers long sought, but not before everyone on Ayda has been tested to the utmost of their abilities.

**U.S. \$18.95 / CAN \$20.95**

**ISBN: 978-1-934031-82-7**

**Middle grade fiction, hardcover (DJ), 6x9, ages 10-14, 300 p.**

### Praise

"Morgan excels at world-building . . . Filled with the type of danger and magic that will please fans of Brandon Mull's *Beyonders* series and C. S. Lewis's *The Chronicles of Narnia*."

—*School Library Journal*

"Teeming with adventure and philosophical richness"

—*Kirkus Reviews, Starred Review*

## COOPER &amp; PACKRAT Mysteries



## BOOK 4

## Mystery of the Bear Cub

Written by Tamra Wight  
Illustrated by Carl DiRocco

The boys are down in the dumps—literally! Someone is dumping trash on the Wilder Family Campground's property. It's bad for the campground, and bad for the wildlife there, too. When Cooper, Packrat, and Roy find a fox in the woods with its head stuck in a jar, they know it's time to investigate. But when the boys start digging, they stumble headlong into the path of a garbage truck and a black bear looking for its cub.

**U.S. \$16.95 / CAN \$18.95**

**ISBN: 978-1-944762-25-4**

**Middle grade fiction, hardcover, 6 x 9, ages 8-12, 216 p.**

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*Praise*

"Wight has penned a winning cast of characters, dialogue that sparkles and a plot that flies. DiRocco's detailed and humorous black-and-white illustrations elevate the book's charm even higher."

—*Kirkus Reviews*



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## BOOK 3

## Mystery of the Missing Fox

Written by Tamra Wight  
Illustrated by Carl DiRocco

The stakes have never been higher for Cooper Wilder. When an accident puts Cooper's dad in the hospital, Cooper must shoulder some new responsibilities. But he's distracted. First, he and his friends find a fox caught in an illegal trap on the campground's land. Then, kits start to go missing from the fox den. Who would want to catch foxes? And why? Cooper, Packrat, and Roy must protect the den, find the kits, and rule out Summer, the new girl who lives across the lake, as a suspect. Juggling new campground duties, feeling guilty over his father's accident, and desperate to help the fox kits, Cooper must make some tough decisions about who—and what—should come first.

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## BOOK 2

## Mystery of the Eagle's Nest

Written by Tamra Wight  
Illustrated by Carl DiRocco

When Cooper and Packrat find their geocache box full of illegal eagle parts, they know their lazy summer is over. Someone wants those valuable parts back. And if they can't get the parts back, they'll settle for holding one of the rare Pine Lake eaglets hostage instead. Cooper, Packrat, and Roy must elude two goons, tolerate an annoying teenager, keep tabs on a shady new camper, and stake out the eagle's nest—all without getting grounded.

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**Middle grade fiction, hardcover, 6 x 9, ages 8-12, 175 p.**

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## BOOK 1

## Mystery on Pine Lake

Written by Tamra Wight  
Illustrated by Carl DiRocco

**Finalist, 2014-15 Maine State Book Award**

**Finalist, 2016-17 Massachusetts State Book Award**

Cooper thought living at a campground would be cool. But ever since his parents bought the lakeside campground, he's had way more chores and way less time for his favorite hobby: nature-watching. And then, trouble comes to Pine Lake, where a family of loons is trying to build a nest. Someone is out to harm the loons. Is it the local bully? The irritable camper? Or the publicity-seeking reporter? It's up to Cooper and Packrat to figure out who the culprit is and how to stop them—before it's too late.

**U.S. \$16.95 / CAN \$18.95**

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**Middle grade fiction, hardcover, 6 x 9, ages 8-12, 152 p.**

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## The Door to January

by Gillian French

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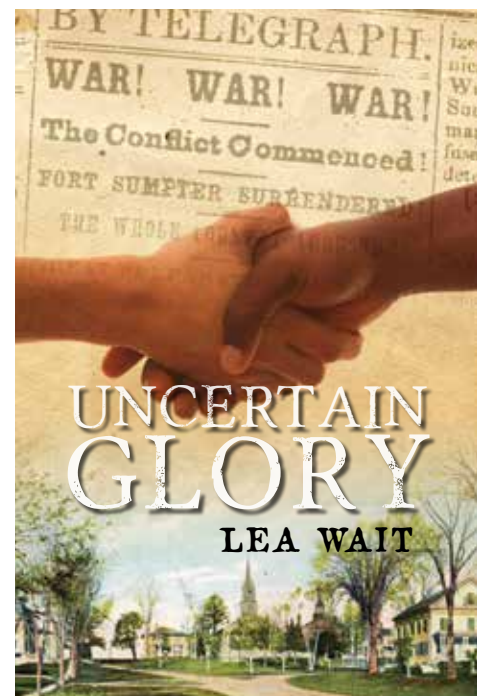
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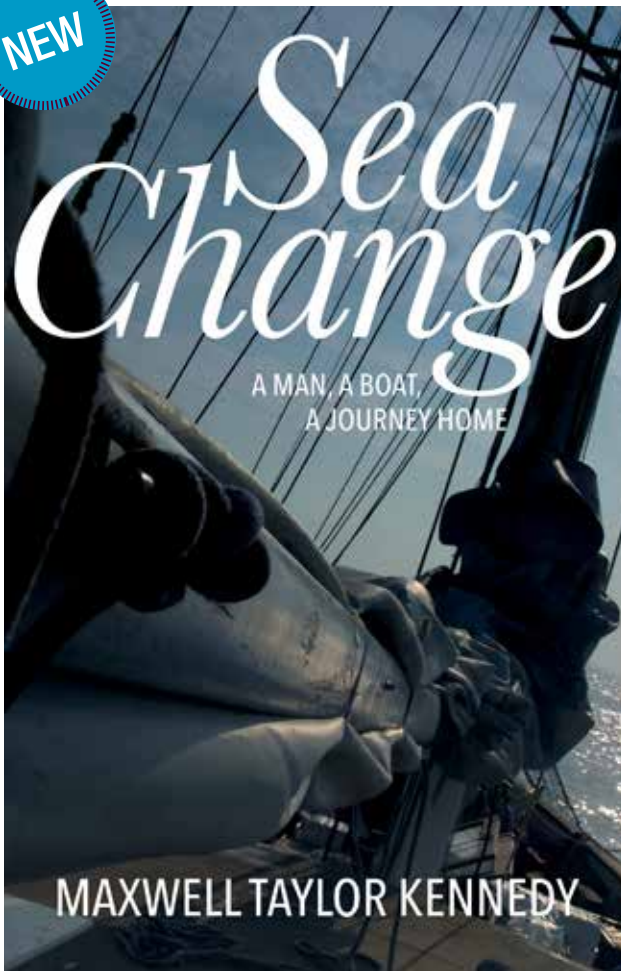
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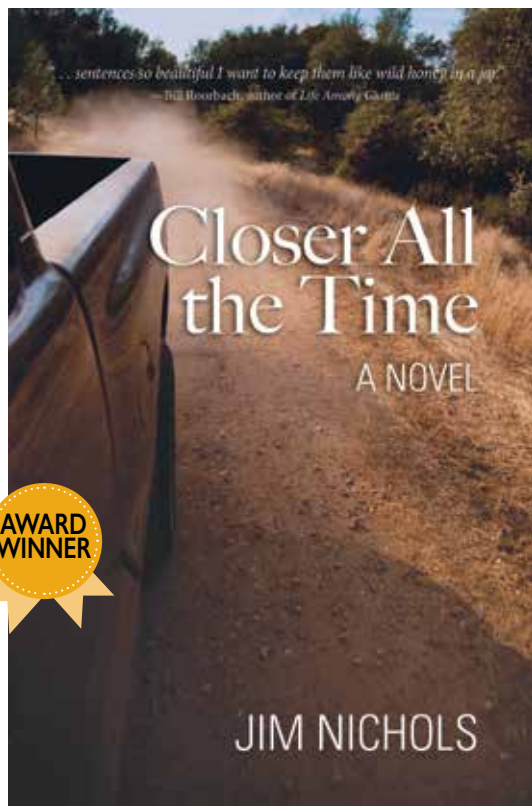
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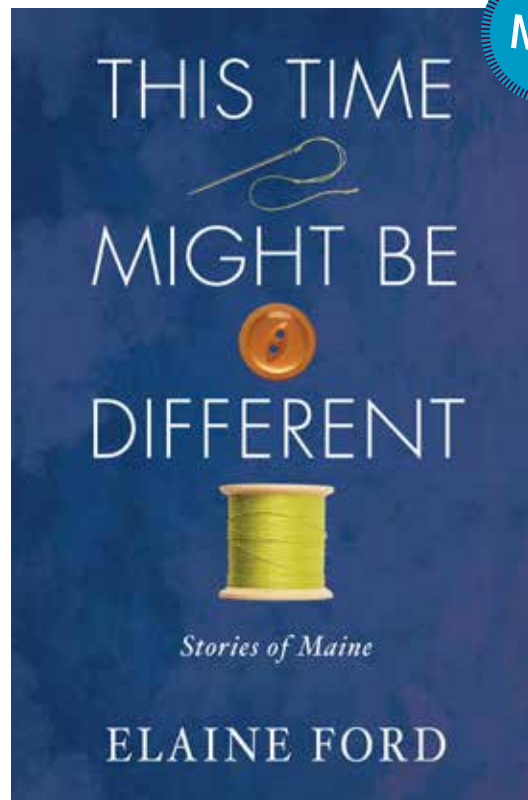
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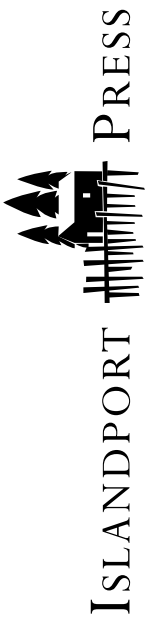
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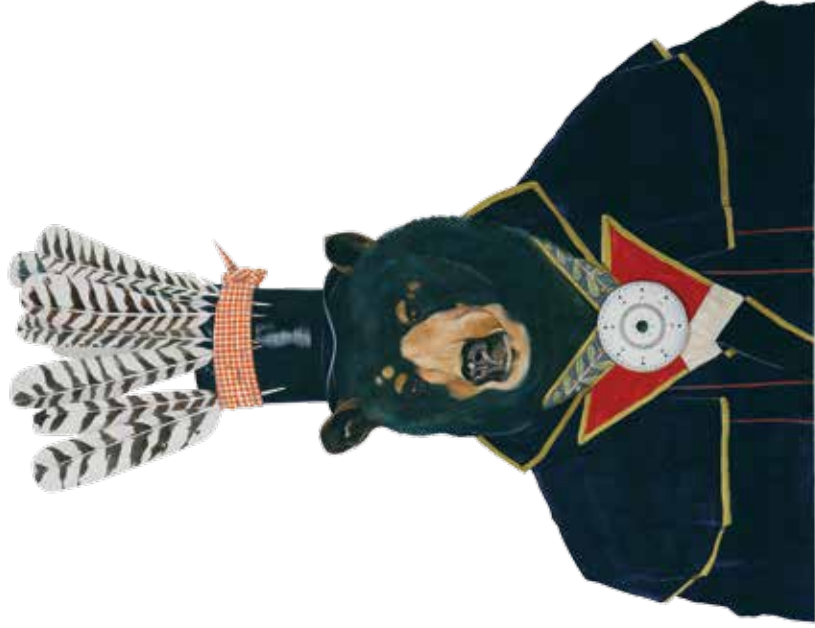
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