



THE POET'S PEN

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What does the silence of a people sound like?

Maybe:

The silence you hold in your chest

The silence before a body falls to the ground

The silence after a cry pierces the air

The silence when listening for a newborn's breath

Or does it sound like an orchid growing toward the sun?
does it sound like a moon moving above the crashing waters?
does it sound like a poet and the poet's pen?

Moving against the paper
speaking stories about their home city
and a single mother's song.

Moving against the paper
speaking stories about farming
and a father's well-wishes
or a graduation ceremony.

Moving against the paper
speaking stories about bicycle spokes
and trading cards clicking hello to passersby.

A silence can sound like many things.
That is why we choose to write
poems as a people's almanac
for those unable to speak.



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A YOUNG POET'S CALL TO JUSTICE

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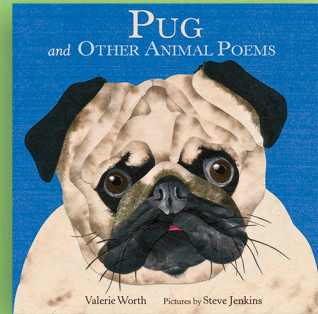
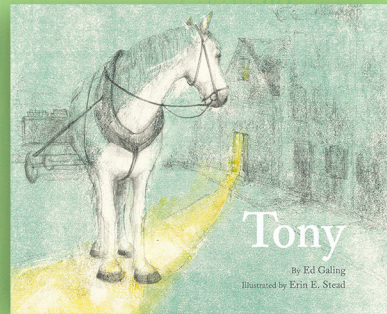
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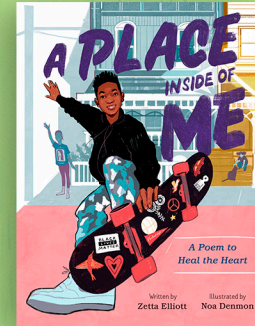
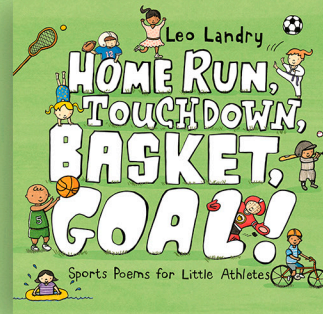


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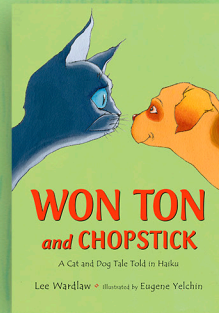
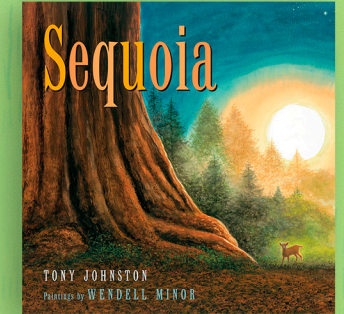
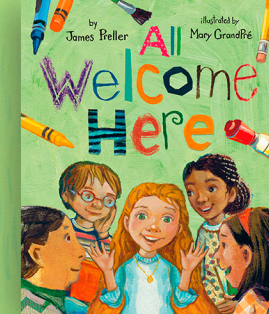
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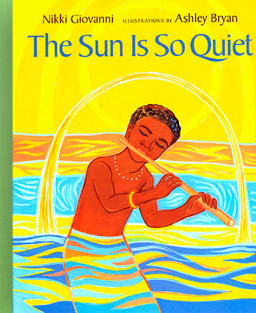
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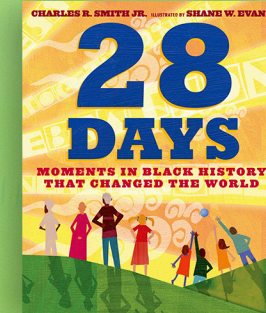
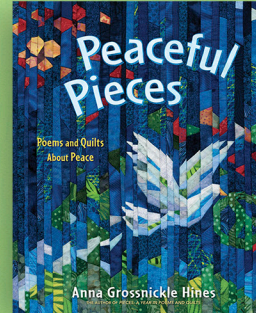
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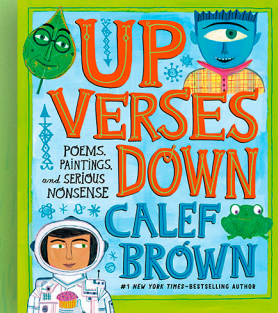
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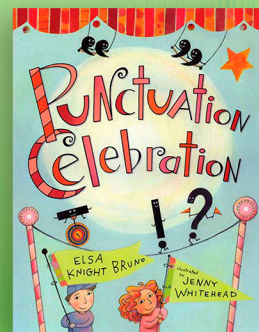
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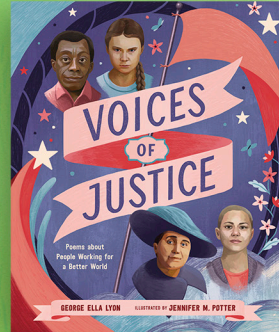
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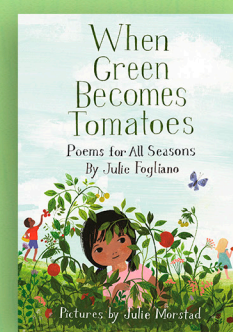
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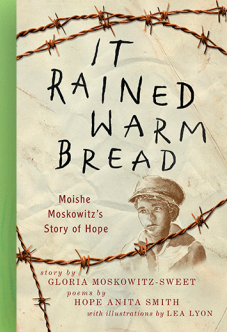
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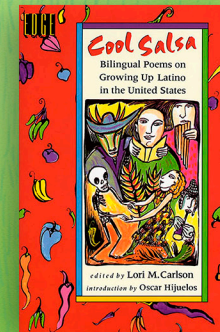
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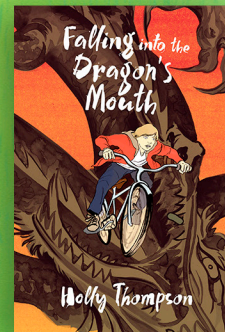
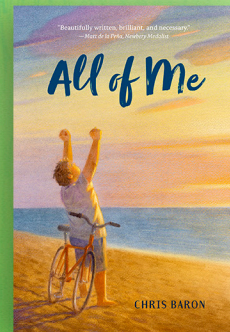
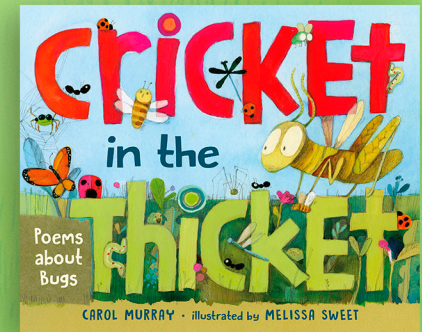
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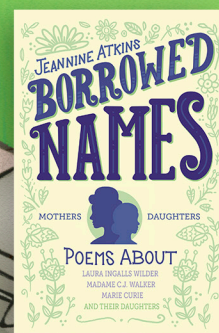
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