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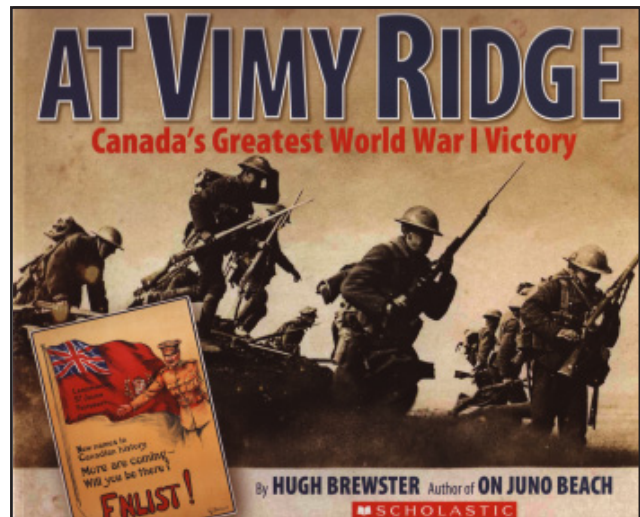
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At Vimy Ridge

by Hugh Brewster

Vimy Ridge was the most fearsome enemy bastion of all.

The English and French had tried to take it and failed. But on a chill Easter morning in 1917, the men of the Canadian Corps in France struggled up the shell-torn ground of Vimy Ridge. Only two years before, they had been regarded as a band of unruly colonials but now with careful planning, skill and bravery they would show the world what Canadians could do. The attack began at dawn and by mid-day, much of Vimy Ridge was in Canadian hands. But at the ridge's highest point, things were going very wrong. In desperation, the commanders called in the 85th Battalion of Nova Scotia—men who had only been in France for a few weeks. By the evening, the untested men from Nova Scotia had done the impossible and captured the highest point on Vimy Ridge. Many people think this is the day Canada truly became a nation. On that highest point on Vimy Ridge today stands a beautiful marble monument — Canada's memorial to the more than 60,000 Canadians who died in World War I.



In national surveys done before the 90th anniversary of Vimy Ridge in April 2007, fewer than a third of all Canadians knew what it was. I wrote *At Vimy Ridge* to bring to life for young people today the story of this battle and the terrible war that changed Canada forever.

Thematic links:

Canada during World War I
Remembrance Day tie-in
Canadians in overseas wars
Local and family history – ties to veterans

Activity Ideas:

- Take students to visit your local cenotaph or war memorial and ask them to count the names of soldiers who died in World War I. Have them research what the population of your community was in 1914-18 and imagine the impact that the deaths of these young men would have had.
- Atlantic Canada was particularly affected by World War I – from the slaughter of the Newfoundland Regiment at Beaumont-Hamel to the Halifax Explosion. Find out what regiments served in the Great War, and where they came from. (Most of them have historical information on their websites.)

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Hugh Brewster author of *At Vimy Ridge*

Being able to create books about history is a dream job for me since I've always been enthralled by history. When I was growing up in Georgetown, Ontario, our house was just around the corner from the town library. And I haunted its children's section—reading sometimes four or five books a week.

As an editor for Scholastic from 1972 to 1984 in both Toronto and New York, I was involved in the creation of Scholastic's Canadian children's publishing program as well as in the selecting of books for Scholastic's school book clubs. (One of our early discoveries was the teenaged author Gordon Korman and his Bruno and Boots books.)

Between 1984 and 2004 I was the Editorial Director and Publisher of Madison Press Books in Toronto. While there, I helped to create a number of successful books for young readers including *Exploring the Titanic*, that has sold over one million copies and two award-winning series: "Time Quest" and the "I Was There" series. The first book that I actually both wrote and compiled was *Anastasia's Album: The Last Tsar's Youngest Daughter Tells Her Own Story*, published in 1996. I had been lucky enough to go to Moscow in 1994 and when I saw the letters and hand-colored photographs of Anastasia, in the state archives I knew I had to tell her story. *Anastasia's Album* won a number of awards including the Silver Birch and Red Cedar awards in Canada. This made me want to write more books and four more books followed over the next few years. In 2005, I decided to devote myself to writing full-time for young readers and my four latest books are the result of that. For more information, please visit my website at www.hughbrewster.com



Selected Awards

- *On Juno Beach* won the Children's Literature Roundtables of Canada Information Book Award in 2004
- *At Vimy Ridge* was the Information Book Award Honour Book in 2007
- *Carnation, Lily, Lily, Rose* was nominated for the Governor-General Literary Awards in 2007

Some Other Books by Hugh Brewster

On Juno Beach: Canada's D-Day Heroes; Toronto, Scholastic (2004)

The Other Mozart: The Life of the Famous Chevalier de Saint-George; New York, Abrams (2006)

At Vimy Ridge: Canada's Greatest World War I Victory; Toronto, Scholastic (2007)

Carnation, Lily, Lily, Rose: The Story of a Painting; Toronto, Kids Can Press (2007)

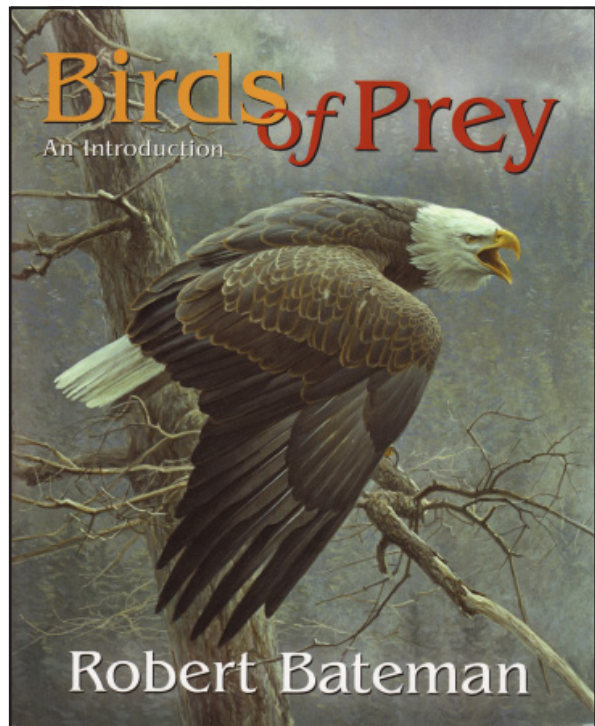
Breakout Dinosaurs; Toronto, Whitfield Editions (2007)

Forthcoming: *Dieppe: Canada's Darkest Day of World War II*; Toronto, Scholastic (2009)

Birds of Prey

by Robert Bateman

This book is a delightful and informative introduction to birds of prey for young readers. I have been fascinated by the beauty, speed, and grace of these winged hunters since childhood, when I began watching birds in the ravines and countryside near my home. Through this guide you will learn about the speed of falcons, the strength of eagles and ospreys, and the elegance of hawks and vultures soaring overhead. Hawks, eagles, and owls are introduced to young readers including the traits that birds of prey have developed to capture and eat their food. Also, facts about the different species including what they eat and where in the world they can be found. This book is an introduction to some of my favourite raptors. I hope it will start you on your own journey to discover these amazing birds.



Thematic links:

Geography
Wildlife
Birds of prey
Conservation
Nature

Activity Ideas:

- Observe the birds of prey that live in ravines, parks and even on the roofs of buildings in cities. If you can, take a trip to a local raptor centre to see the birds close-up. Keep a life list of all birds, not just the birds of prey, that you see.

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Robert Bateman author of *Birds of Prey*

I began my lifelong education as an artist, naturalist, and binder in the tree-filled ravine behind my home in Toronto. I studied and sketched the birds I saw, and added them to the life list I keep to this day.



Selected Awards

Queen's Jubilee Medal, 2002

Order of British Columbia, 2001

US National Audubon Society, one of 20th century's 100 Champions of Conservation, 1998

Some Other Books by Robert Bateman

Backyard Birds: An Introduction, with Ian Coutts, Madison, 2005

Birds, with Kathryn Dean, Madison, 2002

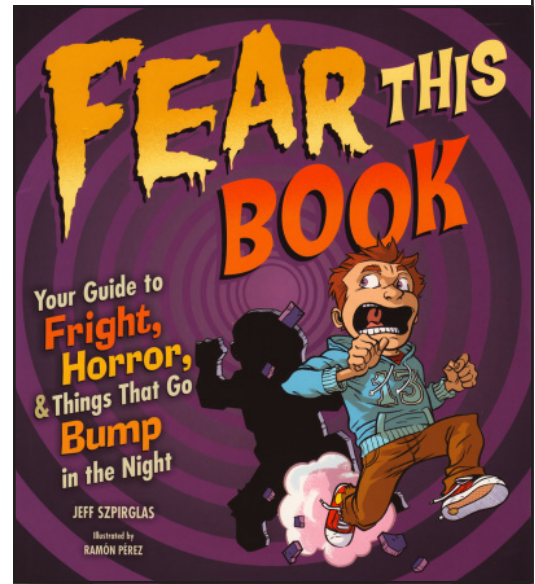
Thinking like a Mountain, with Rick Archbold, Penguin, 2000

Safari, with Rick Archbold, Madison, 1998

Fear This Book

by Jeff Szpirglas

Jeff Szpirglas is not the monster living under your bed. Nor does he command an army of flesh-eating rats. And he definitely isn't an undead ghoul from beyond the grave (give him some time on that one). Still, Jeff likes to terrify people (e.g., his parents). He's learned a lot from all the scary movies he's seen over the years, some of which his parents let him watch, some of which they did not. When his publisher suggested he write a book about fear, Jeff could not turn down the idea of a) spending countless hours researching about the things that make us afraid, and b) more money.



The result of this hideous experiment is *Fear This Book*. If you want to learn the steps to make a fearful face, discover why you're unlikely to be attacked by sharks, or read about scientists who study things like the sound of scraping fingernails against a blackboard, then you should read *Fear This Book*. Even if you don't, you should still read *Fear This Book*. Or at the very least, flip through the pages and smile at it. That always makes me feel better!

Thematic Links:

Fear

Science

Halloween

Language Arts – Non-fiction - Text Features

Activity Ideas:

- From pages 24 and 25 – locate the countries and cities of the World's Most Haunted Places on a map.
- From pages 42 to 45 – "Mondo Monsters" – Most people know famous monster stories – have students create stories for the less famous monsters in these pages.
- From pages 46 to 49 – "Freaky Fairy Tales" – Use a graphic organizer to compare features of different fairy tales.

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Jeff Szpirglas

author of *Fear This Book*



Jeff Szpirglas was probably born before you were. But don't worry – he rarely acts his age. Or any age, for that matter. As a boy, Jeff was determined to grow up and become a professional herpetologist (studying reptiles and amphibians). He always created books in school about reptiles, as well as comics and silly monster stories. Realizing his love for monsters and horror movies was too great, Jeff studied film at university, which meant he watched a lot of movies. He still likes reptiles and now teaches science (amongst other things).

Jeff has been writing since at least last week. Besides writing books, Jeff has written for some television shows that are no longer on the air, and a couple of really weird radio pieces for CBC. He can also tie his own shoelaces. His parents are very proud of him.

Selected Awards

Some of the awards my books have been nominated for include: Hackmataack, Silver Birch, and the Science in Society Children's Book Award. I have not yet won an Academy Award for sound effects editing or the World Series, but that's mainly because I play soccer instead of baseball. In grade 6, I won the much-coveted "Most Improved Student" award, mostly because I annoyed my teacher less by the end of the year.

Some Other Books by Jeff Szpirglas

Serf's Up, Scholastic Canada (Moving Up With Literacy Place), 2008 *

Jurassic Kick, Scholastic Canada (Literacy Place for the Early Years), 2007 *

They Did What?!: Your Guide To Weird & Wacky Things People Do, Maple Tree Press, 2005

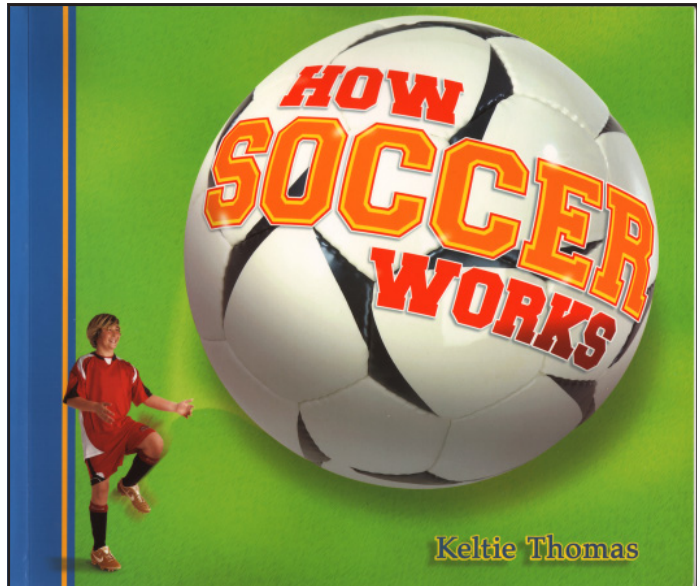
Gross Universe: Your Guide To All Disgusting Things Under The Sun, Maple Tree Press, 2004

* You won't find the first two books in stores, but man alive, am I proud of them!

How Soccer Works

by Keltie Thomas

How Soccer Works takes you inside the world of soccer to find out what makes the sport tick and the science behind the game. I wrote the book because I've been a big sports fan ever since I was a kid and I've always been curious about what exactly it takes to play the game, what makes the great players great, and how the average kid can elevate his or her game.



Thematic Links:

Phys Ed.

Science

Psychology (playing and training for the mental game)

Language Arts (researching and writing nonfiction)

Activity Ideas:

Readers can do the Try This! experiments outlined in the book, design and conduct visualization training exercises similar to those in the book, play soccer games and experiment with the formations and playing styles developed by different countries as described in the book, try out some of the “moves made by dribble wizards to confound defenders” that are described in the book.

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Keltie Thomas

author of *How Soccer Works*

I'm absolutely thrilled to bits that you have the chance to read my book *How Soccer Works*. I'll let you in on a little secret: writing books makes me feel like a modern-day explorer. I dive head-first into fascinating topics, sink neck-deep into research, probe burning questions, and uncover incredible facts and stories. As I write about what I discover, I draw inspiration from a painting that hangs above my computer. The painting depicts a brilliant blue sky peeking through some treetops. And whenever I come up for air, this peek-a-boo sky winks at me as if to say, "Hey Keltie, the possibilities are limitless. Write on!"



Selected Awards

I received the Changing the Way People Learn award for the OWLKids website I wrote and developed, and my books have been nominated for the Silver Birch, Rocky Mountain, and Hackmataack Children's Choice Book Awards.

Some other books by Keltie Thomas

CyberSurfer: The OWL Internet Guide for Kids, Owl Books, 1996

How Hockey Works, Maple Tree Press, 2002

Blades, Boards & Scooters, Maple Tree Press, 2003

How Baseball Works, Maple Tree Press, 2004

The Kids Guide to Money Cent\$, Kids Can Press, 2004

How Basketball Works, Maple Tree Press, 2005

Nature Shockers, Maple Tree Press, 2005

Super Humans, Maple Tree Press, 2006

Bear Rescue, Firefly Books, 2006

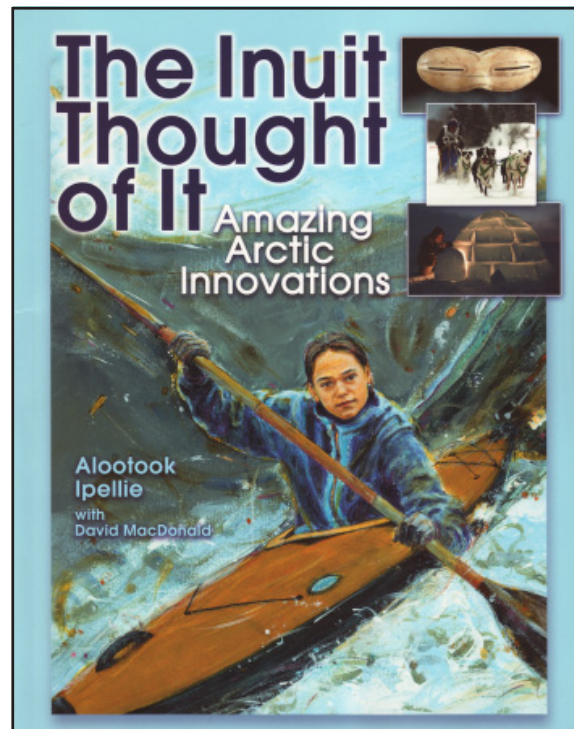
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The Inuit Thought of It

by Alootook Ipellie with David MacDonald

The Arctic is a harsh environment where it is difficult to survive even today. How did Inuit survive there hundreds of years ago, long before they began to trade goods with European explorers? *The Inuit Thought of It* takes readers on a journey into the Arctic landscape to discover the amazing creativity and ingenuity of traditional Inuit culture. Using the few resources that were available on the land and in the ocean, Inuit developed forms of transportation, different kinds of shelters, various hunting tools and techniques, and much more. Readers of *The Inuit Thought of It* will also learn how many traditional inventions have connections with familiar objects in our modern world.



My co-author, Alootook Ipellie, was Inuit and wanted to share with young people the fascinating world of traditional Inuit culture. It was an honour and a pleasure to work with him on this book. I was constantly amazed as I learned more about the topic, and I'm sure young readers will have the same reaction.

Thematic links

Canada's Aboriginal peoples

Canadian history and geography (physical regions and territories)

Influence of physical factors on culture

Use and importance of natural resources

Activity Ideas:

- Choose one animal, such as the caribou or seal, and make a web to show all the different ways Inuit used parts of the animal.
- Choose the one invention or innovation in the book that you found most amazing. Write a paragraph explaining why your choice should win the "Most Amazing Arctic Innovation" award. Along with other students who have done this activity, read your paragraph to the class. Students can then vote on which innovation they believe most deserves the award.

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Alootook Ipellie

author of *The Inuit Thought of It*

Alootook Ipellie was a talented Inuit author and artist. He died at of a heart attack at the age of 56.



David MacDonald

co-author of *The Inuit Thought of It*

Even before I could read, I loved books. My parents would read me stories and then, on my own, I would go through the books, looking at the pictures and remembering what happened in the stories. When I could first read a few simple words, like *if*, *then*, and *but*, I would circle them in any books I could find. Luckily, I used pencil so I didn't get in too much trouble!



Now I work as a writer and editor. As an editor, I help other writers make their writing clear and interesting. When I'm writing, I rely on an editor to help me improve my writing. Many people think that if you're a writer, you must find writing easy. I don't! I work and work at it, making lots of changes until I'm finally happy with what I've written.

Some Other Books by Alootook Ipellie

Arctic Dreams and Nightmares, Theytus Books, 1993

Some Other Books by David MacDonald

New Brunswick. Nelson, 2004

Newfoundland and Labrador. Nelson, 2004

Nova Scotia. Nelson, 2004

Prince Edward Island. Nelson, 2004

You and Me. Nelson, 2005 (co-authored with Norma Kennedy)

Kids Who Rule

by **Charis Cotter**

They were queens. They were kings. They were kids. *Kids Who Rule* profiles five child rulers: King Tutankhamun of Egypt; Mary, Queen of Scots; Queen Christina of Sweden; Emperor Puyi of China and the Dalai Lama of Tibet. Each chapter opens with a dramatic episode and then tells the fascinating stories of their lives and the countries they ruled. Readers find out exactly what it was like to be a child king or queen, including the details of their daily lives and the challenges they faced.

I've always been fascinated by royalty and I decided to write this book so I could find out more about royal kids. Some of the facts I uncovered surprised me. For example, the Dalai Lama had 145 pairs of underwear buried with him in his tomb for use in the Afterlife. A servant tried to murder Mary Queen of Scots by putting poison in her favourite dessert, fried pears. Queen Christina was not allowed to drink water: only beer. Emperor Puyi had his own special shade of yellow that no one else was allowed to wear, and the Dalai Lama had a private zoo with a pet elephant as well as camels, leopards and a tiger.

Thematic links:

Kings and Queens

Ancient Egypt

China

Tibet

British History

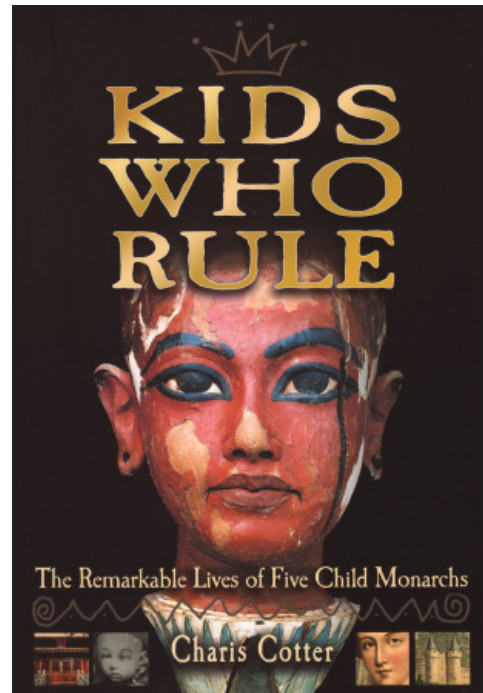
French History

Swedish History

Catholic/Protestant Religious Wars

Activity Ideas:

- Using examples from the book, choose all the WORST things the child rulers had to put up with.
- Using examples from the book, choose all the BEST things the child rulers experienced.
- Write an interview with one of the rulers in the book, as if you were a journalist. Use material from the book but make up some of the answers too.
- Draw Christina first dressed as a boy, then a girl.
- Decide which of your toys and clothes you would like to be buried with you in your tomb.



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Charis Cotter

author of *Kids Who Rule*

When I was a child living in downtown Toronto, I wanted to work in a library when I grew up because I thought that would be a job where I could sit around reading books all day. Now as an editor and writer my job does involve reading a lot of books, so in a way my dream has come true.

After university, where I studied English (and read a lot more books), I trained as an actor in Toronto and England. To earn a living in between acting jobs, I worked in a bookstore, a film company, a vegetarian restaurant, a flea market and a kindergarten. In my most ladylike job I wrote invitations by hand for the Ontario Lieutenant Governor's office.



When my daughter Zoe was born, I started doing freelance editing. This gave me the opportunity to read lots more books on fascinating subjects like astronomy, canoes and Canadian history. Soon I was writing about history for adults and children.

Zoe and I both love reading about kings and queens, and that's how I came up with the idea for *Kids Who Rule*. When I visit schools I dress up as Queen Elizabeth and teach the children how to bow and curtsy. This is fun because I get to be an actor again for a while!

I live in Toronto in the winter but my heart is always in Newfoundland, where I go every summer. There I have a small cottage on the edge of the world, looking out over the Atlantic Ocean.

Selected Awards

Kids Who Rule: The Remarkable Lives of Five Child Monarchs, Silver Birch Nominee, 2008
Toronto Between the Wars: Life in the City 1919–1939, Heritage Toronto Award of Excellence, 2005

Some Other Books by Charis Cotter

Wonder Kids: The Remarkable Lives of Nine Child Prodigies, Annick Press, 2008
Toronto Between the Wars: Life in the City 1919–1939, Firefly Books, 2004

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Mother Goose Unplucked by Helaine Becker

Helaine Becker, the award-winning author of *Boredom Blasters*, *Secret Agent Y.O.U.*, and the *Looney Bay All-Stars* series, will entertain you in royal style with *Mother Goose Unplucked*. This hilarious collection of crazy comics, zany activities, nutty facts, and kooky games turns familiar fairy tales on their big fat heads. Meet Rapunzel – a rap artist with an Avril Lavigne attitude. Save Humpty Dumpty by teaching His Eggness to bounce.

Outwit the big bad wolf in a ridiculous game of speed-dressing. Make a magic mirror. Visit Goldilocks and the Three Bores. Learn the frightening truth about the tooth fairy. Take a quiz to discover your inner fairy tale character. Discover the freaky house that Jack Built (can you find all the mistakes?) Translate funky fairy messages with the help of a magic wand you make yourself. Solve ridiculous fairy tale riddles and meet Smelly Smelly Cinderelly - and that's just for starters!

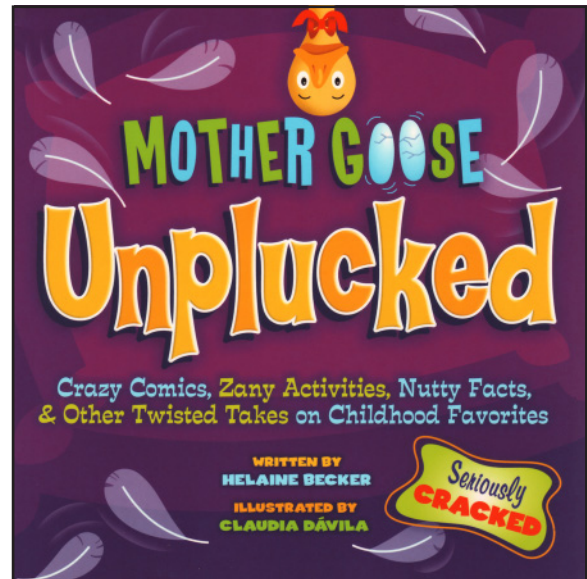
Inside this book you'll find enough tongue-in-cheek fun to keep you entertained for hours. You'll also discover some surprising facts and learn some really, really bad jokes.

Thematic Links:

Fairy Tales and Nursery Rhymes
Science Process
Logic and Critical Thinking
Poetry

Activity Ideas:

- Have students draw their own fractured fairy tale comic strips.
- Stimulate story-telling skills and imagination by playing the Never-Ending Story Game or writing your own fairytales with the tips from the book.
- Build logic skills by solving the Fairy Tale Whodunit or other puzzles from the book, as a group activity or as independent “work.”
- Teach procedural writing by using some of the recipes, craft activities or science experiments as models.
- Have students conduct their own interviews with each other, or with imaginary characters such as Prince Valiant.
- Have students write their own questions and replies for “Dear Fairy Godmother.”



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Helaine Becker author of **Mother Goose** **Unplucked**



Helaine Becker is the author of more than 35 books for children. Most of them are really, really funny. She is also a regular contributor to Chirp magazine, Owl magazine, Know magazine, Today's Parent and Canadian Living.

Helaine grew up in New York and moved to Canada when she was a grownup. She is married and has two teenage sons. She also has a dog named Ella who is black and hairy and has a very cute nose.

Helaine loves to be a writer, she says, because you don't have to get up early in the morning and you don't have to put on shoes to go to work. You also don't get fired if you play with puppets during the work day. She likes researching the subjects of her books and then giving everything a cock-eyed twist. No day is a good day, she believes, unless you laugh so hard your stomach hurts at least twice.

In addition to writing, Helaine likes to swim, cycle, dance, eat chocolate chip cookies and sushi (though not together), and travel

Selected Awards

Secret Agent Y.O.U., Silver Birch Nominee, 2008

Are You Psychic?, Red Cedar Nominee, 2007

Boredom Blasters, Winner Silver Birch, 2006

Some Other Books by Helaine Becker

Egyptian Slam Dunk, 2008, Scholastic Canada

Final Face Off, 2008, Scholastic Canada

Science on the Loose, 2008, Mapletree Press

Secret Agent Y.O.U., 2006, Mapletree Press

Like A Pro, 2006, Mapletree Press

Funny Business, 2005, Mapletree Press

Are You Psychic?, 2005, Mapletree Press

Pier 21: Stories from Near and Far

by Anne Renaud

What would you do if you had to leave your homeland and move to another country? Would you be able to speak the language? Would you fit in and make new friends? What would you bring, if you could only take one suitcase with you? I can't imagine what it must be like, but many people have had to do just that, and many of them were children.

Pier 21: Stories From Near and Far, chronicles the history of Canada's immigration shed that stood at the ready in Halifax Harbour from 1928 to 1971, to welcome more than one million newcomers to Canada, and to send close to 500,000 Canadian service personnel off to battle during World War II. Across its threshold came a tide of "home children" and "guest children" soldiers and war brides, refugees and war orphans, carried to and from its doors by great ocean liners, military ships and small sailing vessels.

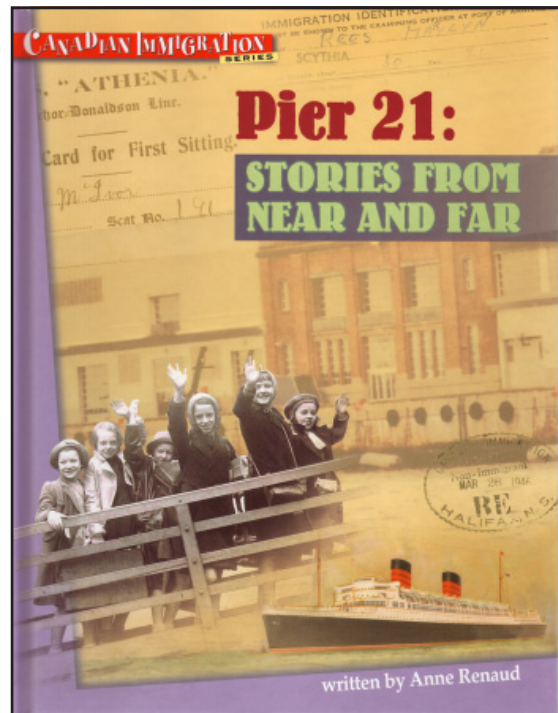
This book introduces you to some of these people and tells of the important role that they and Pier 21 played in our country's history.

Thematic links:

Genealogy
Immigration
Nova Scotia history
WWII
Guest children
Home children
War brides
War refugees

Activity Ideas:

- Organize a school field trip to Pier 21.
- Research your family history to find out if Pier 21 played a role in the lives of your ancestors. Did anyone in your family arrive or leave through Pier 21 between 1928 or 1971?
- Research your family history to find out if any of your ancestors took in guest children or home children.



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Anne Renaud

author of *Pier 21: Stories from Near and Far*

There is not a day that goes by that I am not grateful for having the good fortune of living in this country. The province of Quebec has been my home for all of my life, and I currently live in Westmount, which is next to Montreal.

I have translated two picture books for children and have also published over a hundred non-fiction articles and craft projects in Canadian, American, and Australian children's magazines, including YESMag, Cricket, CHIRP, Helix, Faces, Odyssey and Read.

My first book, which was entitled *A Bloom of Friendship: The Story of the Canadian Tulip Festival*, was dedicated to my uncle who fought in Holland during World War II.

My other non-fiction books are entitled *Island of Hope and Sorrow: The Story of Grosse Île* and *Pier 21: Stories From Near and Far*. Both deal with immigration and how important a role it has played, and continues to play, in the building of our country.

Selected Awards

My books have been nominated for the Red Cedar Award, the Hackmataack Children's Choice Book Award, as well as the Silver Birch Award.

Some Other books by Anne Renaud

Missuk's Snow Geese, Simply Read Books, 2008

Island of Hope and Sorrow: The Story of Grosse Île, Lobster Press, 2007

La Grosse-Île: Terre de chagrin et d'espoir, Lobster Press, 2007

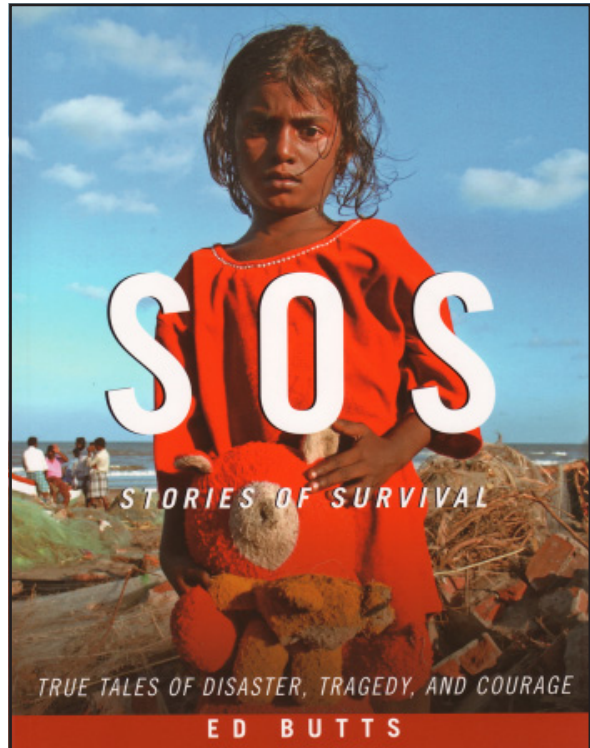
A Bloom of Friendship: The Story of the Canadian Tulip Festival, Lobster Press, 2004



S O S Stories of Survival

by Ed Butts

This is a collection of true disaster stories that focus on the children and youths involved. The young people are at various times victims, survivors, and in some instances heroes. Several chapters are Canadian, but other countries are represented, too. The disasters are natural, man-made, and sometimes a combination of both. The stories show how the juveniles involved responded to danger with courage and resourcefulness. In most instances the disaster could have been prevented, or its impact lessened. Very often human greed and short sightedness were principal causes of tragedy.



Thematic Links:

Canadian history

Labour history

Natural sciences (volcanoes, hurricanes, landslides, tsunamis, floods)

Public safety regulations

Activity Ideas:

- Ask students what safety regulations are used today in workplaces, public places like movie theatres, and transportation.
- After reading the chapters on the Springhill Mining Disaster and the Triangle Fire, ask students how the greed of big companies contributed to disaster.

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Ed Butts

author of *S O S Stories of Survival*

I love history, good stories and the beauty of the English language. For several years I taught at a school in the Dominican Republic; a wonderful and unforgettable experience. I now live in Guelph, Ontario, with my daughter and baby grandson.



Selected Awards

The Desperate Ones: Forgotten Canadian Outlaws, nominated for the Arthur Ellis Award for crime writing, non-fiction

Some Other Books by Ed Butts

Idioms For Aliens: A Grammar Revue of Plays and Verse, Maupin House, 2003

She Dared, Tundra Books, 2005

Funky Phonics (lyrics), Sara Jordan Publishing, 2005

Singing Sight Words (lyrics), Sara Jordon Publishing, 2007

X Doesn't Mark the Spot, Tundra Books, 2008

Sweet! The Delicious Story of Candy

by Ann Love and Jane Drake

Jane and Ann handed in their third environmental book in a row. They'd worked hard to turn serious issues into engaging stories. They looked at one another and Jane said "Let's write a book that's fun already – what about a book on candy?" Ann replied, "But since we're serious writers let's write a history of the world from the point of view of candy." Sweet! From the first mouthful of research – including a trip to the Hershey chocolate factory, a DVD tour of Ganong, a sleigh ride through a traditional maple sugar bush, digging up the details of ancient recipes and making sweet delights from honey and rosewater – to the last check of the candy-coated illustrations, Jane and Ann had a sweet ride.

Sweet! The Delicious Story of Candy will delight your reading taste buds. Did you know that honey was first used to embalm the dead? Or that ice cream cones were invented by accident? Or that the British Navy sank a Spanish galleon full of cocoa beans, thinking it was sheep poop?

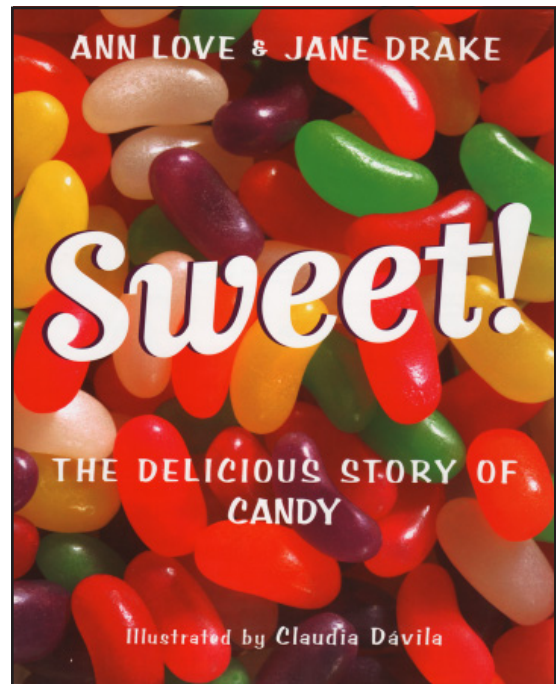
Sweet! invites you to read stories of inspired candy-makers, crazy ingredients and follow a delicious timeline from ancient cave drawings to today's cyberspace. And if you look hard enough, you'll spot environmental entries.

Thematic Links:

World History
World Geography
Multiculturalism
Research Skills

Activity Ideas:

- Collect the story or mystery behind a family recipe for a sweet. Make it and share the story and the treat with your classmates.
- Invent your ideal candy bar. Describe the process, list the ingredients and make an eye-catching wrapper.
- Read the author's note and then conduct an internet search to see how many people claim to have invented or discovered your favorite sweet: be it the first chocolate bar, jelly bean, lollypop etc.



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Ann Love and Jane Drake authors of *Sweet!*



On April 1st 2008 Ann and Jane completed their 29th book together in 19 years. How's that possible? For starters, they're sisters – sharing family, interests and experiences that encourage and foster non-fiction writing. They bring individual talents to this partnership –

Ann's the family expert on ferns, Jane sings and enjoys crafts, Ann's an accomplished watercolor painter, Jane spent her university years working as a research assistant and so on. Most importantly they respect each other, are flexible and accept criticism with good sisterly humor.

Most of their books have serious environmental themes, making *Sweet! The Delicious Story of Candy* a refreshing change. But candy has always been dear to Jane's heart. She remembers Ann tattle-tailing on her when she was a child, calling out "Janey's into the sugar!" when Jane snatched a sugar cube from Grandma's tea tray. And Ann has candy in her past too – offering their brother either half her candy bar or a millionth of it. You can imagine what happened when five-year-old William said a millionth, thinking it had to be bigger!

Selected Awards

Sweet! The Delicious Story of Candy named one of the best books of the year 2007 by *Quill & Quire*

Snow Amazing: Cool Facts and Warm Tales short listed 2007 Red Cedar

Trash Action: A Fresh Look at Garbage and *Cool Woods: A Trip Around the World's Boreal Forest*, 2007 Susan Perrin's Top 10 Green Canadian Book

Snow Amazing: Cool Facts and Warm Tales selected Teachers' Choice booklist, 2005, IRA

The Kids Book of the Night Sky selected Teachers' Choice booklist, 2005, IRA

Cool Woods: A Trip Around the World's Boreal Forest, winner of the Skipping Stones Honor Award, 2004

Some Other Books written or illustrated by Ann Love and Jane Drake

Alien Invaders: Species That Threaten Our World (Tundra, 2008)

Trash Action: A Fresh Look at Garbage (Tundra, 2006)

Snow Amazing: Cool Facts and Warm Tales (Tundra, 2004)

The Kids Book of the Night Sky (Kids Can Press, 2004)

Cool Woods: A Trip Around the World's Boreal Forest (Tundra, 2003)

The Kids Winter Cottage Book (Kids Can Press, 2001)

The Kids Book of the Far North (Kids Can Press, 2000)