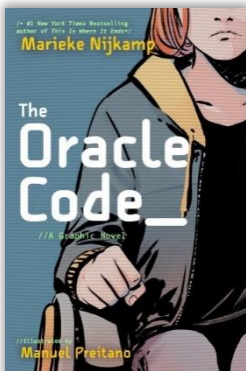


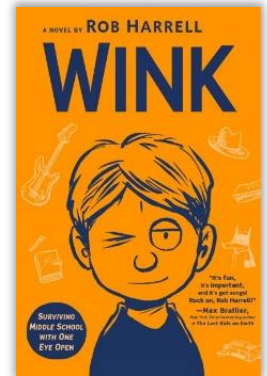
DID YOU KNOW...

Did you know that Baker & Taylor has a [YouTube channel](#), where you'll find videos from Jason Reynolds, Nic Stone, Ruta Sepetys, Rob Harrell and many others? You'll learn more about forthcoming titles, find information on some of our favorite contests, see exclusive book trailers, and hear about our Baker & Taylor exclusive products and services, such as our popular Pop Up Library and Axis 360, too.

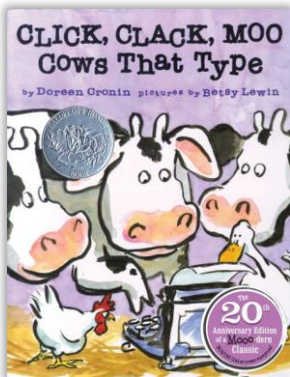
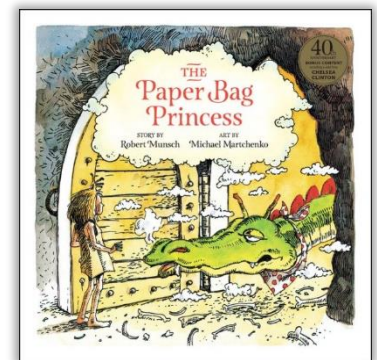
BOOK RESOURCES AND EXTRAS



Coming this month, bestselling author Marieke Nijkamp and artist Manuel Preitano have collaborated to create ***The Oracle Code*** (ISBN 9781401290665), a graphic novel about Barbara Gordon. The story takes Barbara to the Arkham Center for Independence after she's been paralyzed from a gunshot wound, where she navigates using a wheelchair and struggles to accept her new normal, all while identifying a sinister plot within the Center's walls. Will Barbara uncover what's really going on? Watch the [trailer](#), then read and find out!

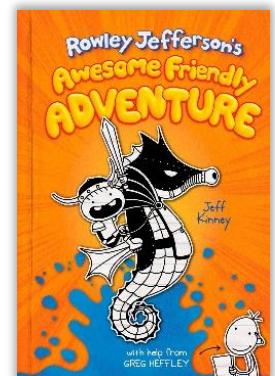


We're thrilled that ***The Paper Bag Princess*** (ISBN 9781773213439) has sold over seven million copies in the past 40 years, and this timeless ode to standing up for yourself certainly deserves an anniversary edition. Check out the new [trailer](#), featuring Robert Munsch sharing his thoughts about writing the book, with snippets of kids and adults reading from the book as well. And, spoiler alert, "they didn't get married after all!" Watch for the full text board book edition coming this fall, too, ISBN 9781773214054.

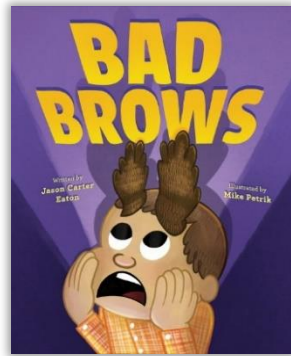


Another big anniversary this year celebrates our favorite typing cows! A 20th Anniversary edition of Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin's Caldecott Honor book ***Click, Clack, Moo*** (ISBN 9781534463028) is coming in June. Share the "typewriter heard round the world" with a new generation of readers. To help get this party started, head on over to [ClickClackBooks](#) and download coloring sheets, games, nametags and much more to create a stellar storytime worth writing about.

Next up, Rowley Jefferson is back, and if Gregg Heffley's reviews shared on the book's [trailer](#) are true, you're going to love this one! Preorder ***Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Adventure*** (ISBN 9781419749094 HRD, 9781725483699 FBD), and join Roland and his best friend, Garg the Barbarian, as they leave their village and embark on a quest to save Roland's mom from the White Warlock. Will our heroes survive? We're

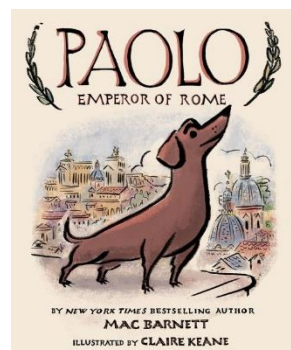
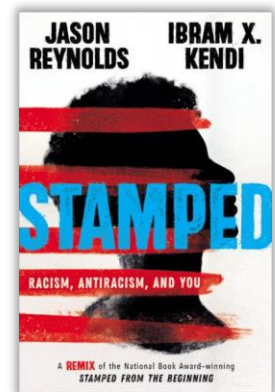


thinking all signs point toward yes, so make them Automatically Yours: series ID #0003856929.



It's hard not to be punny about this next book, from Jason Eaton and Mike Petrik, titled ***Bad Brows*** (ISBN 9781419725371), about a boy named Bernard whose eyebrows grow out of control in a hilarious tale involving Picture Day and taunting his teacher (raised her brow, they did). Download a maze and a Draw Your Own Bad Brows activity sheet to make for a great storytime activity [here](#).

Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi have teamed up for ***Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You: a Remix of the National Book Award-Winning Stamped from the Beginning*** (ISBN 9780316453691), a reimagining of Dr. Kendi's adult title that won the National Book Award, *Stamped from the Beginning*. The book delves into the history of racist ideas in America, and provides a means of hope for an antiracist future. Check out the [video](#) that Jason Reynolds created for our library customers, [download](#) library signage for the book (and your library) and find discussion questions in the [educator's guide](#). You can read an excerpt [here](#), too!



Our final title pick this month is Mac Barnett's new picture book ***Paolo*** (ISBN 9781419741098), illustrated by Claire Keane. Paolo is a dachshund searching for freedom from his boring life in a hair salon in Rome. He wants to see the city, find adventure, live the life! When he does escape and discover the wonders of the city, he shares them with readers. Enjoy getting to know this bighearted dog who achieves great things. Download [activity sheets](#) and a [storytime poster](#), and welcome Paolo to your library!

LIBRARY/INDUSTRY NEWS

We have two new publishing programs to share this month. First up, HarperCollins has just released the first series titles geared for newly independent readers ages 5-8, under the name Harper Chapters. The books are 96 pages long, incorporate artwork onto every page, and offer multiple opportunities for readers to mark and celebrate their reading accomplishments. The publisher plans to add 2-3 new series each year, and six books per series. Check out the first two titles (from Tom Watson of *Stick Dog* fame), ***The Candy Caper*** (ISBN 9780062953414) and ***Busted by Breakfast*** (ISBN 9780062953445), also available in paperback. Read the full PW announcement [here](#).

HARPER Chapters



Some of your teen readers will recognize the logo for Underlined, as the website has been promoting teen reads and creative writing for some time. Now, Delacorte is publishing a line of young adult books, one per month in trade paperback (and

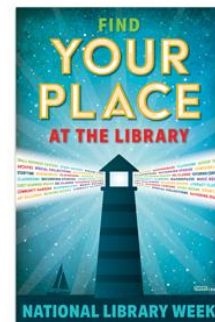
FollettBound editions), under the same name. The titles will be supported by the website, "through video promotions, writing prompts, social media influencer partnerships, merchandise

offerings, events, and more.” The first two titles releasing are the thriller ***The Wild*** (ISBN 9780593179741), coming in May, and the romance ***I Think I Love You*** (ISBN 9780593179765), coming in June. Read the *PW* announcement [here](#).

National Library Week takes place from April 19th-25th this year, and ALA has lots of resources for you to spread the word. Print posters, postcards, and proclamations, and find social media shareables, available in English and Spanish, [here](#). We look forward to seeing how you encourage others to “Find Your Place at the Library” this year.



Wrapping up the industry news, the Ezra Jack Keats Award winners for 2020 were announced recently. This year’s New Writer Award went to Sydney Smith for ***Small in the City*** (ISBN 9780823442614) and the New Illustrator Award went to Ashleigh Corrin for ***Layla’s Happiness*** (ISBN 9781592702886). To be eligible, writers and illustrators must have had no more than three books previously published. Read more about the award [here](#).



CONTEST NEWS

Next month, we’ll announce the winner of the Little Blue Truck standee contest. If you haven’t entered to win this perfect photo op piece for your library, there’s still time! Click to enter [here](#).

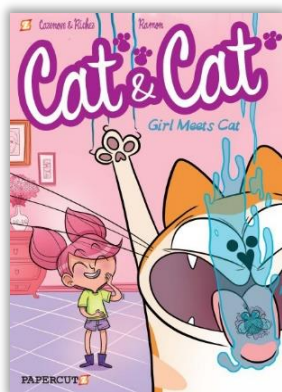
On another note, be sure to [enter](#) this year’s Random House Summer Reading contest, featuring artwork and books from Emily Winfield, and don’t forget to [download](#) the free Summer Reading storytime activity sheets, featuring Ms. Winfield’s art as well.



And finally, there’s only a month left to enter to win a visit from Ruta Sepetys in your library! We allow one entry per person, but multiple employees from the same library are able to enter.

CAT TALE OF THE MONTH

This month, Baker and Taylor have a new graphic novel series to share with you!



B and T: We're excited to introduce Cath and Sushi, a girl and her new cat who are learning about each other, and about how having a cat can warm hearts and lead to healing while at the same time causing a bit of trouble. Check out ***Cat & Cat: Girl Meets Cat*** (ISBN 9781545804278), and watch for books 2 and 3 (seen right) coming in June and September. Titles in this series can also be Automatically Yours – contact your [CATS sales consultant](#) for more information.



The CATS team wishes you a bright and sunny Spring!