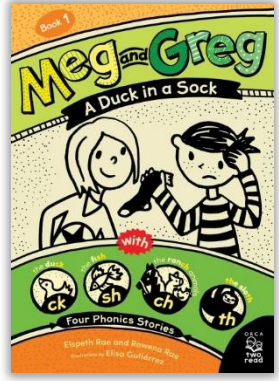


Meg and Greg: A Duck in a Sock

Written by Elspeth Rae and Rowena Rae and Illustrated
by Elisa Gutiérrez
Orca Book Publishers, April 14,2020
9781459824904, Paperback, \$14.95, 9781544450094 FollettBound

This first book in a new series, Orca Two Reads, introduces youngsters Meg and Greg, whom readers will get acquainted with in four individual stories taking place during their summer break, all while learning phonics at the same time. Each story introduces a new phonogram, and each story builds on the previous one, which will continue in subsequent volumes. The books are written to aid dyslexic and struggling readers ages 6-9, and were created for shared reading between new and struggling readers and their more experienced reading counterparts, with image prompts in the corner of the pages indicating which pages are intended for each.

Chapter Book



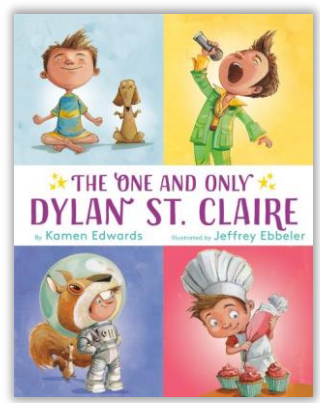
Special features for aiding in the reading process include comic-style illustrations, a dyslexic-friendly typeface and spacing, and shaded paper to reduce the contrast between text and paper. A few activity pages are able to be reproduced, and additional end matter includes a Glossary, an About section, Tips for Reading, and other information. Highly recommended for young readers struggling with traditional texts, and aging out of the earliest readers, the stories are fun and original, and will hold their interest to the end. Watch for titles will certainly spark the imagination and watch for *Meg and Greg: Frank and the Skunk* coming in August.
Picked by Erica Sommer, CATS Brand Manager

The One and Only Dylan St. Claire

Written by Kamen Edwards and Illustrated by Jeffrey Ebbeler
Random House Children's Books, May 5, 2020
9781984893468, Hardcover, \$17.99

Dylan ST. Claire, the little boy with big flair, wants to be the actual STAR of the class play, but after all his preparation and hard work he ends up getting the part of the squirrel astronaut. He doesn't take it very well, but after the initial disappointment, he puts all of his heart into playing the best squirrel the world has ever seen! I loved the page where he is sitting in the grass dressed up as a squirrel while asking all of the little real squirrel's questions (of course they answer with chirps) while he busily writes down all of their very important answers. The author is an actor and writer in LA and this is his first children's book. He loved to read books as a kid, but never found one that had a character he could relate to.

Picture Book



Kamen Edwards created a star in this fun and lively picture book. It is sure to be a story that kids and adults will enjoy reading together time and time again. It was a delight to read and comes with a great reminder to make the best of every situation. The illustrations by Jeffrey Ebbeler are bold, fun, and creative. They add so much action and emotion to the words that they seem to leap off of the page!
Picked by Rita King, CATS Western Regional Sales Manager

