

THE READ AND WRITE SERIES: Book 7

My Dirty Dog: My Informative Essay

By Darcy
Pattison

Illustrated by
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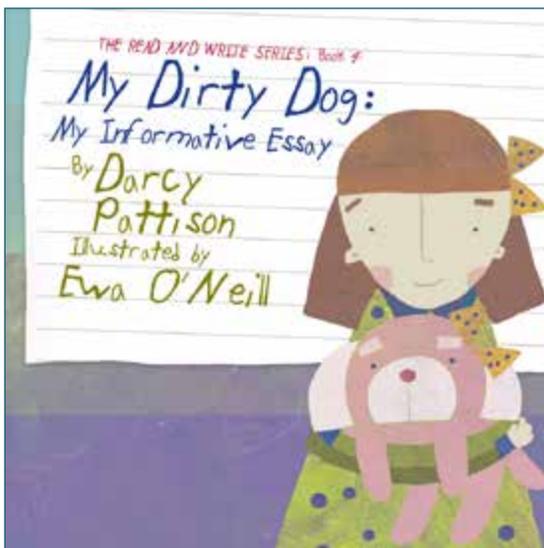
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Mims House, est. 2008, publishes children's fiction and nonfiction picture books, middle grade novels, how-to write books, and teacher resources.

THE READ AND WRITE SERIES

ELEMENTARY LANGUAGE ARTS

Children's book author Darcy Pattison has provided professional development for over 25 years to teachers on the topic of teaching writing to kids. She's carefully studied the Common Core State Standards and applied them to her teaching. These are the lessons she'd love to teach to every student!



BOOK 4: MY DIRTY DOG: MY INFORMATIVE ESSAY

When the family gathers for Grandma's birthday, they spend the day at the local K-9 Carnival. Cousins Dennis and Mellie get their faces painted, learn how to give a dog a bath, and march in a parade. At home, they write informative essays about the day. Two full mentor essays included. With the homework done, it's time for Grandma's birthday party!

This book includes a how-to essay and an informative essay as mentor texts. Perfect for use in any elementary class. 8" x 8"

FREE PRINTABLES FOR ENTIRE SERIES TURNS THE BOOKS INTO SIMPLE LESSON PLANS

Each book has 5-8 printable worksheets. Pre-writing activities include activities specific to the type of essay. Narrative writing emphasizes sensory details. Informative writing emphasizes facts and statistics. Opinion writing asks students to think about their criteria for an opinion.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO DOWNLOAD THE PRINTABLES:
<http://mimshouse.com/books/my-dirty-dog>

I WANT A DOG: _____'s Criteria	
Big or little?	
How energetic?	
Needs exercise?	
Needs lots of play?	
A loving dog?	

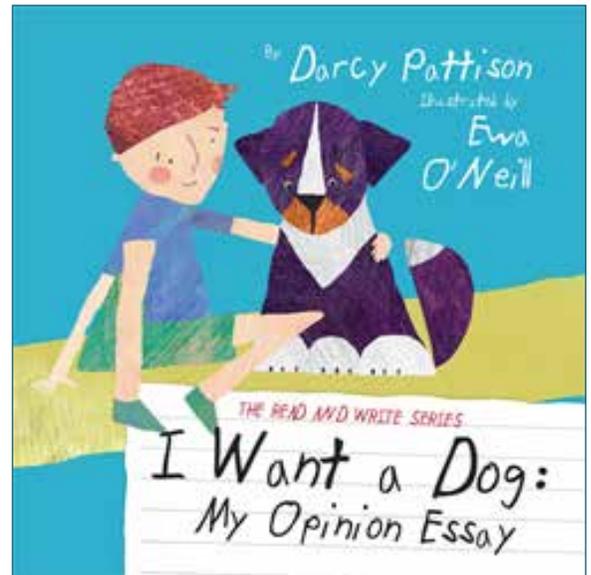
Based on I WANT A DOG: MY OPINION ESSAY by Darcy Pattison | mimshouse.com

**BOOK 1:
I WANT A DOG: MY OPINION ESSAY**

When cousins Dennis and Mellie decide to get pets, they must make hard decisions about the best dog for each family. They use nine criteria to help decide among the breeds.

"...fill(s) a niche for teachers..." - *School Library Journal*

"...a remarkable children's book..."
-Fred Kampo, President of the Labrador Retriever Club

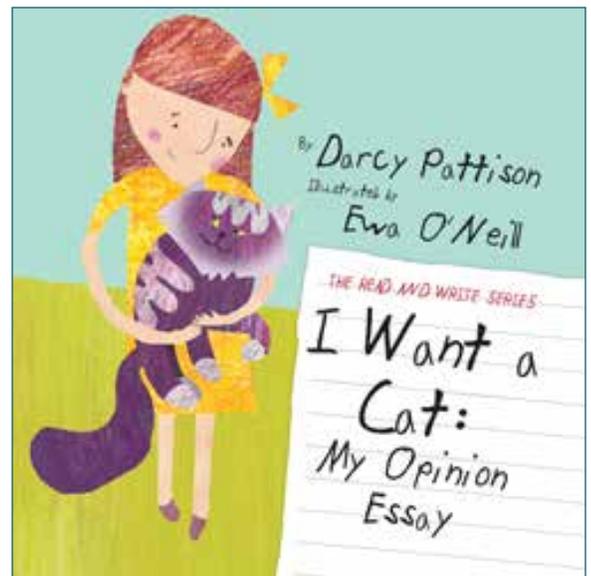


**BOOK 2:
I WANT A CAT: MY OPINION ESSAY**

Mellie wants a cat that pounces, but Dennis wants a lazy cat. Using nine criteria, these cousins consider cat breeds, then write an opinion essay.

"...absolutely delightful..." Joan Miller, Cat Fancier's Association

"...as informative a cat book as any text out there."
Alexis Mitchell, Maine Coon Cat Breeders, Cat Fancier's Association.

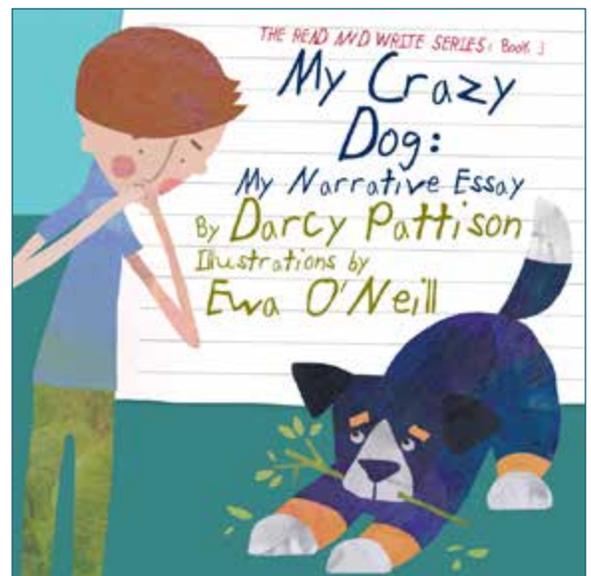


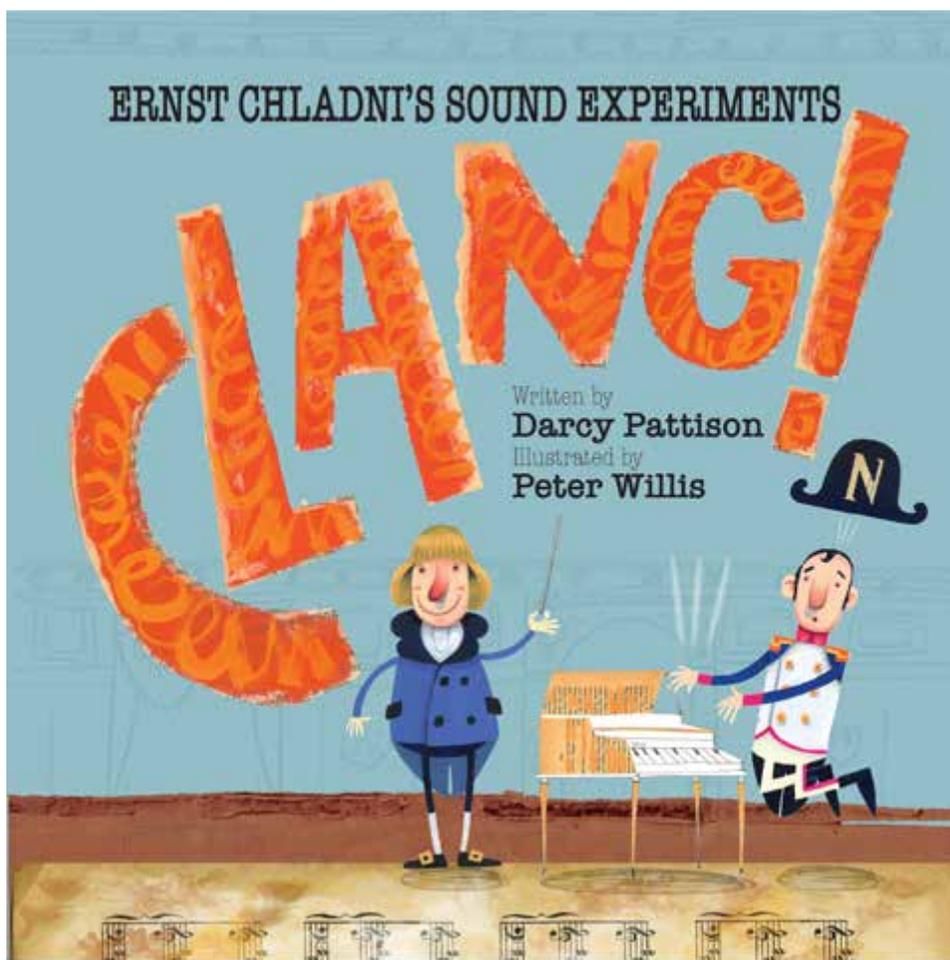
**BOOK 3:
MY CRAZY DOG: MY NARRATIVE ESSAY**

Dennis must take his dog to the vet—if he can catch him. The adventure inspires a narrative essay full of details.

"...breezy and engaging introduction to genre writing." - *Booklist*

"VERDICT: A good choice to help the visual learners write narrative essays." - *School Library Journal*





SOUND! ELEMENTARY PHYSICAL SCIENCE

What if your science experiments were so interesting that even an Emperor wanted to know more?

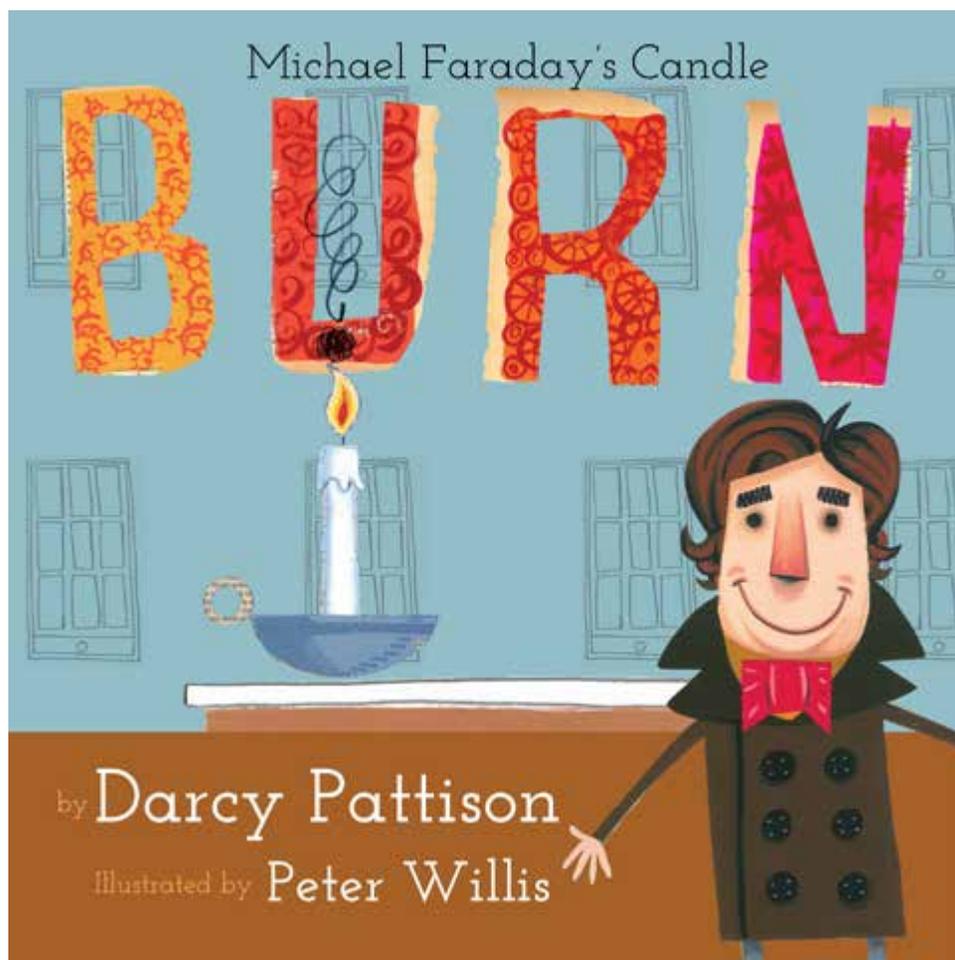
In 1806, scientist Ernst Chladni (KLOD-nee) left Germany for a three-year road trip, entertaining Europeans with his science.

He made wires, columns of air, and solids vibrate. He wrote about this in his native German language, but his French scientist friends wanted to read about it in French. How could he get the cash he needed to write his new book?

In February, 1809, Chladni's friends took him to the Tuileries Palace. This elementary science picture book dramatizes the exciting meeting between a German scientist and French Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte.

Like Bill Nye, the Science Guy today, Chladni popularized science. But during his work as an entertainer, he struggled to find the time and finances to do actual research. This story provides a glimpse at the life of Ernst Chladni, the Father of Acoustics. It's an amazing example of how scientists collaborate internationally. The story is based on Chladni's own description of the event.

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LIGHT!

ELEMENTARY PHYSICAL SCIENCE

Step back in time to December 28, 1848 in London, England to one of the most famous juvenile science Christmas lectures at the Royal Institution.

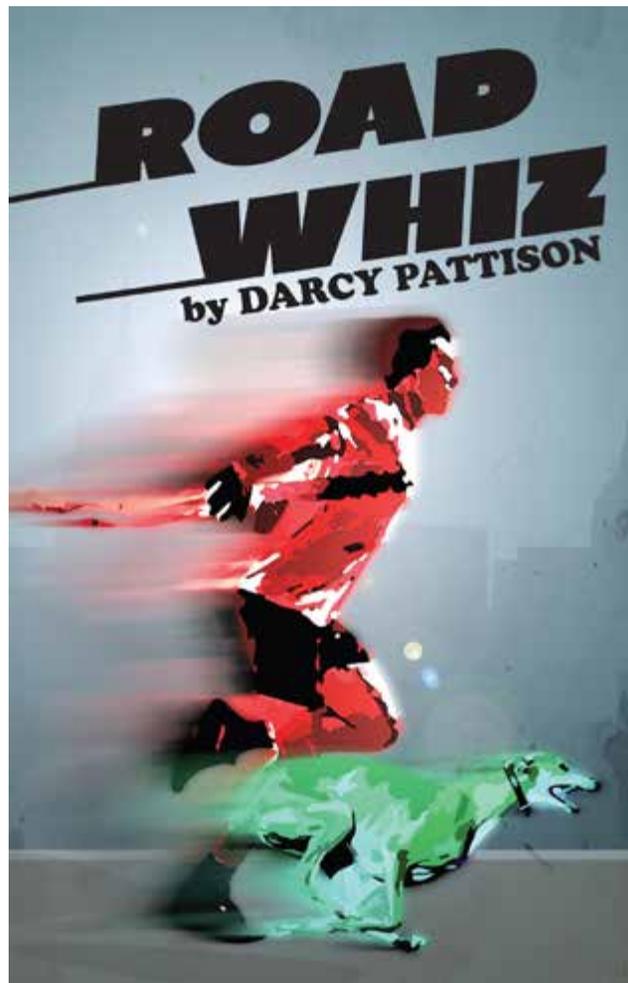
British scientist Michael Faraday encouraged kids to carefully observe a candle and to try to figure out how it burned. Since Faraday's lecture, "The Chemical History of a Candle," was published in 1861, it's never been out of print.

Darcy Pattison has adapted the first 6000-word lecture to about 650 words for the modern elementary students. Known as one of the best science experimenters ever, Faraday's passion still echoes across the years and inspires kids today to answer the basic questions of science: "What is the cause? Why does it occur?"

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ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

With over 20 years experience in illustration and design, illustrator PETER WILLIS continues to be as enthusiastic and passionate about his work as ever. His illustrations have palpable character, bringing them to life through his craft and quirky approach. He lives in North East England with his wife and daughter. Other books include *The Nantucket Sea Monster: A Fake News Story*.



MIDDLE GRADE SPORTS NOVEL

Fourteen-year-old Jamie is growing too fast! Friends taunt him that his feet are so big the last time he stepped in a puddle, they called it the Mississippi River.

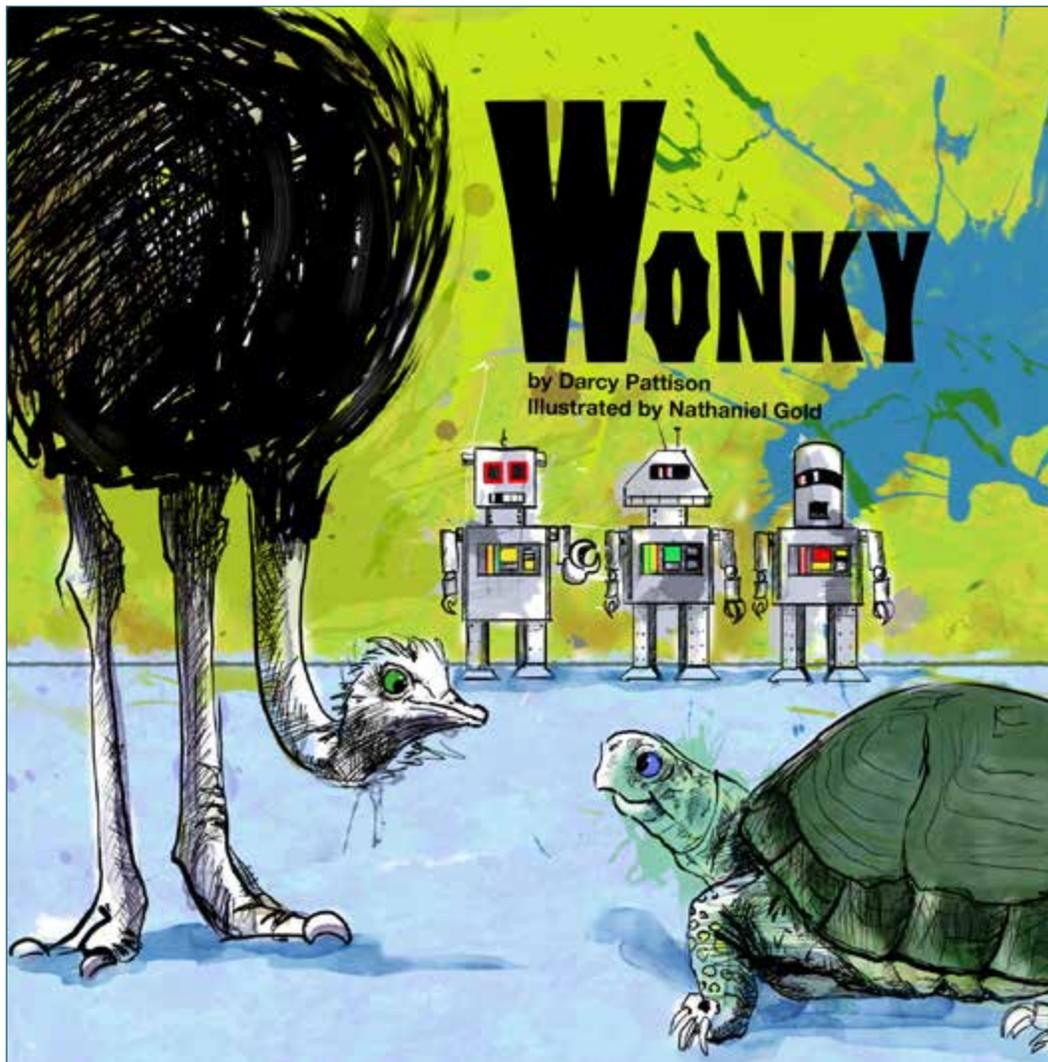
As Jamie moves from 8th to 9th grade, Dad expects Jamie to join traditional sports, like football. Instead, Road Whiz, a retired greyhound racing dog, inspires Jamie to run. He starts training to run 5Ks.

Like the retired greyhound, Jamie struggles with the question of why should he run? Does he run to win, or does he run because he loves running? With Road Whiz as his mentor, Jamie faces the challenges in his life, from family changes to his own growing body.

This middle grade novel will mesmerize boys who struggle with the idea of competition. Jamie's resolution of his doubts, fears and hopes about competing will inspire teens as they experience their own disturbing, if inevitable, growth.

April, 2018.

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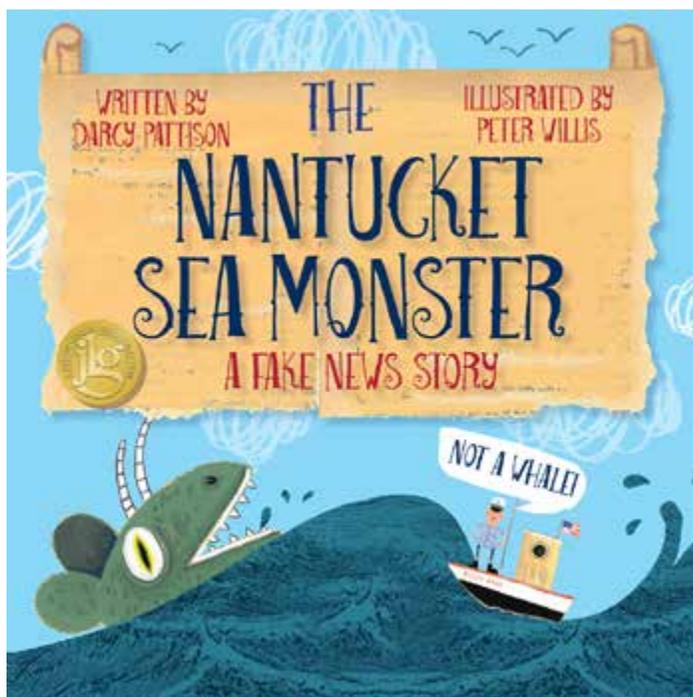
WONKY FRIENDS - ACCEPTING DIFFERENCES

Howie ambles into robot club hoping to find a friend. But when Lincoln bounds into the room, Howie hides. The bird is too big and fluffy. The teacher, however, puts the unlikely pair together. Will they be able to accept each other's wonky ideas and become friends?

This picture book encourages divergent thinking as Lincoln and Howie design a robot. For kids who are rigid and inflexible, they'll see the value of considering different options, and accepting those who are different.

August, 2018

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THE NANTUCKET SEA MONSTER: A FAKE NEWS STORY



A JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD SELECTION

Early in August 1937, a news flash came: a sea monster had been spotted lurking off the shore of Nantucket Island. Historically, the Massachusetts island had served as port for whaling ships. Eyewitnesses swore this wasn't a whale, but some new, fearsome creature. As eyewitness account piled up, newspaper stories of the sea monster spread quickly. Across the nation, people shivered in fear.

Then, footprints were found on a Nantucket beach. Photographs were sent to prominent biologists for their opinion. Discussion swirled about raising a hunting party. On August 18, news spread across the island: the sea monster had been captured. Islanders ran to the beach and couldn't believe their eyes.

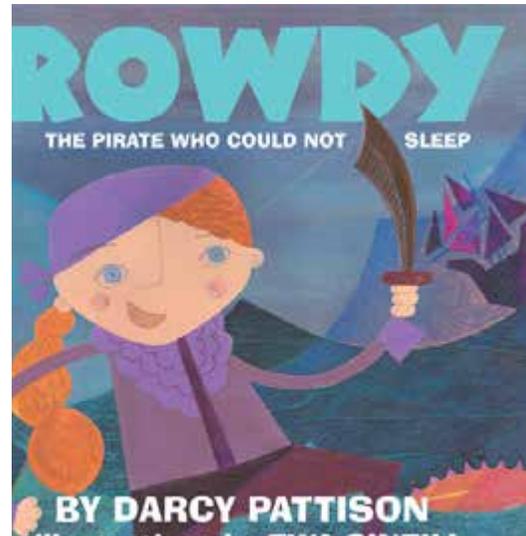
This nonfiction picture book is a perfect tool to discuss non-political fake news stories. Back matter discusses the freedom of the press guaranteed by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Quotes from Thomas Jefferson make it clear that fake news has always been one of the costs of a free press. A Timeline lists actual events in the order they occurred. A vocabulary list defines relevant words.

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ROWDY: THE PIRATE WHO COULD NOT SLEEP



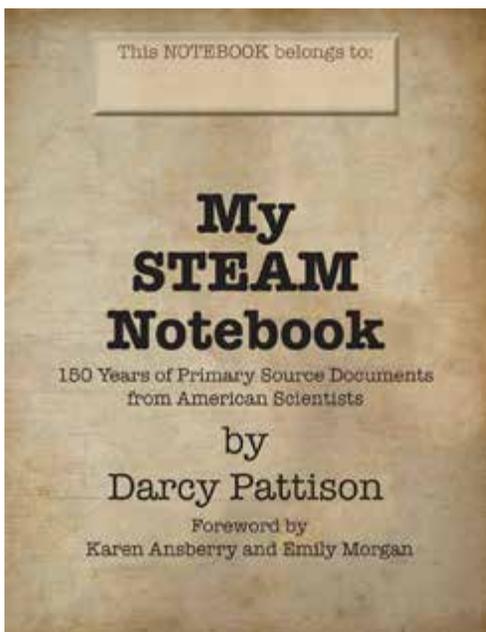
Captain Whitney Black McKee is a rowdy pirate! After traveling the seven seas and fighting sea monsters, it's time to come back to home port for a rest. But the Captain's sleep has gone all awry.

Sleepless. What's a rowdy captain to do? She sends her crew a'thiev' for a simple lullaby. But the rowdy heart doesn't always know what it wants or needs. She won't find rest, until her own dear Pappy arrives.

This charming children's picture book is perfect for fathers to read with their 4-8-year-old daughters. And follow it with a lullaby or two. Great Father's Day gift or for anytime you want to encourage a father-daughter relationship. Come and celebrate rowdy girls and their fathers.

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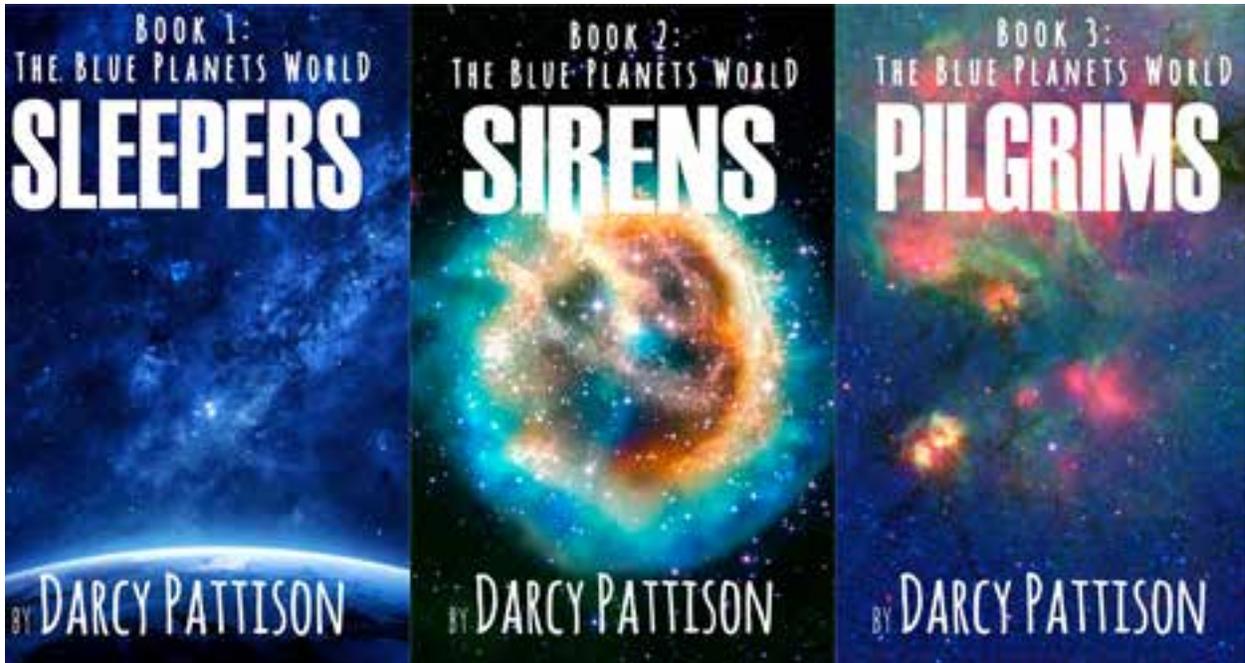
HOW TO TEACH SCIENCE WRITING



MY STEAM NOTEBOOK: 150 YEARS OF PRIMARY SOURCE DOCUMENTS FROM AMERICAN SCIENTISTS

My STEAM Notebook is an elementary science interactive workbook that brings the past into the future in a powerful way. Primary source documents from 150 years of American scientists provide an amazing look into the practice of keeping a science notebook. Featuring notebooks from ten scientists, students learn how to write and draw in ways that help develop their understanding of science.

Scientists pages are interwoven with 98 pages of gridded and blank pages, extra-large (8.5 x 11 inches). Grids on the right, blank pages on the left.



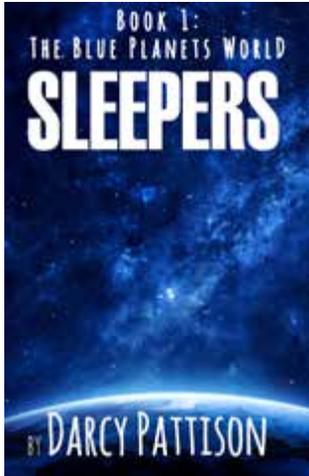
*Earth finally receives a message from space:
"You only live on land. Allow us to live in the seas."*

THE BLUE PLANETS WORLD

Rison will implode soon. They desperately need a new blue planet, a water planet for their aquatic species. Will humans be able to open their hearts and their world to an alien race?

Get the short story prequel, ENVOYS, free at our website. It's only available as an ebook download:

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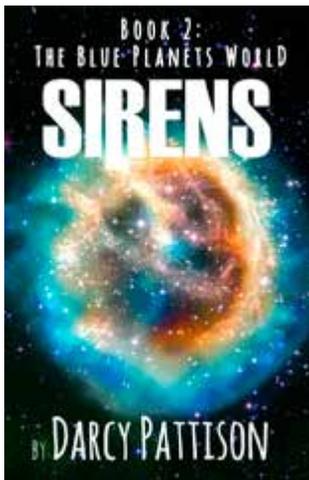


BOOK 1: SLEEPERS

A rogue militia. A diabolical sabotage.

Is an alien teen is the only hope for either blue planet?

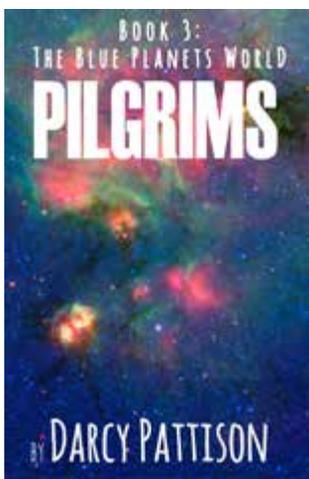
Sleepers is the first book of an exciting science fiction trilogy that forces a dying world to beg for refuge on Earth. A test-tube baby, fourteen-year-old Jake Rose is half human and half alien. His mother, Dayexi Quad-de, is the Risonian ambassador to Earth. She's tasked with finding Risonians a new home on Earth in a peaceful manner. Will the Risonians be accepted on Earth? Or will they face extinction? 5.5" x 8.5"



BOOK 2: SIRENS

He's an alien. She's not quite human. Can they survive an epic battle under the sea?

Sirens is the continuing story of Jake Rose, a teenager who is half-alien and half-human. When aliens beg for refuge on Earth, they ask only for a home in the seas. But what if Earth's oceans aren't empty? The undersea civilization of the Phoke, the mermen and mermaids, comes out of hiding to take a place at the negotiation table. When a rogue General orders his troops to attack the Phoke, the stage is set for an epic underwater struggle. Come cheer for Jake as he searches the cold North Sea for his girlfriend, Em. 5.5" x 8.5"

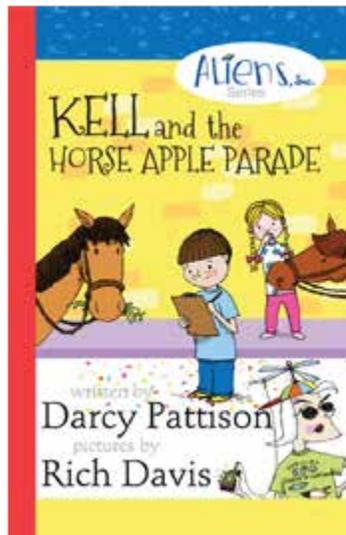


BOOK 3: PILGRIMS

A deadly microbe. A race against time. Who will survive?

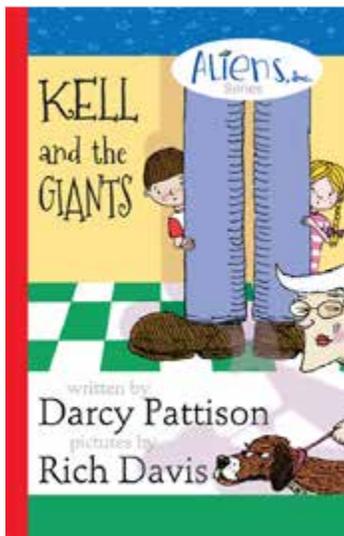
Pilgrims is the thrilling conclusion of an epic science fiction trilogy that pits Risonians and Earthlings against inevitable implosion of a planet. A small team from Earth travels to Rison to find the cure for a water-borne disease that threatens the Phoke, the mermen and mermaids of Earth. In a rush against time, they must deal with the politics of desperate men and the tricks of a dying planet. Will they find the cure and escape in time?

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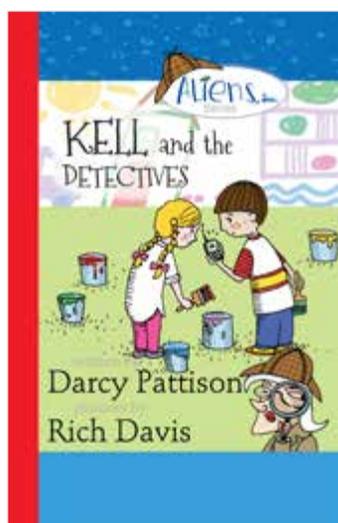
THE ALIENS INC. CHAPTER BOOK SERIES, BOOK 2: KELL AND THE HORSE APPLE PARADE

For Kell, the Friends of Police Parade is a big deal, his first Earthling parade. With Bree's help, he must figure out how to deal with City Hall, figure out fund-raising, and find superheroes and superheroines to march in the parade. To make things worse, Principal Lynx believes someone in third grade is an alien, and she has a new Alien Catcher App on her smart phone.



THE ALIENS INC. CHAPTER BOOK SERIES, BOOK 3: KELL AND THE GIANTS

If you're an alien on Earth, you have one giant secret to keep. Kell and Bree plan a birthday party with giants—Big Foot, Cyclops, Goliath and the Jolly Green Giant—while they struggle with keeping their own giant secret. But Principal Lynx and the Society of Alien Chasers is back with a dog trained to sniff out an alien in a crowd.

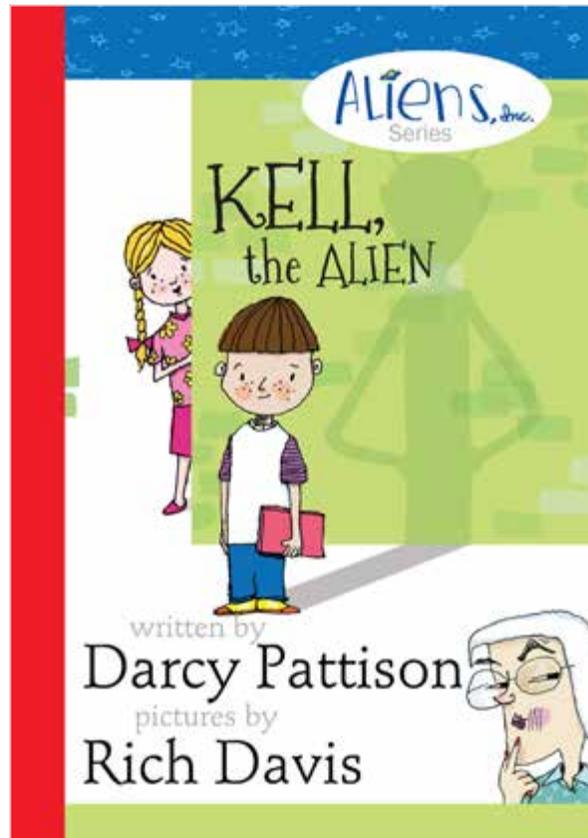


THE ALIENS, INC. CHAPTER BOOK SERIES, BOOK 4: KELL AND THE DETECTIVES

Kell makes a startling discovery: he has zigzag fingerprints. Worse, Mrs. Lynx and the Society of Alien Chasers know about the fingerprints, and they are on the hunt. Everyone turns detective in this continuing adventure of an alien family from planet Bix, who struggles to make ends meet by putting on birthday parties for kids. But the stakes are higher than ever because Kell's mom has just laid a beautiful green egg. With Mrs. Lynx on the prowl, can Kell and Bree keep the egg safe?

THE ALIENS, INC. SERIES

Each book features over 90 humorous black-and-white illustrations from Rich Davis. For added fun, we've hidden special images throughout each book for kids to find. 5.5" x 8.5"



Kell discovers that his neighbor, Bree Hendricks, turns 9-years-old next month, and she wants a party with an alien theme. That should be simple as flying from star to star. But Earthling's ideas about aliens are totally wrong. Even worse, Principal Lynx is a UFO-Chaser and suspects aliens around every corner.

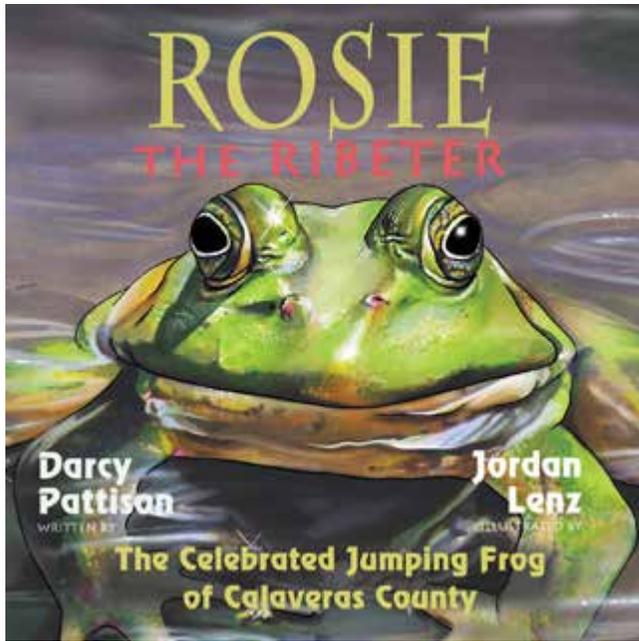
Publisher's Weekly Review of Kell, the Alien

"Kell's observations of Earth and details about life on planet Bix are amusing, and Davis's wiry b&w line art further enlivens an engaging, accessible story. Kell's struggles to fit in will resonate just fine with Earth's readers."

School Library Journal Review of Kell and the Detectives

"Kell's observations of Earth and details about life on planet Bix are amusing. The black-and-white line art further enlivens an engaging, accessible story. Kell's struggles to fit in will resonate with readers. . . VERDICT This fun chapter book series is out of this world."

SCIENCE + LITERATURE



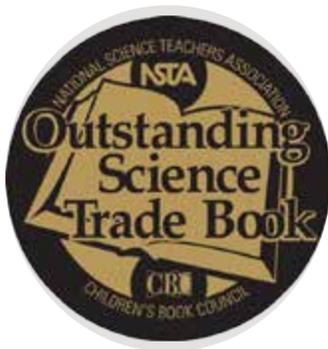
ROSIE THE RIBETER: THE CELEBRATED JUMPING FROG OF CALAVERAS COUNTY

This is the astounding, story of a female bullfrog who came out of the wild for a single week in 1986 and stunned the world with her jumping. She set the world record triple-jump at 21 feet, 5 and 3/4 inches.

Celebrate Mark Twain's famous short story of the Celebrated Jumping Frog with this true story.

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Darcy Pattison's work has been recognized for excellence in science writing.

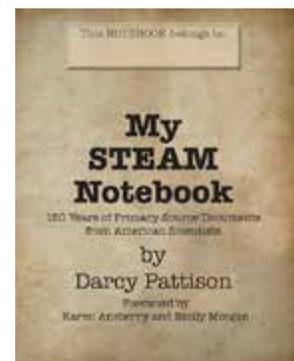
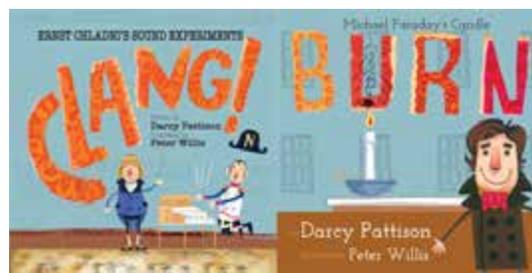
Named as NSTA Outstanding Science Trade Books

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2015 *Abayomi, the Brazilian Puma*

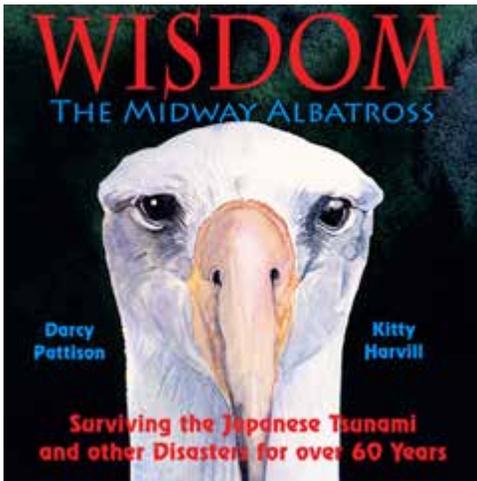
2017 *Nefertiti, the Spidernaut*

See her other science titles:



AWARD-WINNING ANIMAL BIOGRAPHIES: BIRD, PUMA, SPIDER, AND BULLFROG

These stories are the biography, or the life-story of a single individual animal. Across this award winning series we include a bird, mammal, arachnid, and coming soon, an amphibian.



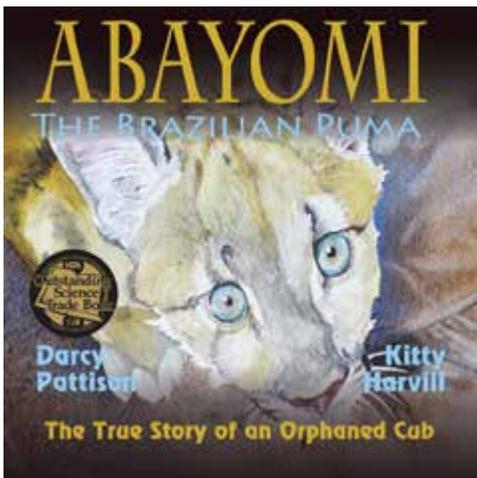
WISDOM, THE MIDWAY ALBATROSS - STARRED PW REVIEW

The story of the oldest known wild bird in the world and how she survived the Japanese tsunami. At the age of 60+, she's still laying eggs and hatching chicks.

First banded on December 10, 1956, Wisdom has raised an estimated 40 chicks on Midway Island. Follow her Facebook Page, run by the National Park:

[Facebook.com/WisdomtheAlbatross](https://www.facebook.com/WisdomtheAlbatross)

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ABAYOMI, THE BRAZILIAN PUMA 2015 NSTA OUTSTANDING SCIENCE TRADE BOOK

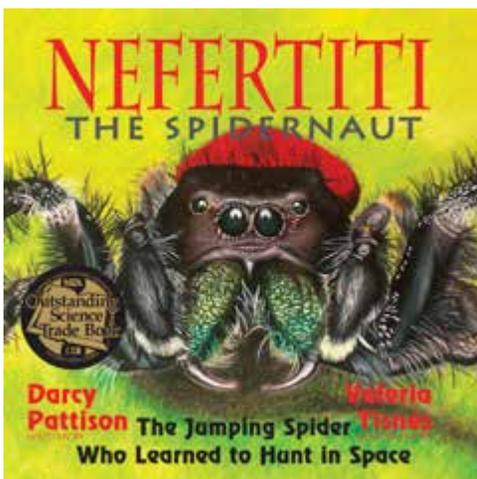
A mother puma, an attempt to steal a chicken and an angry chicken farmer—the search is on for orphaned cubs. Will the scientists be able to find the cubs before their time runs out?

"Pattison briefly discusses the problems that human development poses for Brazil's pumas before moving on to the cub, named bayomi ("happy meeting") by his rescuers.

"Harvill's muted, realistic portraits of Brazilian fauna and flora give a strong sense of the puma's threatened natural habitat."

- Publisher's Weekly review

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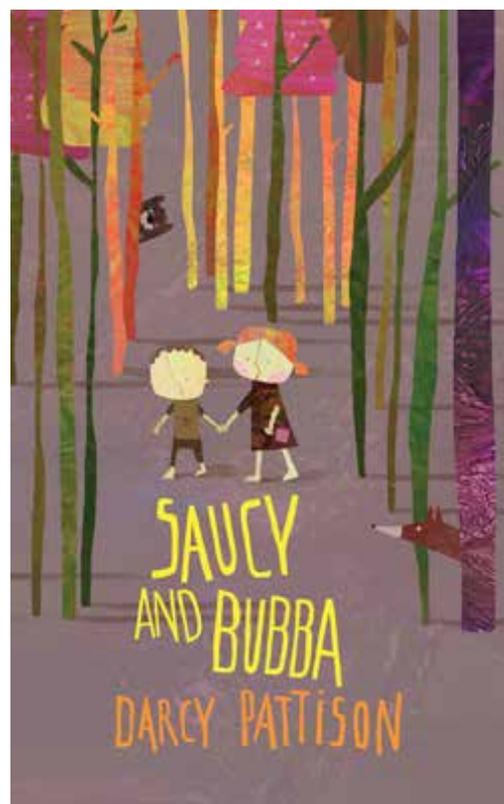
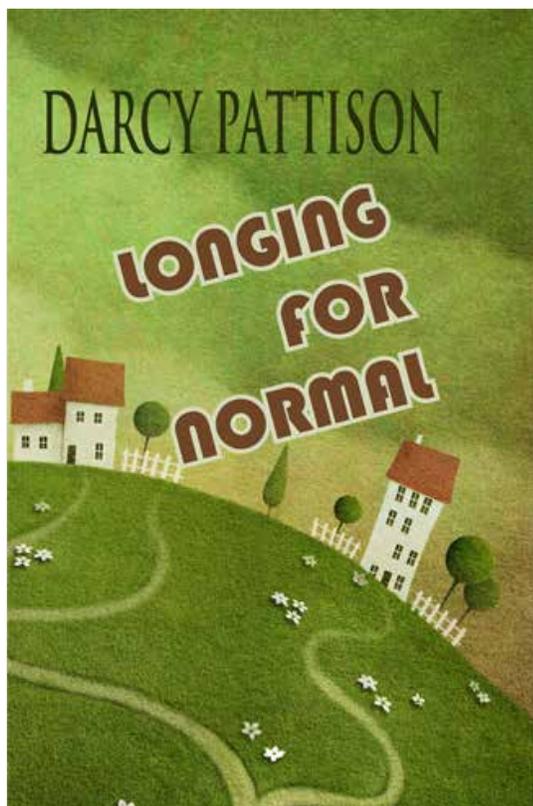
NEFERTITI, THE SPIDernaut 2017 NSTA OUTSTANDING SCIENCE TRADE BOOK

In 2012, a Johnson jumping spider was sent to the International Space Station. These spiders don't hunt passively by spinning a web; instead, they hunt by jumping to catch prey. Scientists wanted to know: when the spider jumped in the weightless environment of space, what would happen?

This exciting true story follows the astounding journey of one spider as she travels over 42 million miles. Nefertiti's story of survival inspires hope that we, too, can adapt to a changing world.

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CONTEMPORARY FAMILY STORIES



A boy unites an immigrant community and rebuilds his family—using a simple sourdough bread recipe.

“Pattison’s characters provide a reason to keep reading. In voices old before their time, due to years in the system, they describe their desperate attempts to stay relevant to the adults in their lives. A rare book featuring foster kids in realistic scenarios.” *Booklist*

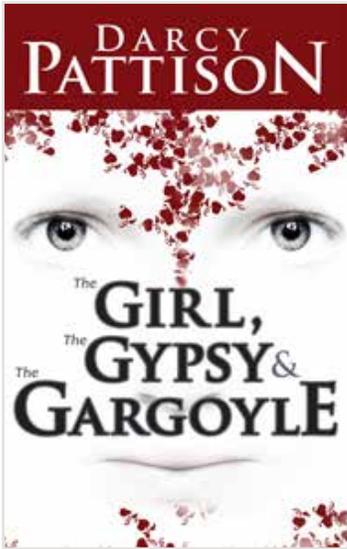
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This is a heartbreakingly simple story that weaves through the tangled threads of a family and builds to an ending full of hope.

“... compelling and ultimately hopeful story. Highly recommended.” -- Debby Dahl Edwardson, National Book Award finalist and author of *My Name is Not Easy*

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MIDDLE GRADE FANTASY



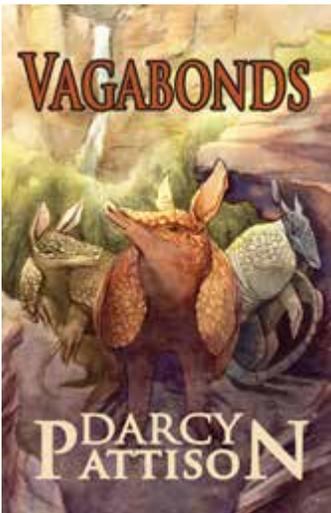
Beware the Troll's Eye

"Every block of stone has a statue inside it and it is the task of the sculptor to discover it."

—Michelangelo

But what if an unscrupulous sculptor could trap someone inside a block of stone, just so he could carve them?

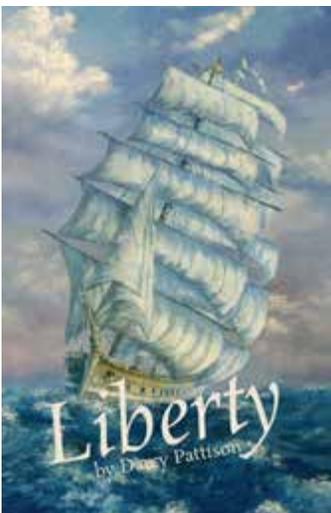
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American Fantasy

In the tradition of *Charlotte's Web* or *The Underneath* comes the American fantasy, *Vagabonds*, the saga of El Garro's armadillo colony, the scouts and pioneers who have always been at the forefront of the migration. Rumors from their original homeland, the jungles far to the south, indicate that El Garro's colony may be nearing the fabled Faralone Falls, where they will find the answer to why they have traveled northward for decades.

5.5" x 8.5"



Follow Your Dream

Pigs don't sail.

"This pig will," said Santiago definitely.

Penelope has always longed for more, but she's never dared to dream big. "Sail? Would you take me with you?"

This fantasy novel follows the unlikely story of two pigs who leave the farm in search of sailing ships.

From the fascinating world of tall ships comes this unlikely tale of humble pigs who follow their dream. Come and follow the Talberts on their journey into a wider world where pigs can sail.

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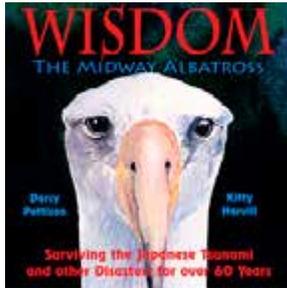
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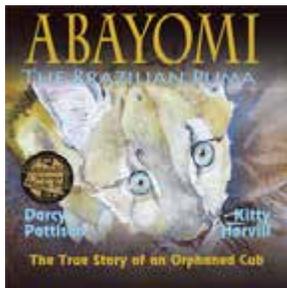
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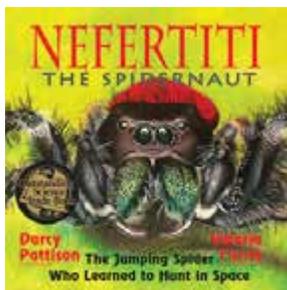
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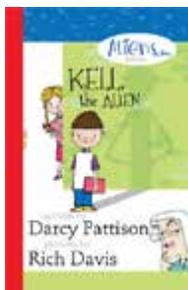


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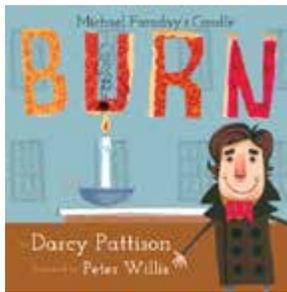
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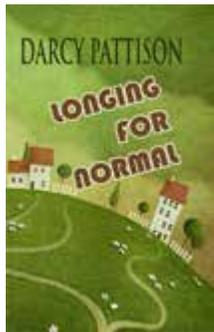
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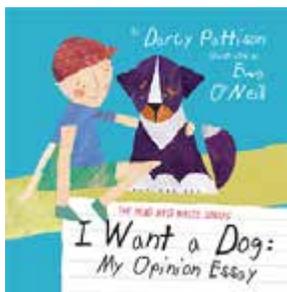
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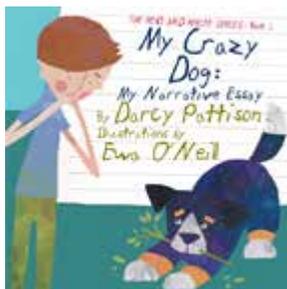
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