

# THE ORIGINAL ART

## Celebrating the Fine Art of Children's Book Illustration

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The Bologna Children's Book Fair is proud to host, for the second year in a row, select pieces from "The Original Art," an annual exhibit that showcases illustrations from the year's best children's books published in the United States. For illustrators,

the show is a unique opportunity to celebrate and be celebrated for the art they create. For editors and art directors, it's a treasure trove of talent to discover and draw upon. For art students, it's a means of examining—up close—the work of the best in the field. And for the public, it's a chance to appreciate the enormous range of imagination, innovation, and visual storytelling offered in children's books.

Founded by painter, art director, and artists' representative Dilys Evans, "The Original Art" was first exhibited in 1980 at the Master Eagle Gallery, a space offered by a graphics services company in New York City. Then in 1990, the show found its permanent home at the Museum of Illustration at the Society of Illustrators in New York City, where it continues to thrive and expand its audience and programs.

Each year, books are selected for "The Original Art" by a jury of outstanding children's book illustrators, art directors, and editors, and each year, the show honors exceptional children's book artists in several categories. This year's Gold Medal was awarded to Beatrice Alemagna

for *Pepper & Me* (Astra Publishing House). It's her second gold medal from The Society of Illustrators, and in 2022, the Bologna Children's Book Fair honored her with the "Extraordinary Award for an Extraordinary Artist". Silver Medals were awarded to Lian Cho for *Pig Town Party* (HarperCollins Publishers) and Júlia Sardà for *Godfather Death* (Penguin Random House). The Dilys Evans Founder's Award, which honors the year's most promising new talent whose work has been juried into the show, was won by Celia Jacobs for *The Circuit* (HarperCollins Publishers).

Each year, "The Original Art" also celebrates two illustrators with Lifetime Achievement Awards. This year's winners are Fred Marcellino, recipient of a Caldecott Honor and many other awards, and Lisbeth Zwerger, recipient of the Hans Christian Andersen medal and several Bologna Children's Book Fair honors.

On display in this exhibit are 52 marvelous and memorable pieces from the Society's 2024 show.

The Society of Illustrators, founded in 1901, is the oldest nonprofit organization in the United States dedicated to the art of illustration. Located on New York's Upper East Side, the Society invites visitors to explore its historic Museum of Illustration, which features rotating exhibitions, a permanent collection, and engaging events throughout the year.

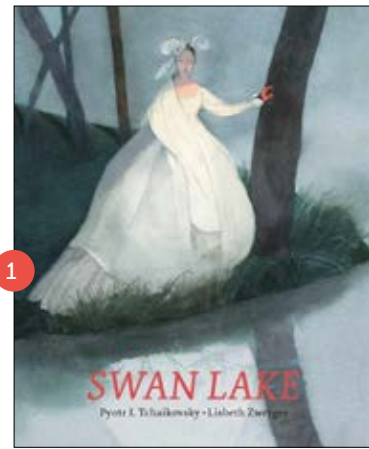
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- Fred Marcellino**, *Puss in Boots*, Michael Di Capua Books, Farrar, Straus & Giroux
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- Beatrice Alemagna**, *Pepper & Me*, Hippo Park, Astra Publishing House
- Lian Cho**, *Pig Town Party*, HarperCollins Publishers
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- C. G. Esperanza**, *My Daddy Is A Cowboy*, Abrams
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- Boris Kulikov**, *Not a Smiley Guy*, Margaret Ferguson Books, Holiday House
- Charlie Mylie**, *Treehouse Town*, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, Hachette Book Group
- Briana Mukodiri Uchendu**, *Soul Step*, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, Hachette Book Group
- Hayden Goodman**, *The Heart Never Forgets*, Atheneum Books for Young Readers, Simon & Schuster
- Brian Floca**, *With Dad*, Neal Porter Books, Holiday House
- Aaron Becker**, *The Last Zookeeper*, Candlewick Press, Walker Books Group
- Cece Bell**, *Animal Albums from A to Z*, Walker Books Group, Penguin Random House
- Yuko Shimizu**, *Up, Up, Ever Up! Junko Tabei: A Life in the Mountains*, Clarion Books, HarperCollins Publishers
- Chris Raschka**, *Star Stuff*, Michael di Capua Books, HarperCollins Publishers
- Allen Say**, *Kozo the Sparrow*, Clarion Books, HarperCollins Publishers
- Sean Rubin**, *The Iguanodon's Horn*, Clarion Books, HarperCollins Publishers
- Federico Fabiani**, *I Quit*, Farrar, Straus & Giroux, Macmillan Publishers
- Sarah Gonzales**, *You'll Always Be My Chickadee*, Chronicle Books
- Sara Lundberg**, *The Cat Way*, Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company
- Lauren Paige Conrad**, *This Is a Window*, Minerva, Astra Publishing House
- Chelsea O'Byrne**, *Springtime Storks: A Migration Love Story*, Minerva, Astra Publishing House
- Jason Chin**, *Life After Whale: The Amazing Ecosystem of a Whale Fall*, Neal Porter Books, Holiday House
- Julie Morstad**, *A Rose, a Bridge, and a Wild Black Horse*, Cameron Kids, Abrams
- Felicita Sala**, *When You Find the Right Rock*, Chronicle Books
- Loren Long**, *The Yellow Bus*, Roaring Brook Press, Macmillan Publishers
- Ed Vere**, *The Elephant and the Sea*, Doubleday Books for Young Readers, Penguin Random House
- Gracey Zhang**, *Noodles on a Bicycle*, Random House Studio, Penguin Random House
- Marine Schneider**, *Hiro, Winter, and Marshmallows*, Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company
- Noar Lee Naggan**, *The Storyteller*, Nancy Paulsen Books, Penguin Random House
- Bee Johnson**, *What Can a Mess Make?*, Henry Holt Books for Young Readers, Macmillan Publishers
- Jeff Mack**, *Time To Make Art*, Henry Holt Books for Young Readers, Macmillan Publishers
- Kate Cosgrove**, *A Tree Is a Community*, Holiday House
- Azadeh Westergaard**, *The One and Only Goo-goo: Iran's Beloved Superstar*, Viking Books for Young Readers, Penguin Random House
- Maya Shleifer**, *Too Many Golems*, Chronicle Books
- Marcos Almada Rivero**, *Family Is Family*, Nancy Paulsen Books, Penguin Random House
- Marc Majewski**, *As Edward Imagined: A Story of Edward Gorey in Three Acts*, Knopf Books for Young Readers, Penguin Random House
- Nik Henderson**, *Evidence!: How Dr. John Snow Solved the Mystery of Cholera*, Knopf Books for Young Readers, Penguin Random House
- Thyra Heder**, *Nose To Nose*, Abrams Books for Young Readers, Abrams
- Brigitte Barrager**, *Lucy!: How Lucille Ball Did It All*, Abrams
- Sophie Blackall**, *Ahoy!*, Anne Schwartz Books, Penguin Random House
- Cherry Mo**, *Home in a Lunchbox*, Penguin Workshop, Penguin Random House
- James Yang**, *Charles & Ray: Designers at Play. A Story of Charles and Ray Eames*, Viking Books for Young Readers, Penguin Random House
- Anna Pirolli**, *There Are No Ants in This Book*, Tundra Books, Penguin Random House
- Briony May Smith**, *Tiny Jenny: Little Fairy, Big Trouble*, Anne Schwartz Books, Penguin Random House
- Luisa Uribe**, *When Beavers Flew: An Incredible True Story of Rescue and Relocation*, Random House Studio, Penguin Random House
- Myo Yim**, *Wilder Child*, Random House Studio, Penguin Random House
- Qin Leng**, *Piper Chen Sings*, Random House Studio, Penguin Random House
- Rashin Kheiriyeh**, *Rumi: Poet of Joy and Love*, NorthSouth Books
- Jacob Grant**, *Umami*, Viking Books for Young Readers, Penguin Random House



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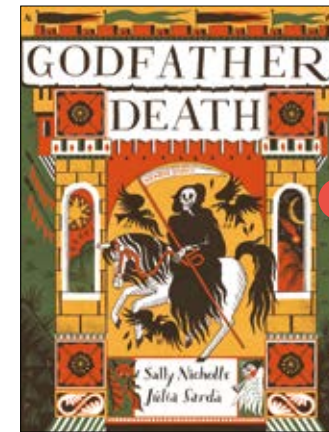
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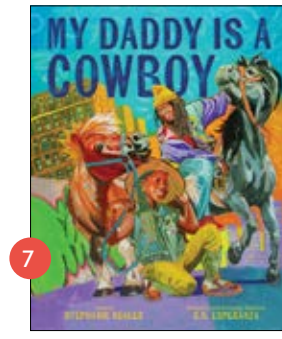
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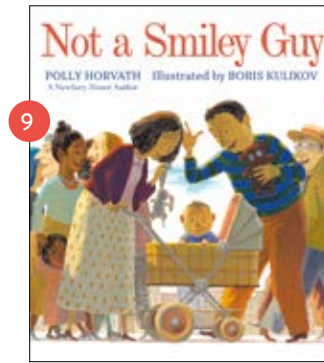
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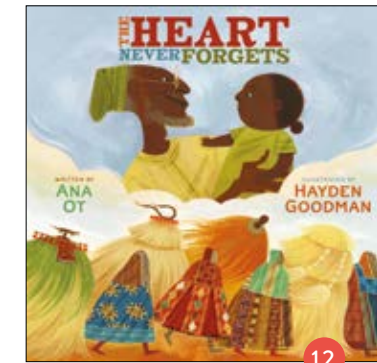
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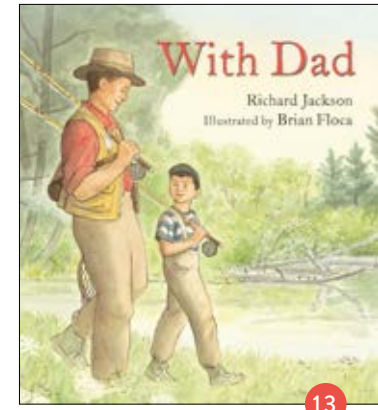
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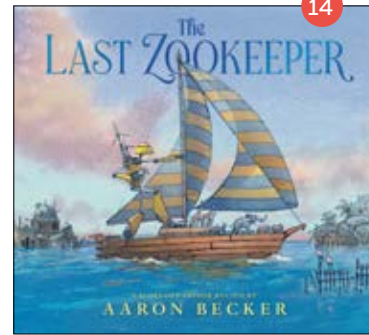
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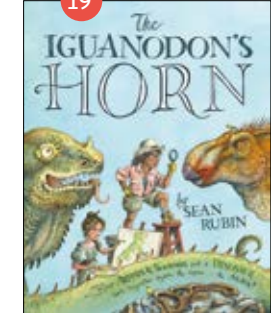
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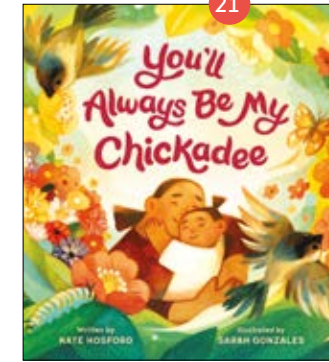
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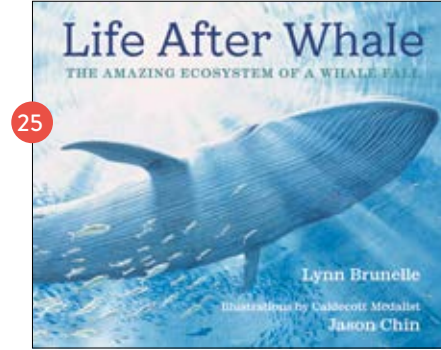
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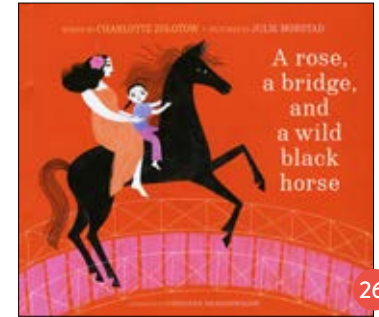
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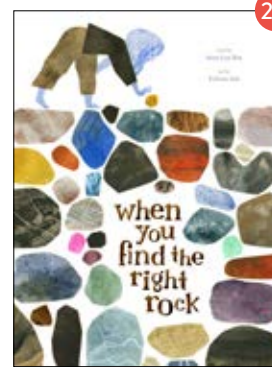
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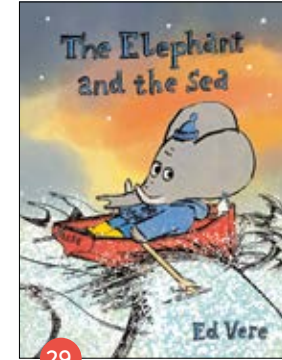
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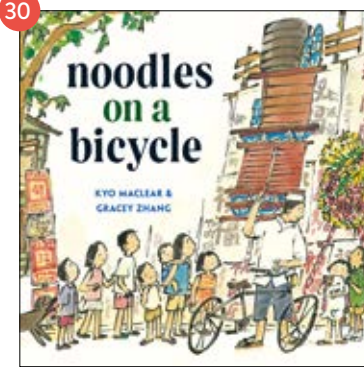
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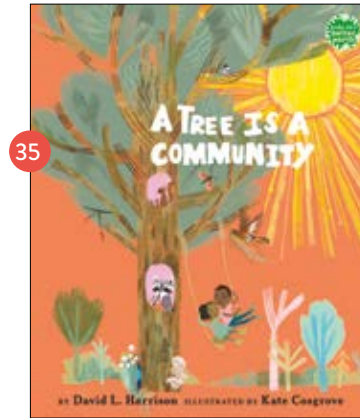
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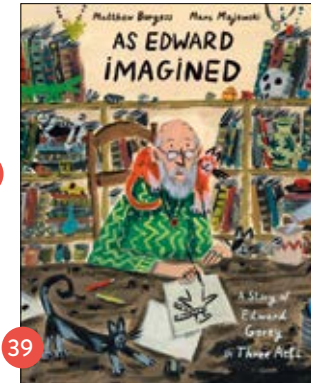
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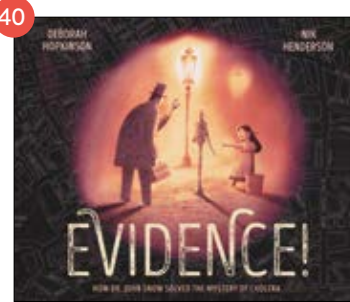
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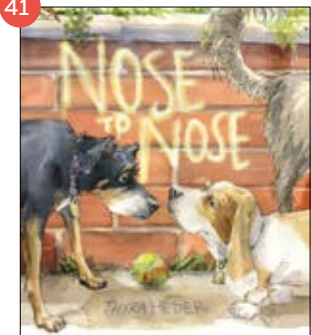
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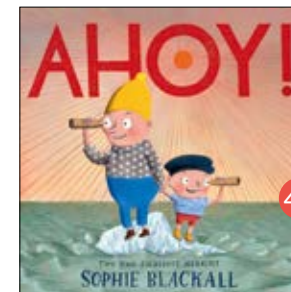
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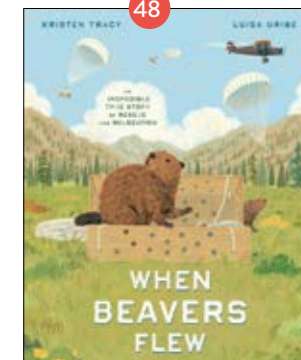
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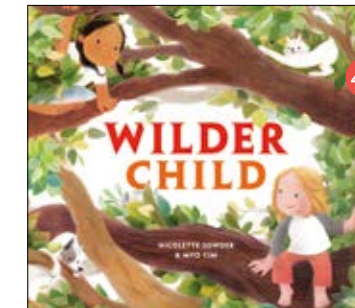
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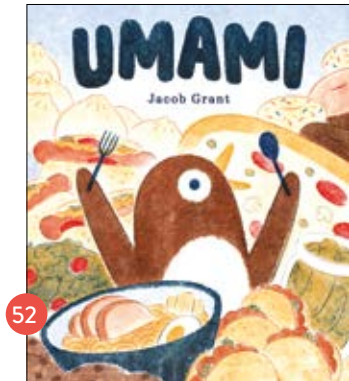
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