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LOUISIANA NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

By Rickey E. Pittman

Illustrated by Alexis Braud

Jacket Colored by Melissa Vandiver

Oh no! Christmas is in danger!

Down in the swamps of Louisiana, Papa Noël has a big problem. He's hit his head and forgotten who he is. How will the good boys and girls of Louisiana get any presents this year?

Not to worry, the critters of the bayou are here to help! Mama Noël puts the animals to work alongside the elves to finish the toys and pack this bayou Santa's rather unique sleigh. The nutria, raccoon, pelican, and even the Catahoula have important roles to play in making sure that Christmas still comes to Louisiana this year. Working throughout the night, using every paw, wing, fin, flipper, and feather, Mama and her krewes travel up and down the state, guided by levee bonfires and determination. Mama's team of animal helpers are rewarded for their hard work with some delicious local treats, for everyone in the Bayou State knows that we don't leave out cookies for Santa and his elves. The Christmas krewes prefer pralines and a plate of red beans (or maybe a hot bowl of gumbo). Local children and their parents will love this new take on Christmas, with humorous references to what makes this time of year so special in Louisiana.



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BEAU'S BAYOU TREASURE

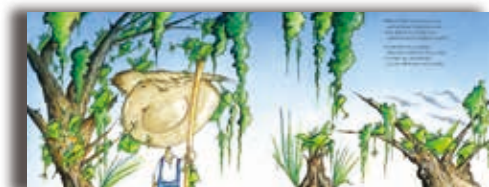
By Rosalind & Maggie Bunn

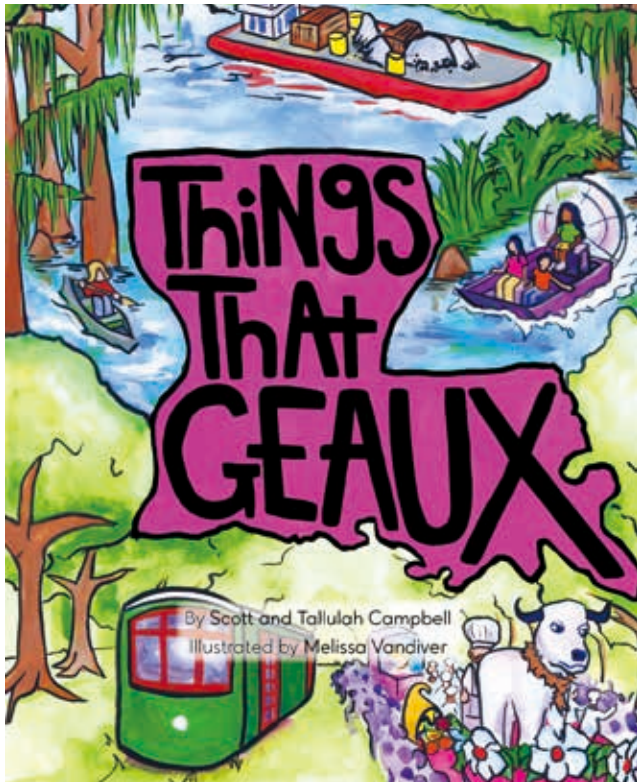
Illustrated by Michael P. White

Beau is going on a treasure hunt. Following his Papoo's old map, he sets out in his canoe at first light, barely able to contain his excitement at the treasure he knows is awaiting him. The first stop on the map brings the young explorer face to face with a giant snapping turtle. But where is the treasure? The old turtle knows but slyly suggests, "There is treasure to be found. Keep rowing, Beau. Look all around." Beau continues his quest, coming face to face with one bayou creature after another. Perhaps the large spider in its glistening web or the catfish who has scoured the depths of the dark, muddy water can help him find what he seeks.

Searching for any clues as to the hidden treasure, Beau hears the song of the tree frogs and shares in the beauty of the peaceful bayou with a passing pelican. Even with the gentle prodding of his newfound animal friends, Beau can't seem to find what he is looking for.

As evening falls over the bayou and Beau returns home to the loving arms of Papoo, Beau realizes that just maybe what he has found on his adventure is more valuable than gold.





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THINGS THAT GEAX

By Scott and Tallulah Campbell

Illustrated by Melissa Vandiver

Ready, Set, GEAX!

In Louisiana, we take pride in doing things a little bit differently. We don't just go, we G-E-A-U-X!

This joyfully illustrated book introduces little ones to all the things that move in Louisiana, whether you are down in Grand Isle or up by Grand Bayou. Things that zoom, things that crawl, things that dance, things that roll, things that fly, and things that run are all featured in this fun-filled jaunt that will satisfy lovers of planes, trains, automobiles, boats, and more. Arranged alphabetically, each object is clearly labeled to encourage young learners to read along as they identify familiar things and discover some new ones along the way.

The father-daughter team of Scott and Tallulah Campbell hope to inspire a discussion about all the unique aspects of the Pelican State, from how we get around to the ways we stamp our feet and sway to the beat.

Readers will learn, smile, and laugh as they share their own ideas about all the things that geaux.



A Pirate Adventure

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Magical Bedtime Story

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40 pages

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Full of fantastic watercolor illustrations! These books are a must-read for all young explorers who may need a “Little” encouragement along the way.

LITTLE LAVEAU A PIRATE ADVENTURE

By Erin Rovin

Illustrated by Katie Campbell

The pirates are here! Join Little Laveau and her pet alligator, Squeeker, when they meet a little pirate with a BIG attitude. This third book following Little Laveau's adventures brings new historical characters to life with an important lesson for all ages.

LITTLE LAVEAU A MAGICAL BEDTIME STORY

Little Laveau's friend Thomas is having bad dreams and he doesn't know what to do, but Little Laveau has just the magical cure for those bedtime blues! Join Little Laveau in her first adventure as she journeys around the enchanting Louisiana bayou, helping friends and animals wherever she goes.

LITTLE LAVEAU BAYOU BEWARE!

It's the town's big celebration—but Little Laveau is lost in the woods! Luckily, her newest musical friend has just the magical cure she needs. Join Little Laveau in her second adventure as she faces her fears and makes new friends.



The Hungry Little Gator

By Alexis Braud

Illustrated by Allison Dugas Behan



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THE HUNGRY LITTLE GATOR

By Alexis Braud

Illustrated by Allison Dugas Behan

Join the Hungry Little Gator as he eats his way through favorite Louisiana treats!

What could be more satisfying than a culinary tour with an adorable alligator who knows his way around the most delicious dishes that the Bayou State has to offer? He chomps his way through gumbo, po' boys, beignets, snow-balls, and more. As his appetite grows, so do his counting skills. What's your favorite local treat and how many do you think you could eat?



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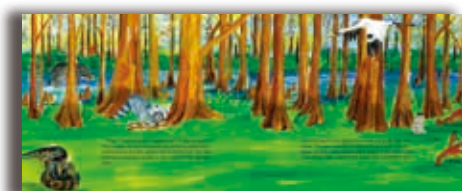
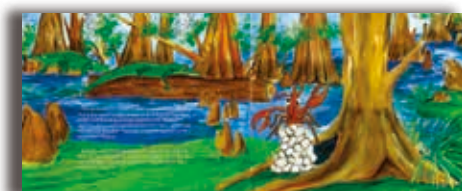
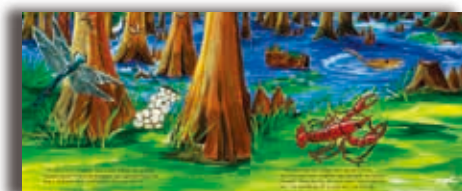
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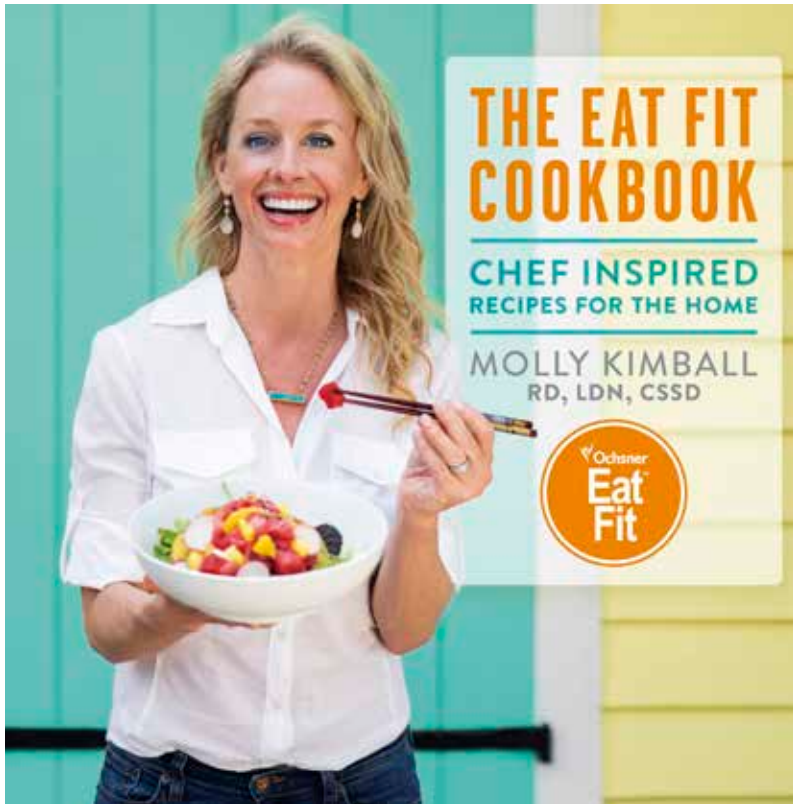
By J. Steven Spires

Illustrated by Debbi Kern

Down in a southern swamp, a family of crawfish face a big problem. Their three sons have grown too large and their nice, cozy family den is now uncomfortably crowded. Poppa and Mama decide it's time for their sons to leave home and build their own dens. Before they set out on their own, Poppa warns the three little crawfish that they must be careful of the sly, ole coon. This wily raccoon has a big appetite for a crawfish meal.

What will happen to the three little crawfish when they leave the comfort and safety of their family den? Find out in this bayou version of the Three Little Pigs story, which introduces children to these fascinating crustaceans and the creatures that inhabit the swamp.





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THE EAT FIT COOKBOOK CHEF INSPIRED RECIPES FOR THE HOME

By Molly Kimball RD, LDN, CSSD

“New Orleans leading the way on nutrition. Go figure!”

—Ti Martin, *Commander’s Palace*

“This isn’t a health-food cookbook. It’s a restaurant-centered cookbook first, with just a little more focus on wellness.”

—Chef Carl Schaubhut, *Eat Fit Chef Ambassador*

Louisiana is hardly known for its healthy fare, but dietitian and food lover Molly Kimball and her Eat Fit team are revolutionizing restaurants throughout the state. Now Molly is bringing these recipes into our own kitchens. The Eat Fit team has collaborated with chefs and restaurateurs across Louisiana to create these flavorful meals, which are designed to fuel your strongest, healthiest life. Featuring more than 90 tasted and tested recipes from Eat Fit partner restaurants, *The Eat Fit Cookbook* proves that the delicious choice is now the healthy choice.

About Ochsner Eat Fit | Molly Kimball, registered dietitian with Ochsner Fitness Center, takes the guesswork out of dining out healthfully. The Ochsner Eat Fit initiative encourages chefs to offer nutritious, delicious meals for those who want to eat clean, watch their weight, and manage diabetes, blood pressure, and cholesterol. Look for the Eat Fit seal on menus at your favorite restaurants statewide.



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THE INCOMPARABLE MAGAZINE STREET

By John Magill

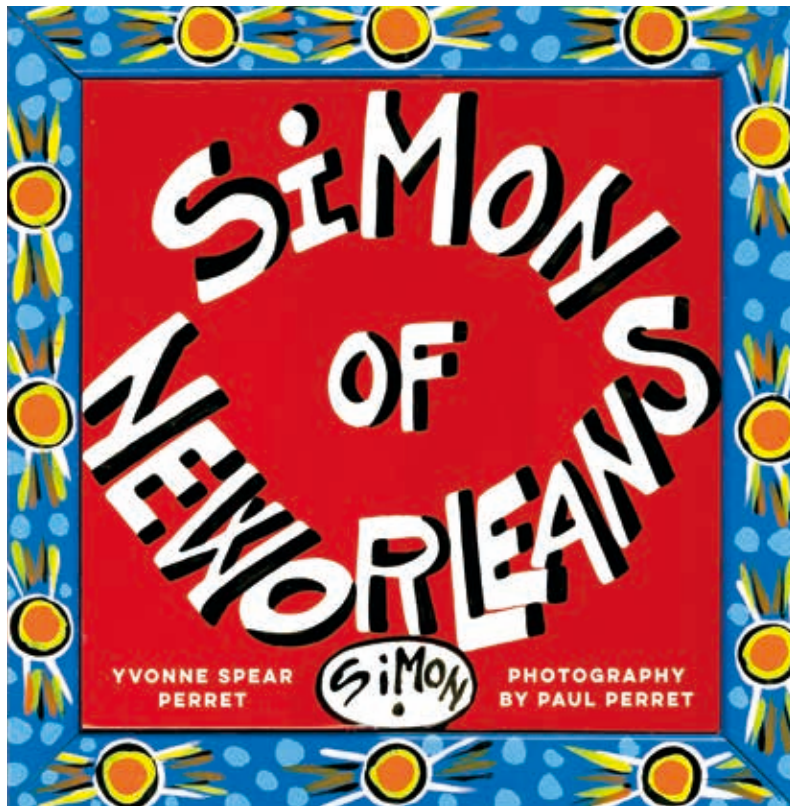
Photography by Margot Landen

Hundreds of photos and dozens of interviews bring to life the fascinating history of this famous thoroughfare.

New Orleans' Magazine Street has undergone remarkable changes over its long history. Once a residential district host to neighborhood grocers, druggists, and cleaners, Magazine has become a destination of boutiques, design studios, antique stores, and galleries. Elegant yet down-to-earth, it has evolved into one of the country's most dynamic and attractive business thoroughfares, combining the past and the present to become a vibrant regional destination.

A stroll through these pages immerses visitors in history and nostalgia while introducing them to the people and places that make the six-mile-long street one of New Orleans' greatest assets. Glowing photographs capture the small details, the varying streetscapes, and the unique people that make Magazine Street one of a kind.





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SIMON OF NEW ORLEANS

By Yvonne Spear Perret

Photography by Paul Perret

Foreword by Gregor Trumel, former
consul general of France in Louisiana

“Painter Simon Hardeveld’s work draws you
in like the biggest, brightest lollipop
in the candy store.”

—*Travel and Leisure Magazine*

Simon of New Orleans is a celebration of the exuberant, sumptuous, energetic work of French artist Simon Hardeveld, who has become synonymous with his adopted hometown. It is difficult to wander around New Orleans without stumbling across the explosions of color and whimsy that are the trademarks of a Simon piece. The artist has endeared himself to locals and tourists alike, and they have responded to the unpretentious wit that is the hallmark of his art. Private collectors snap up pieces as soon as the paint is dry, and his work is increasingly finding its way to national and international venues. While his artwork travels far and wide, his subject matter is always New Orleans-centric in nature, capturing—in bright colors—the soul and spirit of the city.



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THE TEMPESTUOUS TRIAL OF MAYBELLINE MERIWEATHER

Story by Michael B. Hewes

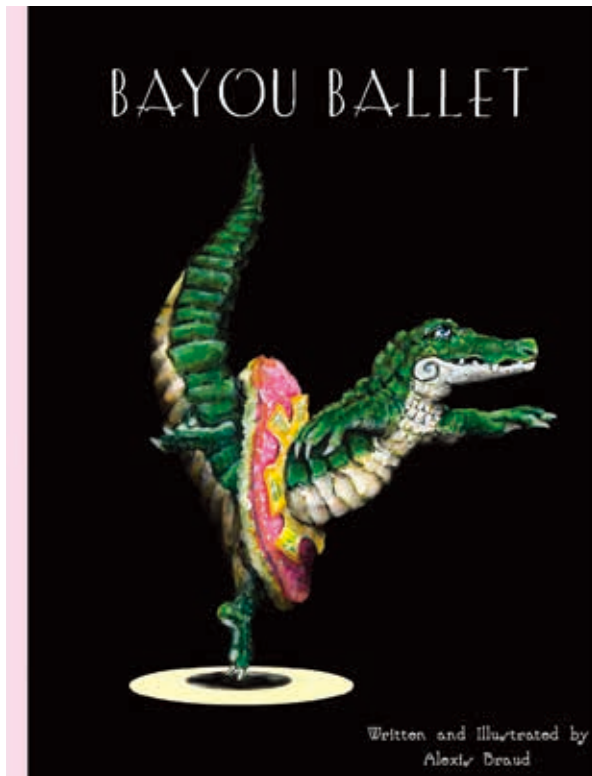
Illustrated by Sarah Hewes

Maybelline Meriweather has been put on trial for the most heinous of crimes—stealing an egg from another bird's nest.

Maybelline, without a doubt one of the most colorful citizens of the town of Avian Mile, finds herself in a difficult spot as the accused and, after consulting with the Mockingbirds, retains the renowned Atticus Peck to take her case. A riveting courtroom drama ensues, rich with revelations, cross-examinations, and flighty admissions. In the end, justice is served, and Maybelline is finally—with much joy and fanfare—able to explain the curious behavior that first marked her as the prime suspect.

Told in alliterative style and referencing more than 50 fascinating and beautifully illustrated bird species, Maybelline's tale is one to be enjoyed by readers of all ages—feathered or not





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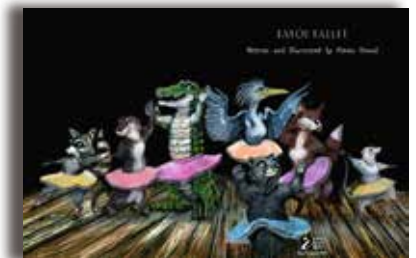
BAYOU BALLET

Written and Illustrated by Alexis Braud

Plié!
 Écarté!
 Pirouette!
 Tour en l'air!

The feathered and the furry leap to center stage in this bayou-based introduction to ballet. Join hands with the armadillo in the pas de deux or pirouette with the panther. You'll find plenty of ballet-loving creatures to dance along with, whether your preferred cavalier is the crawfish or the alligator.

Budding ballerinas will love the humorous illustrations paired with friendly explanations of dance terms, making the moves easy to understand and remember for young learners.

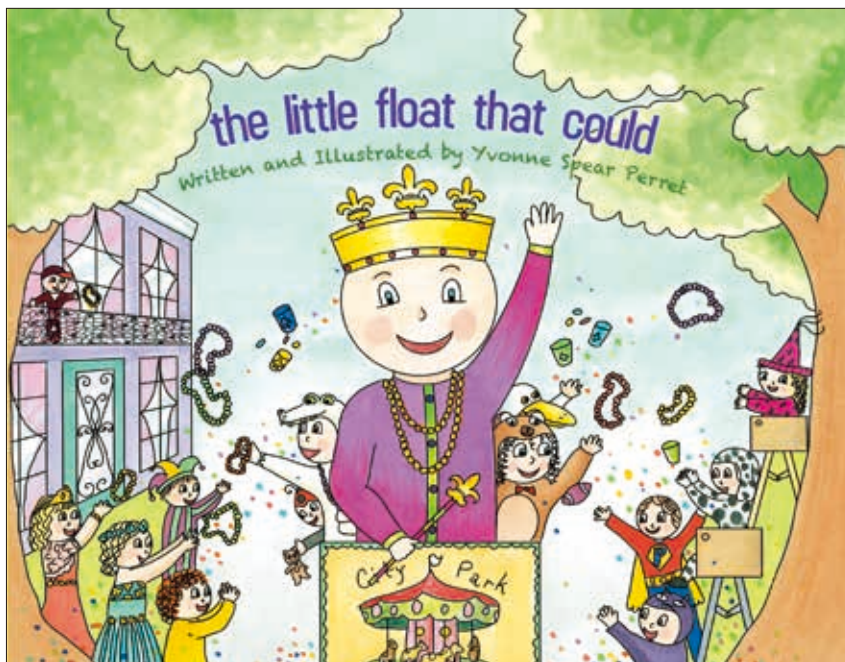


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THE LITTLE FLOAT THAT COULD

Written and Illustrated by
Yvonne Spear Perret

Colored by Marita Gentry

Celebrate the spirit of Mardi Gras with this New Orleans-style retelling of the classic children's tale *The Little Engine That Could*.

The big day has arrived and the youngest riders in the Mardi Gras parade are ready to share their beads and trinkets with the children of New Orleans. But as they prepare to start the parade, their float falters and breaks a wheel. Will the children be able to bring the magic of Mardi Gras to the Crescent City?

In this Louisiana adaptation of *The Little Engine That Could*, the children must work together as they try to celebrate the Carnival season. Author and illustrator Yvonne Spear Perret captures the hopes and fears of the children as they prove that even the smallest riders can have the biggest spirit. The book is complete with a glossary of Carnival terms to initiate young readers in the mysteries of Mardi Gras.





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WHO GOT THE BABY IN THE KING CAKE?

Written and Illustrated by
Johnette Downing

“Downing does it again! Johnette lends her considerable skills to explaining a Carnival culinary classic—the king cake—in this delightful and colorful addition to her library of titles designed to entertain and educate kids of all ages.”

—Arthur Hardy, Publisher, Mardi Gras Guide

Based on a song from Johnette Downing’s album *Swamp Romp, A Louisiana Dance Party for Children*, this rhythmic original story celebrates king cake, the culinary centerpiece of New Orleans Mardi Gras.

In New Orleans, a plastic king cake baby is concealed inside the cake for good luck. Whoever finds the hidden object in their piece of king cake is unofficially crowned king or queen for a day and is expected to host the next king cake party as a way of spreading good fortune and ensuring that festivities continue throughout the Carnival season.

At king cake parties, usually hosted before Mardi Gras parades, you will hear locals ask, “Who got the baby in the king cake?” Find out in this book who got the baby in the king cake. It just might be YOU!

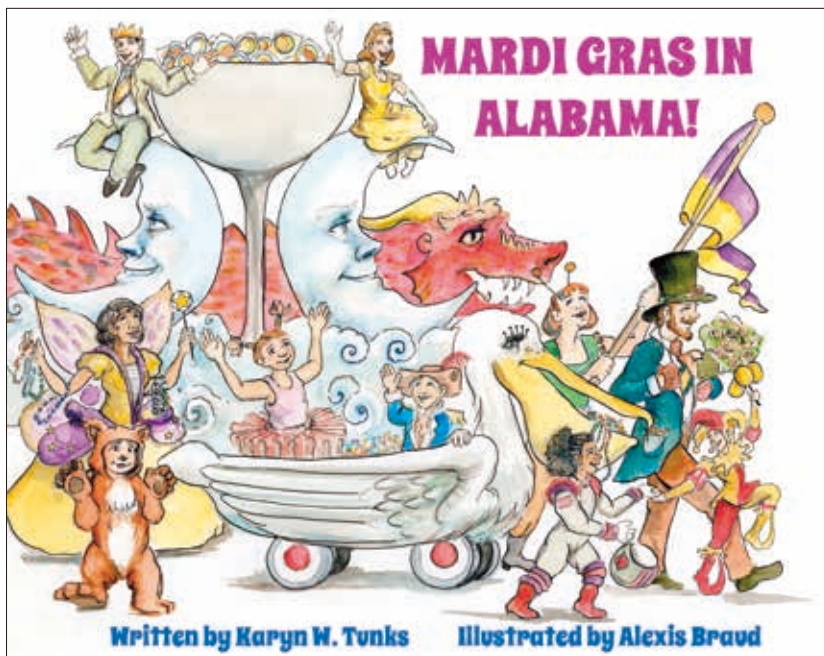


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MARDI GRAS IN ALABAMA!

Written by Karyn W. Tunks

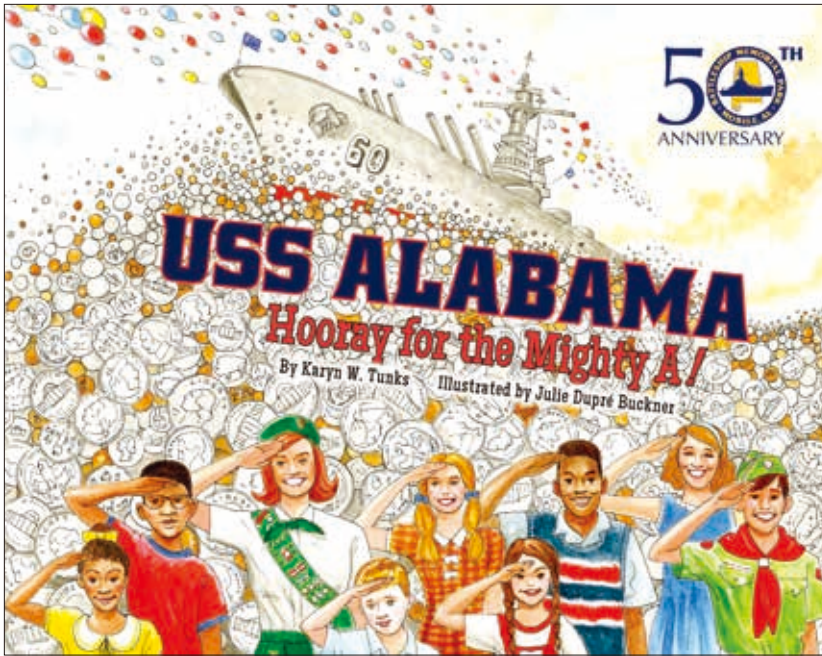
Illustrated by Alexis Braud

Funny little Folly loves Mardi Gras.
It's his favorite time of year.
He wants to go to every parade;
There's so much to see, do, and hear.

Follow Folly as he celebrates Mardi Gras in Alabama! Hang on tight because he wants to see every parade in Mobile and Baldwin Counties. Folly has a front-row seat as he rides with kings and queens and tags along with Joe Cain. From catching throws with the crowd to joining right in with the marching bands, Folly is a part of all the festivities.

Through bouncing rhyme and lively illustrations, Karyn W. Tunks and Alexis Braud capture the unique flavor of Carnival season along Alabama's Gulf Coast. Highlighting the best of the local revelry, Folly brings young readers along as he explores favorite Mobile-area traditions. A glossary of people, places, and things completes Carnival fans' introduction to the most colorful season of the year.





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USS ALABAMA HOORAY FOR THE MIGHTY A!

By Karyn W. Tunks

Illustrated by Julie Dupré Buckner

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of
USS *Alabama* Battleship Memorial Park.

"I am thrilled to support a book that educates
our young people about how one of our most
treasured landmarks came to be preserved
here in Mobile Bay."

—Mayor Sandy Stimpson,
City of Mobile, Alabama

The USS *Alabama* has welcomed visitors to Mobile Bay since 1965, but after she finished her service in World War II, she was originally set to be scrapped. The people of Alabama decided they had to save the mighty ship. No one was more determined than Alabama's schoolchildren. Children gave their pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters—and they raised almost \$100,000! Their great effort helped save the Mighty A and secure her permanent home in Mobile Bay. Complete with a glossary, illustrated ship's diagram, and timeline, this book offers young readers a glimpse into the fascinating history of the battleship.

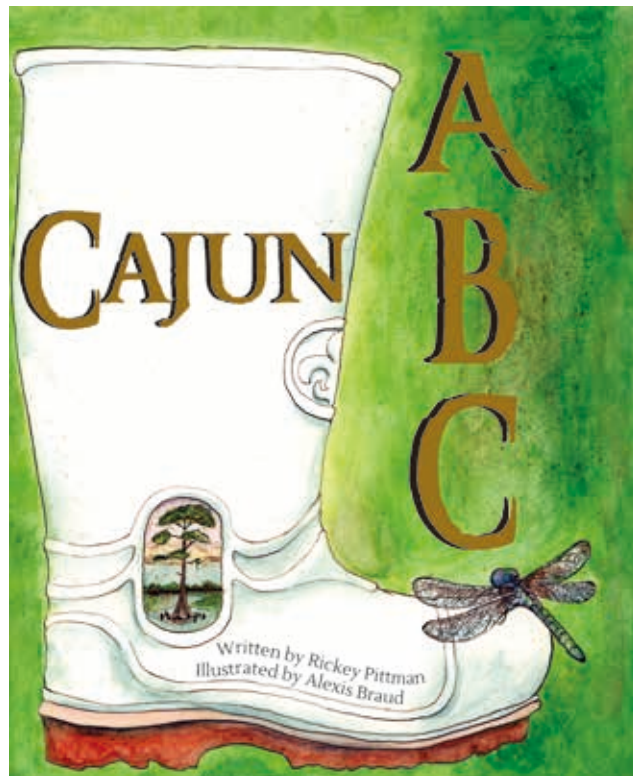


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CAJUN ABC

Written by Rickey Pittman

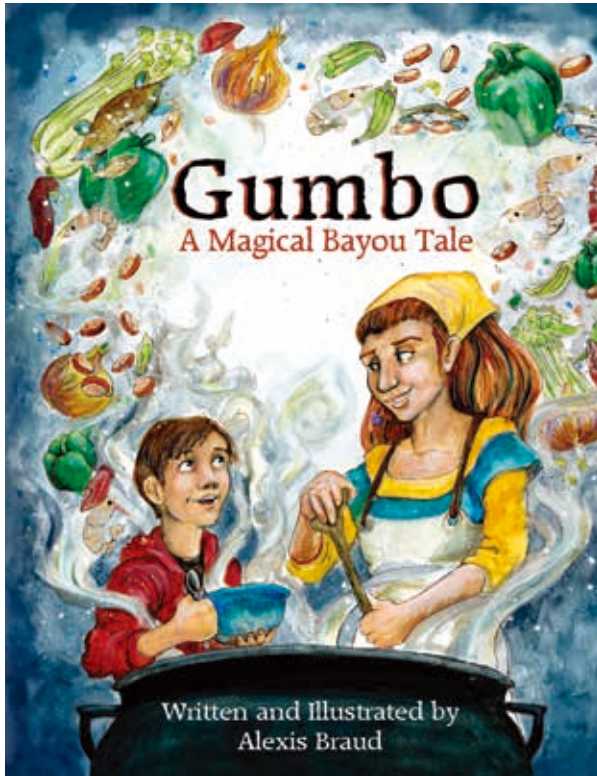
Illustrated by Alexis Braud

Contains maps of Acadiana, a graph showing the concentration of Cajun speakers by parish, and a glossary of terms.

Includes hidden pelicans on every page for kids to discover!

Pass a good time in Acadiana on this alphabetical tour of Cajun country and culture. The sights, sounds, and smells of all things Cajun two-step off the page as readers are introduced to the customs of the Cajun people. From the alligators in the bayou to the stars of the zydeco stage, the food, music, literature, and language unique to the people of southern Louisiana are delightfully rhymed and beautifully illustrated. In vivid brushstrokes, readers are introduced to the tradition of the *courir de Mardi Gras*, the wonders of Acadiana's famous landmarks and landscapes, and the legendary characters who call south Louisiana their home. This lively yet educational jaunt showcases the famous Cajun *joie de vivre* and captures the spirit and the spice of Cajun country.





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GUMBO A MAGICAL BAYOU TALE

Written and Illustrated by Alexis Braud

Some may think gumbo is simply a delicious stew, but down in Cajun country we know a gumbo is so much more.

The magic of history, family tradition, local customs, and bayou seasoning melds to create a swirling wonder of flavor that enchants the senses and reminds us of home. It is just such an aroma that entices George as he wanders along the bayou on a lazy afternoon. Charmed by the scent of a far-off gumbo drifting on the breeze, George follows his nose and meets the mystical Nanny, who seems right at home in the swamp under her ancient oak trees. There Nanny and George prepare a gumbo rich in music, stories, laughter, and Cajun secrets—for everything finds its way into a gumbo. As they dice, chop, and stir, she will teach him how to put together the most important of Cajun dishes and impart a few lessons about life along the way.

A simple gumbo recipe completes George's bayou adventure and allows young readers (and parents) to sample a delectable bite of Cajun heritage.



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Board Book

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ONE, TWO, ROUGAROU

Written and Illustrated by Alexis Braud

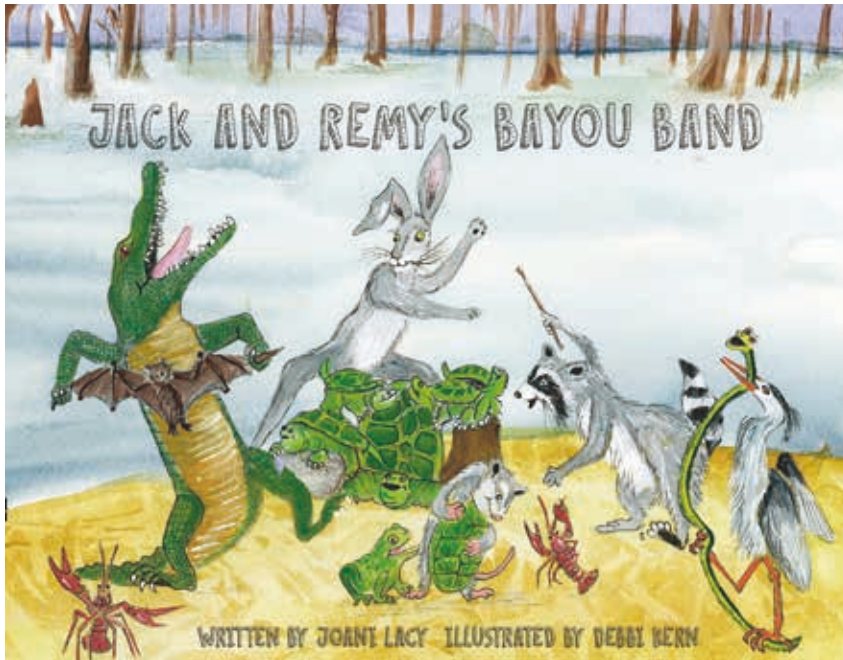
The Rougarou is the Cajun werewolf. In this Louisiana twist on a counting favorite, the Rougarou can be stopped by placing 13 small objects in a line across the doorway.

According to legend, the Rougarou cannot count to 13, but he will keep trying until sunrise. Come along for the adventure as a young boy cleverly tricks the Rougarou and has a lot of fun doing it. This board book is designed to help little ones learn how to count. Original paintings by Cajun artist Alexis Braud showcase her unique style and create the most adorable Rougarou ever seen!

About the Rougarou

Down the bayou, mama and daddy use the Rougarou to make kids behave. Cajun parents tell their children that the Rougarou is going to get them if they don't act right. The word "Rougarou" represents an alternate pronunciation and spelling of the original French "Loup-garou." Both words are used down the bayou. The legend of the Rougarou, a creature with the head of a wolf and a human body, has been handed down for many generations.





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JACK AND REMY'S BAYOU BAND

Written by Joani Lacy

Illustrated by Debbi Kern

"My dream is to have a band. Wanna be in a band with me?" Jack asks his new friend, Remy the raccoon.

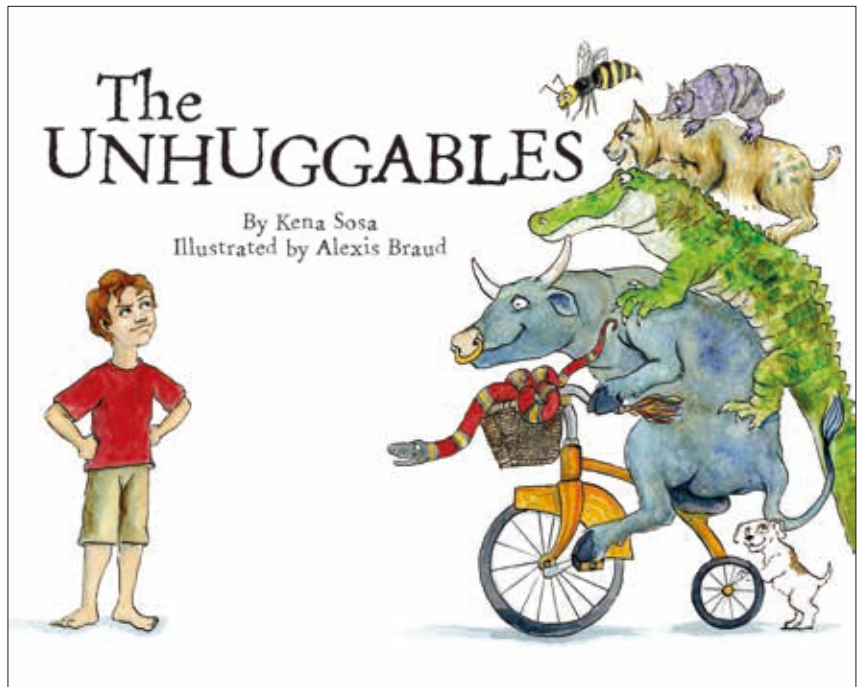
Jack tap-tap-taps his paws as he imagines the wonderful music the creatures of the bayou can make. He can already hear the chank-a-chank of a rubboard and the thump-thump-thump of the drums, but forming a band that includes an alligator, a snake, some turtles, a bullfrog, and a possum isn't always easy! First they must overcome their distrust of their fellow creatures to learn to work together.

But what can these critters with a dream do to save themselves when danger surfaces on the bayou? When some poachers invade their home and try to capture their friends, the animals must come up with a plan.

With a little perseverance and creativity, they create music that turns enemies into friends and unites all the residents of the bayou, even recruiting some unexpected allies along the way.



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THE UNHUGGABLES

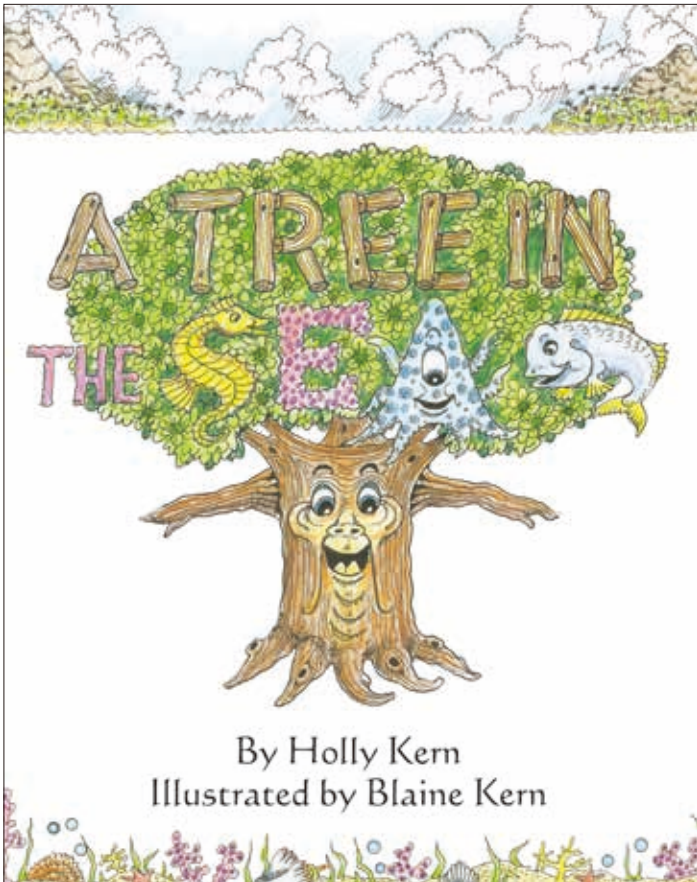
By Kena Sosa

Illustrated by Alexis Braud

The sweetest children's book you'll ever read!

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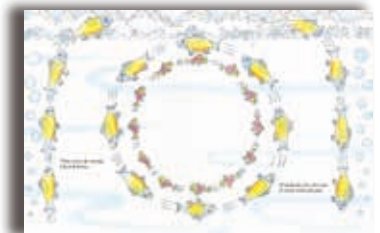
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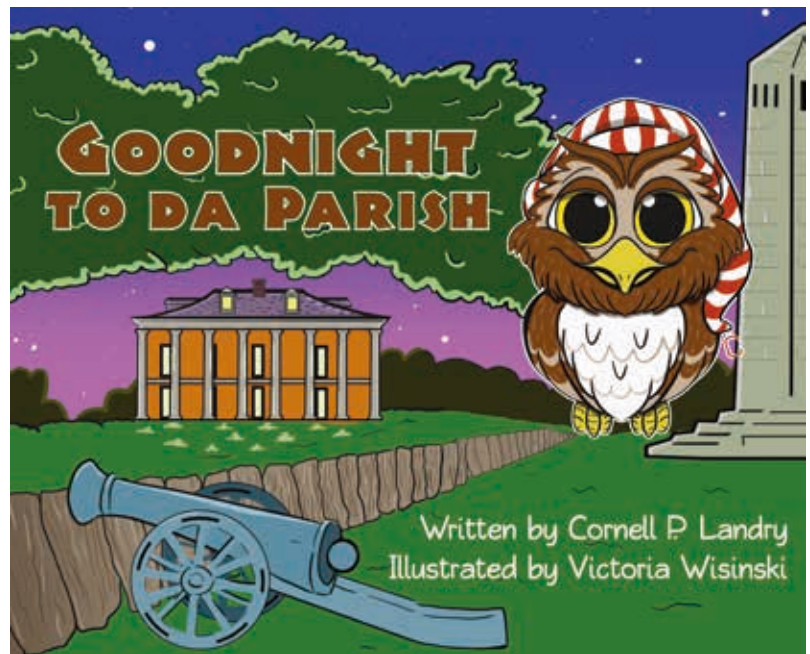


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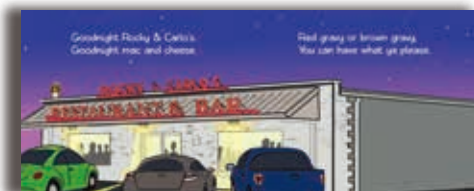
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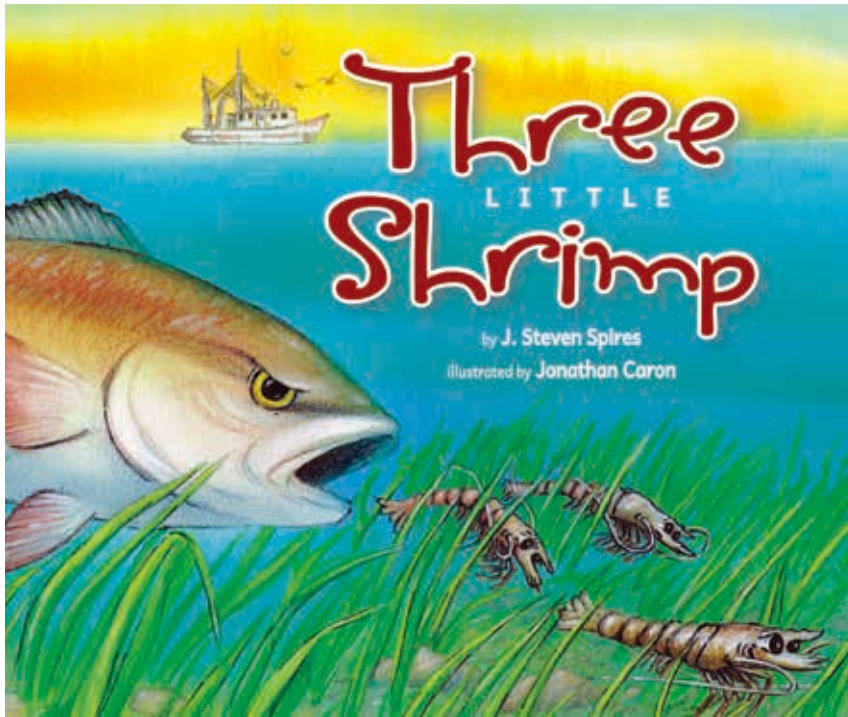
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By J. Steven Spires

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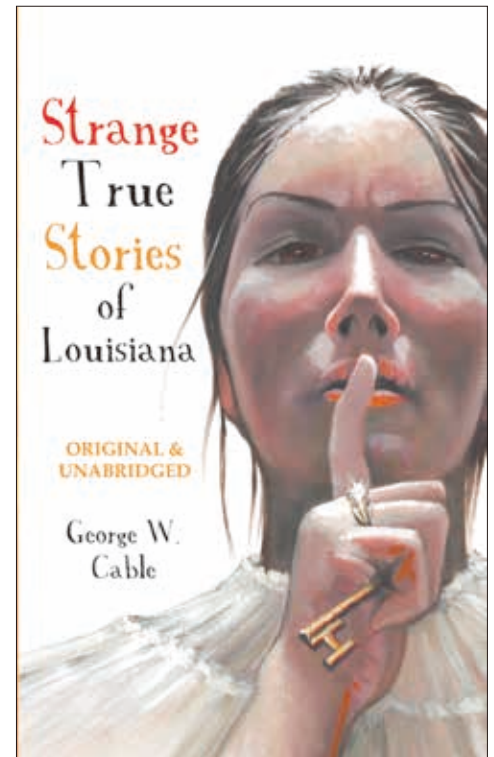
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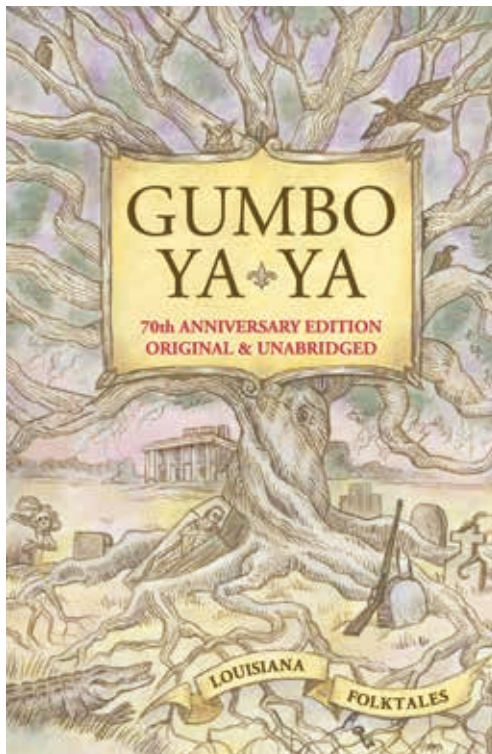


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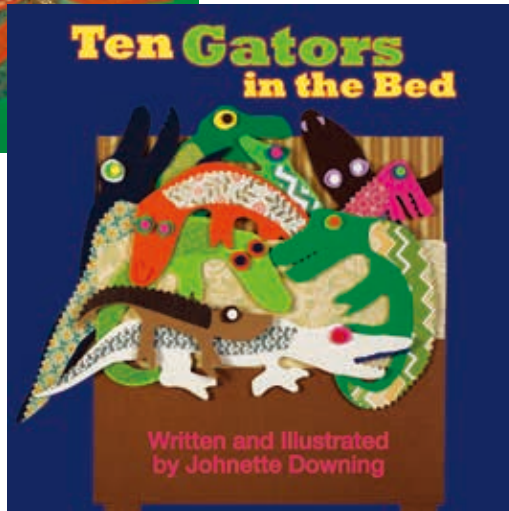
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True to her Louisiana culture, Johnette brings readers deep into the swamp where 10 gators pile into bed in their Acadian home. Based on a familiar tune, this book, with vibrant foam-and-paper illustrations, is a perfect counting and bedtime story for both babies and gators—who find out who gets to sleep in the bed and who has to sleep in the swamp!

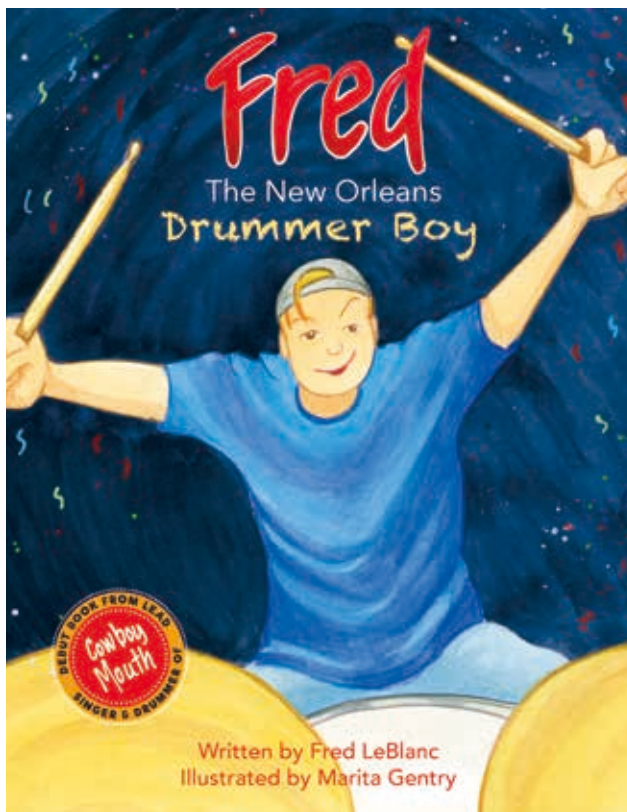


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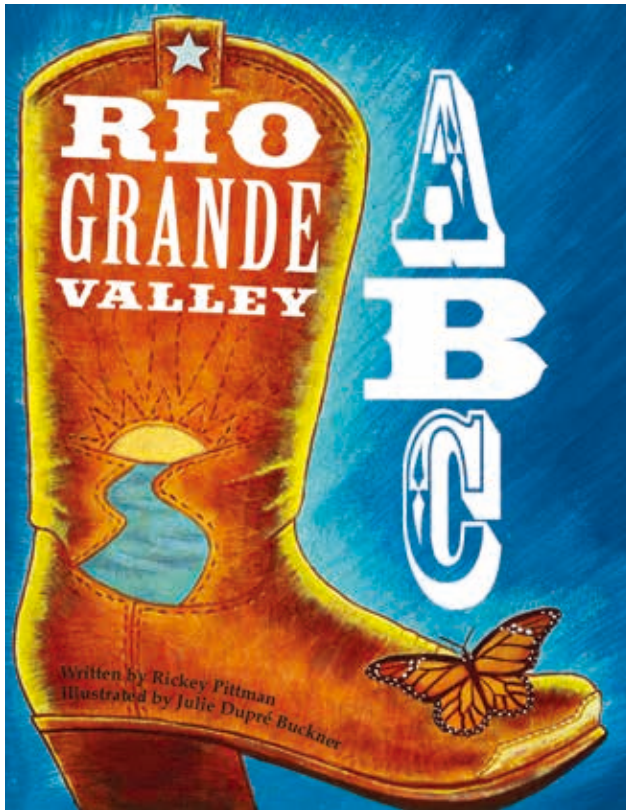
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Debut Children's Book by Fred LeBlanc
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"Fred LeBlanc's story is the stuff of lore."
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Fred lives in New Orleans, where music fills the air and sounds out a beat that leaves everyone tapping their feet. It's no wonder that he dreams of becoming a drummer. The only thing Fred loves more than practicing the drums is playing music with his friends. But to complete their band, the friends need a bass player. When they meet Little B, they know their band is complete, but Little B has a big problem. He has stage fright! Can the band learn to work together and overcome their fears?

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About the Authors and Illustrators

Behan, Allison Dugas

Born and raised in New Orleans, Allison Dugas Behan spent six years in New York working as a graphic designer for DC Comics and as an art director for Macy's. Back home in Louisiana, Allison is a freelance graphic designer who specializes in logos, print design, paintings, and more. Visit Allison online at www.artbyallie.com.

Braud, Alexis

Once upon a time, on a bayou far, far away from everything, a girl named Alexis grew up with books and drawing pads. She embarked on great adventures and traveled far and wide to learn all she could learn. She returned to the bayou to draw the land and tell the stories of her home. A Cajun native, rambler, and eccentric, Alexis Braud celebrates the stories, creatures, and people of Louisiana in her work. She is a proud graduate of Nicholls State University and lives along Bayou Lafourche with her family. Find Alexis online at www.fablepainter.com.

Buckner, Julie Dupré

Portrait artist and teacher Julie Dupré Buckner is the illustrator of eight children's books. She is a member of the Portrait Society of America and the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. Her artwork can be found in private collections across the United States.

Bunn, Rosalind and Maggie

Rosalind Bunn is a teacher at East Side Elementary School in Marietta, Georgia. She is the author of seven children's books. Originally from south Louisiana, she is excited to share her newest story with everyone—especially her grandchildren. Maggie Bunn works for Jill, Inc. and lives in Little Rock, Arkansas. This is her second book. Maggie is looking forward to sharing and creating more stories.

Cable, George W.

Born in New Orleans in 1844, George W. Cable was a prolific author whose best-known works were set in Louisiana.

Campbell, Katie

Katie Campbell likes to create a variety of art, but her most frequent inspiration comes from nature, travel, and books. Campbell represents things that are real but with a touch of the imagined or whimsical. Her favorite media are gouache paints and pen and ink.

Cambell, Scott and Tallulah

Scott Campbell is a New Orleanian and former U.S. Marine. A lifelong entrepreneur, he has enjoyed success producing large-scale events and has worked in marketing, public relations, sales, and development. Scott's career has taken him throughout the United States, from New Orleans, Louisiana, to San Diego and Orange County, California, to Detroit, Michigan, and back to New Orleans. He worked in the publishing industry for nine years before founding River Road Press in 2014, where he serves as publisher. Nine-year-old daughter Tallulah Campbell has been learning the publishing business from an early age and helps with every facet of the business—from sales to the creative process. Tallulah has attended Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans since age three and is fluent in French.

Caron, Jonathan

Jonathan Caron illustrated his first book, *Three Little Shrimp*, when he was just 17 years old! He lives near Ottawa in Gatineau, Quebec (Canada).

Downing, Johnette

Recipient of the 2017 Louisiana Writer Award, Johnette Downing is a musician, author, and illustrator dedicated to sharing her Louisiana roots music and books with children. Called the "Musical Ambassador to Children," Johnette has performed on five continents and has received numerous awards for her 23 picture and board books and 11 recordings. A former early-childhood music teacher, she is passionate about combining music and stories to celebrate childhood, culture, and literacy. When not traveling the globe, Downing resides in New Orleans, Louisiana, with her husband.

Gentry, Marita

Artist and designer Marita Gentry has illustrated more than 10 books for children. She works with students in artist-in-residence programs at schools throughout Louisiana. Her paintings are carried in galleries across the South.

Hewes, Michael B.

As an undergraduate at the University of Southern Mississippi, Michael B. Hewes shared the hallways of his dorm with a chicken named Maybelline. Ever since, memories of the old banty have popped up now and then. Michael went on to pursue a career in law, and on the way home from a deposition he began to wonder what would happen if a chicken were put on trial for stealing another bird's egg. By the time he got home, the first two stanzas of this book were written. Michael is the author of the novel *Watermark* and has been featured in numerous journals and periodicals. A retired JAG officer, Michael practices law in Gulfport, Mississippi, where he lives with his wife, three boys, two dogs, and a cat. No chickens though.

Hewes, Sarah

Her mama used to say that Sarah Hewes picked up a pencil when she was three and never put it down. Sarah received her first art award in first grade and has never looked back. Her love for nature is reflected in her work and she has spent the majority of her career painting birds, although this is the first time she has adorned them with pants. Sarah's work hangs in corporate and private collections throughout Mississippi and Louisiana, and her art has been published in two books. She is the mother to three sons, has nine grandchildren, and has fostered 21 dogs—so far.

Kern, Blaine

Blaine Kern founded Kern Studios as well as the popular tourist attraction Mardi Gras World. Known as "Mr. Mardi Gras" for revolutionizing New Orleans Carnival, Blaine has produced events, parades, sculptures, and attractions for theme parks worldwide, including Disney World and Universal Studios.

Kern, Debbi

After receiving art and education degrees at Bowling Green State University, Debbi Kern moved to the Cincinnati area and taught art for 30 fun-filled and rewarding years. Now retired, Debbi has illustrated for the Aronoff Center and the American Bear Association. Debbi is the illustrator of seven children's books, all centered around animals. For information on Debbi, visit her website: www.penandinkbydhkern.com.

Kern, Holly

Holly Kern is a former choreographer, competitive dance coach, and dance studio owner and has mentored children of all ages.

Kimball, Molly

Molly Kimball, RD, CSSD is a sports and lifestyle dietitian,

board certified as a Specialist in Sports Dietetics by the American Dietetic Association. Molly manages the nutrition program at Ochsner Fitness Center in New Orleans, advising clients in reducing body fat, building lean muscle, endurance training, and general health and wellness. She has developed Eat Fit NOLA, a free partnership between Ochsner Health System and local restaurants to develop and identify healthy menu items, and she collaborates with local chefs in preparing and presenting fun, upbeat, and nutritious cooking classes.

Lacy, Joani

Joani Lacy is a singer/songwriter who lives with her husband in Cincinnati, Ohio, where they perform in the musical group Robin Lacy and DeZydeco. She is also the author of four novels, including the *Hollister House Trilogy* and *Sorry's Run*, as well as a collection of poetry and short stories.

Landen, Margot

Margot Landen has worked with major film and editing production companies, advertising agencies across North America, and individual clients capturing their special moments. Landen's work has graced many publications, including *Town & Country*, *Rangefinder*, *People Magazine*, *InStyle*, *PaperCity Magazine*, *Forbes*, and many more.

Landry, Cornell P.

The author of six regionally themed children's books, Cornell P. Landry grew up on the Westbank of New Orleans. His first children's book, *Goodnight NOLA*, was published in 2009 and has more than 82,000 copies in print.

LeBlanc, Fred

Fred LeBlanc is the lead singer and drummer of Cowboy Mouth, the New Orleans-based band that reached national fame with its rowdy rock 'n' roll spirit and catchy songs.

Magill, John T.

John T. Magill retired from The Historic New Orleans Collection as senior curator in 2016. A nationally known urban historian and New Orleans expert, he has lectured and written on everything from Carnival to catastrophes.

Perret, Paul

A software engineer by trade, Paul Perret earned an engineering degree from Tulane University and is the owner of Paul Perret Photography, LLC.

Perret, Yvonne Spear

With roots deep in the Cajun and "yat" cultures, Yvonne Spear Perret has been writing about the unique culture of New Orleans for more than 30 years. She has been published in the *Times-Picayune*, *New Orleans Magazine*, *Gambit*, *USA Today*, and the *Christian Science Monitor*. She is a graduate of Tulane University and is a former high school teacher and principal at Isidore Newman School. Yvonne has raised three children and resides in the New Orleans suburb of Metairie.

Pittman, Rickey E.

Rickey E. Pittman, often called the "Bard of the South," is an award-winning storyteller, author, and folksinger. The author of more than a dozen books and four CDs, Pittman earned a BA in New Testament Greek and an MA in English Literature from Abilene Christian University. He teaches college-level composition and literature and is a certified secondary English teacher. Pittman is also a tireless performer in great demand, with hundreds of performances annually at schools, libraries, festivals, conventions, and workshops. Find Rickey

online at www.bardofthesouth.com.

Rovin, Erin

Erin Rovin lives in New Orleans with her daily dose of inspiration: a young daughter named Story. Erin wrote for multiple entertainment websites while living in Los Angeles and created a weekly fashion column for a local newspaper while residing in Pennsylvania. She also wrote for an online site as a New Orleans City Guide, interviewing locals on what makes NOLA so special and covering regional events.

Saxon, Dryer, Tallant

Some of Louisiana's best-known authors, Lyle Saxon, Edward Dreyer, and Robert Tallant compiled collections of folktales as part of the Works Progress Administration Louisiana Writer's Program.

Sosa, Kena

School librarian Kena Sosa earned her bachelor's degree from Our Lady of the Lake University and her master's degree in bilingual education from Southern Methodist University. She has lived in Japan and Mexico, but her favorite adventure has been sharing stories with her two sons and other eager readers.

Spires, J. Steven

J. Steven Spires is a retired third-grade teacher, who spent more than 25 years teaching children in his hometown of Slidell, Louisiana. He and his wife, Eve, have five children.

Tunks, Karyn W.

Karyn W Tunks is a professor of education at the University of South Alabama, where she teaches courses in early literacy and children's literature. She has more than 25 years of experience in the classroom and has taught students at every level. Dr. Tunks has written four books for early childhood teachers and celebrates her adopted home state of Alabama by writing picture books, including *Jubilee!* and *USS Alabama: Hooray for the Mighty A!* She lives in Fairhope, Alabama, with her family and their three-legged cat.

Vandiver, Melissa

Melissa Vandiver is a New Orleans-based artist specializing in acrylic and watercolor painting. Her artistic mission is simple: to create images that evoke joy. Electrified by the vibrancy and culture of her city, she displays the things we see every day through an altered lens. She is best known for illustrating the children's book *The Mermaids of New Orleans* and for her whimsical series of custom pet portraits. When not drawing and painting, Melissa is working with glitter, hot glue, and papier mâché on costumes, floats, and other New Orleans projects.

White, Michael P.

Born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia, Michael P. White graduated from the Art Institute of Atlanta. Michael spent years creating art for local and regional festivals before illustrating his first book. His artwork has been featured in many galleries, and his book illustrations were exhibited at the Hudgens Center for Art & Learning. Michael loves his dream job: showing students of all ages how one idea can create a story. He lives in Atlanta with his wife, daughter, and five dogs.

Wisinski, Victoria

Victoria Wisinski was born and raised in St. Bernard Parish. She attended Ringling College of Art and Design, where she completed a BFA in illustration. This is her first book with River Road Press.

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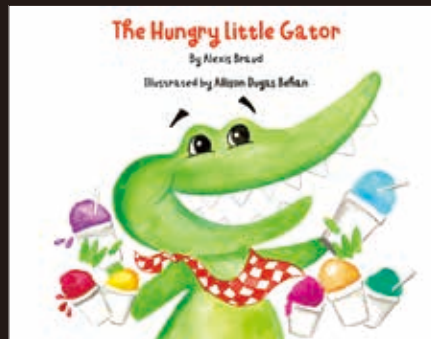
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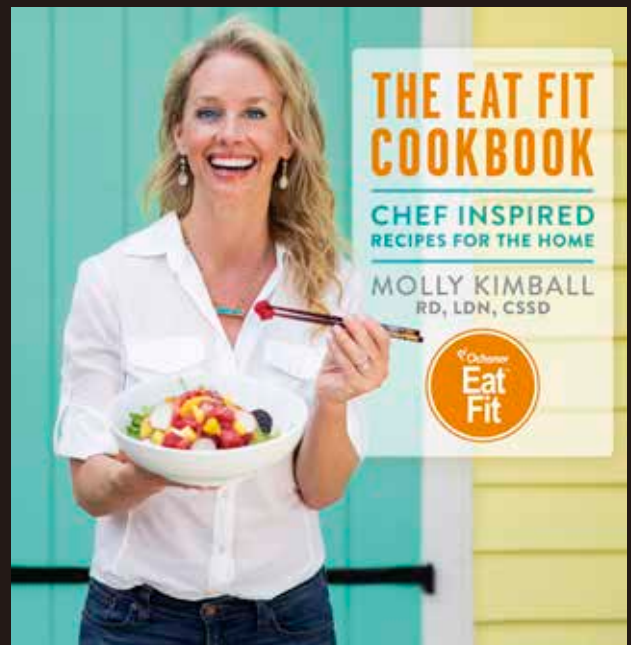
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