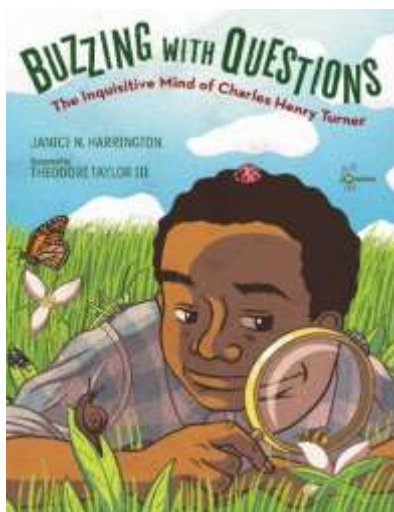


Favorite Books for Kids



The Garden Next Door, written by Colin Pine and illustrated by Tiffany Everett, traces the story of three bored children as they watch birds, bees and butterflies zoom past them, over their fence and into their neighbor's mysterious yard. But why are there no birds and bugs in their yard? Why does the neighbor's yard glow with fireflies at night, while theirs is dark? The children are determined to find out.

In the end, they discover the power of pollinator gardens, and they convince their parents to make some changes to bring a little nature to their sod-covered backyard. The takeaway? A tiny native pollinator garden can make a very big difference to support local wildlife.



Buzzing with Questions is the story of Charles Henry Turner, the first Black entomologist.

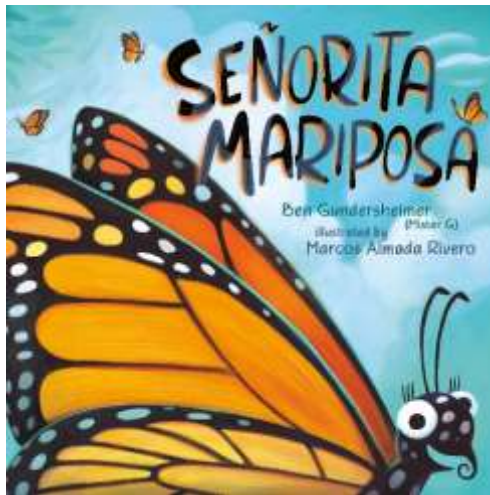
Can spiders learn? How do ants find their way home? Can bugs see color? All of these questions buzzed endlessly in Charles Henry Turner's mind. He was fascinated by plants and animals and bugs. And even when he faced racial prejudice, Turner did not stop wondering. He constantly read, researched, and experimented.

Author Janice Harrington and artist Theodore Taylor III capture the life of this inspiring scientist and educator in this nonfiction picture book, highlighting Turner's unstoppable quest for knowledge and his passion for science. The extensive back matter includes an author's note, time line, bibliography, source notes, and archival images.



Finding Home: A Story of a Mason Bee shows readers an inside look at the lives of six beneficial native creatures through an engaging and educational tale of a mason bee's search for a new home.

Mason bees are incredible pollinators native to North America. Like most native bees, they only need a few important things nearby to survive: plenty of flowers, water to drink, and a place to call home.



Senorita Mariposa is a captivating and child-friendly look at the extraordinary journey that monarch butterflies take each year from Canada to Mexico; with a text in both English and Spanish.

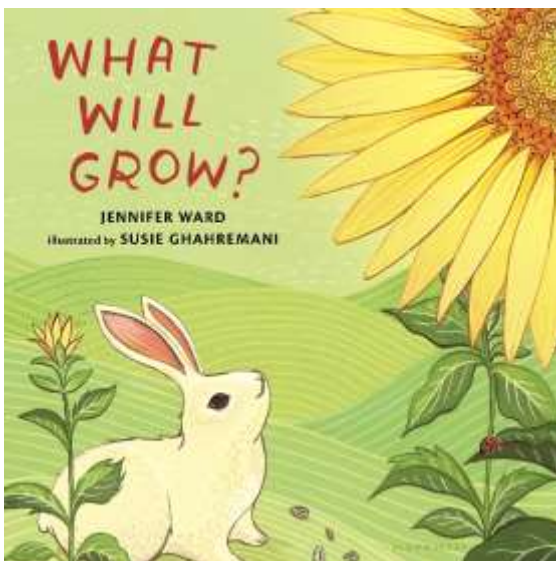
Over mountains capped with snow, to the deserts down below. Children will be delighted to share in the fascinating journey of the monarchs and be introduced to the people and places they pass before they finally arrive in the forests that their ancestors called home.



Flowers Are Calling explores the wonders of natural cooperation between plants, animals and insects. *Flowers Are Calling* by Rita Gray and illustrated by Kenard Pak is "a sophisticated blend of scientific information and artistry" (*Publishers Weekly*).

Flowers are calling to all the animals of the forest, "Drink me!"—but it's the pollinators who feast on their nectar.

In rhyming poetic form and with luminous artwork, this book shows us the marvel of natural cooperation between plants, animals, and insects as they each play their part in the forest's cycle of life.



What Will Grow is about seeds and the plants that grow from them--and features four pull-out gatefolds.

Seeds can be big or small, round or pointy, and all sorts of colors. They can become flowers, trees, fruits, or vegetables, and they sprout all times of year, during spring, summer, fall, and winter.

But all seeds have one thing in common--inside each is a new plant life waiting to emerge. What kind of plant will bloom? Wait and see what will grow!

Including four gorgeous pull-out gatefolds, this lyrical and stunningly illustrated book includes fun facts about starting a garden.

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