

# EASY-TO-READ BOOKS



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## INTRODUCTION

Every section in Easy-to-Read has been curated specially for young readers.

**Touch-and-Read** introduces you to books with flaps and pop-up elements to engage your sense of touch as you read.

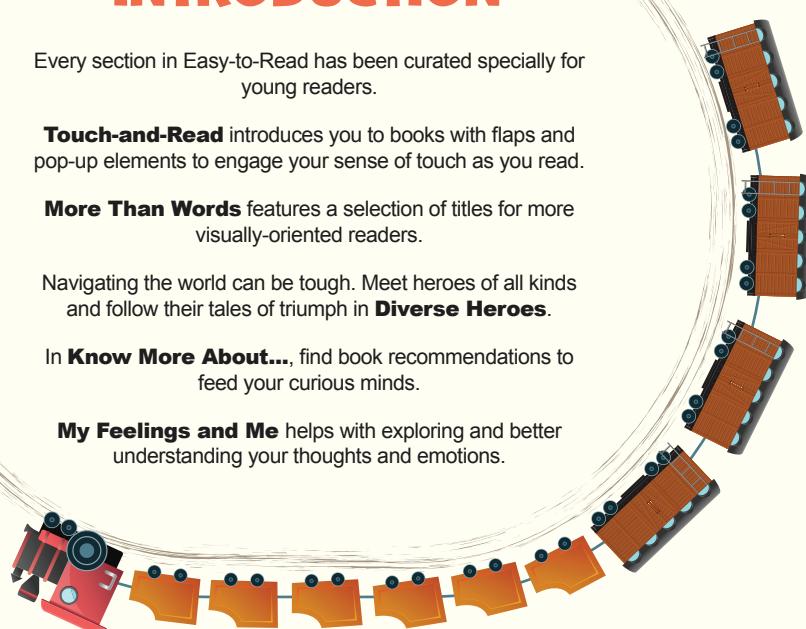
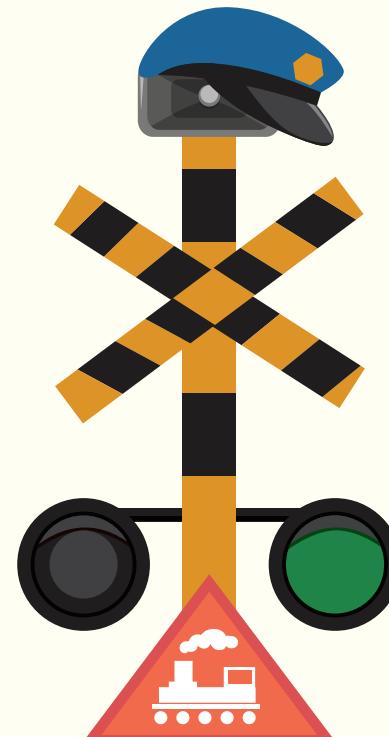
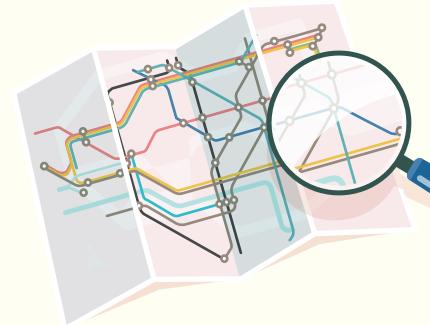
**More Than Words** features a selection of titles for more visually-oriented readers.

Navigating the world can be tough. Meet heroes of all kinds and follow their tales of triumph in **Diverse Heroes**.

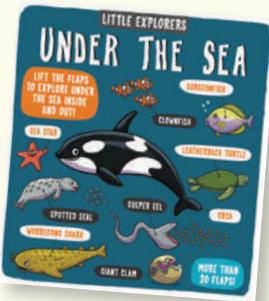
In **Know More About...**, find book recommendations to feed your curious minds.

**My Feelings and Me** helps with exploring and better understanding your thoughts and emotions.

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# TOUCH- AND-READ



**TITLE**  
Little Explorers:  
Under the Sea

**AUTHOR**  
Tasha Percy-Baxter (Eds.)

**SYNOPSIS**

*Under the Sea* is a lively introduction to all types of sea creatures, where children can lift the flaps to learn about all types of amazing animals and the environment they live in. Young readers will be amazed as they find out all about the coral reef, open ocean, endangered animals, shipwrecks, and much more! This book features over 30 sturdy flaps to lift, along with charming, kid-friendly artwork that introduces new concepts and vocabulary in a simple and accessible way.

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**PUBLISHER**  
Templar Publishing, 2018

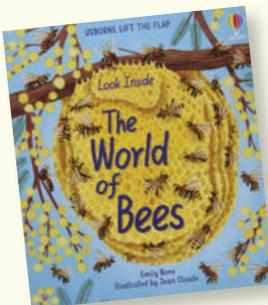
**TITLE**  
The Scary Cave

**AUTHOR**  
Carly Blake

**SYNOPSIS**

After sunset in Cretacea, there is one place no little dino dares to go: the Scary Cave. Unless, of course, the dino's name is Rocky, and he convinces his friends Mazu, Tiny, and Bill to come along. What is that strange howling? Who is that hissing? Is that a monster or a rock? What's that around the bend? Little readers can help explore by lifting the flaps on each page in this fun and gently spooky tale based on the book by Jonny Duddle, featuring characters from the animated series Gigantosaurus.

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**TITLE**  
Look Inside the  
World of Bees

**AUTHOR**  
Emily Bone

**SYNOPSIS**

Why do bees have furry bodies? What happens inside a beehive? How do bees know where to find flowers? Find out all about the amazing world of bees in this illustrated flap book for young children, with a focus on why bees are so important, and all the jobs they do that keep the planet healthy.

From: [www.usborne.com](http://www.usborne.com)

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**PUBLISHER**  
Usborne Publishing, 2021

**TITLE**  
My Terrific  
Dinosaur Book

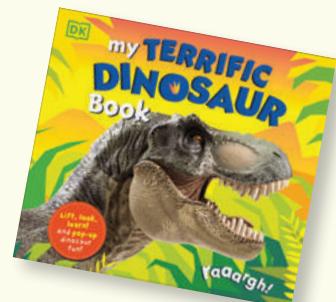
**AUTHOR**  
Dorling Kingsley

**SYNOPSIS**

Get close up to a spectacular pop-up T. rex, pull tabs to make Triceratops move, lift surprise flaps, and more in this exciting, interactive dinosaur book.

Lift flaps and find out about the huge, plodding veggiesaurs, pull the tabs to see Triceratops open its mouth and flick its tail, play lift-the-flap spot the dino, turn a disc to see an awesome pterosaur dive through the air, and watch out for T. rex's huge, pop-up jaws!

From: [www.penguin.com.au](http://www.penguin.com.au)



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# MORE THAN WORDS



**TITLE**

Cranky Chicken

**AUTHOR**

Katherine Battersby

**SYNOPSIS**

*Cranky Chicken* is, well, cranky. With one cranky eyebrow, cranky eyes, and even cranky, scratchy feet. But then one day, Cranky meets a very friendly worm named Speedy who wants nothing more than to be friends. Young readers will love seeing the mismatched friendship grow over the course of three charming and laugh-out-loud short adventures as Chicken and Speedy become BFFs (Best Feathered Friends) and Speedy shows Chicken how to look on the bright side.

From: [www.simonandschuster.com](http://www.simonandschuster.com)

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**PUBLISHER**

Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2020

**TITLE**

I Walk with Vanessa: A Story about a Simple Act of Kindness

**AUTHOR**

Kerascoët

**SYNOPSIS**

Inspired by real events, *I Walk with Vanessa* explores the feelings of helplessness and anger that arise in the wake of seeing a classmate treated badly, and shows how a single act of kindness can lead to an entire community joining in to help. By choosing only pictures to tell their story, the creators underscore the idea that someone can be an ally without having to say a word. With themes of acceptance, kindness, and strength in numbers, this timeless and profound feel-good story will resonate with readers young and old.

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**TITLE**

Lift

**AUTHOR**

Minh Lê

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**PUBLISHER**

Disney Hyperion, 2020

**SYNOPSIS**

Iris loves to push the elevator buttons in her apartment building, but when it's time to share the fun with a new member of the family, she's pretty put out. That is, until the sudden appearance of a mysterious new button opens up entire realms of possibility, places where she can escape and explore on her own. But when she's forced to choose between going at it alone or letting her little brother tag along, Iris finds that sharing a discovery with the people you love can be the most wonderful experience of all.

From: [www.lbyr.com](http://www.lbyr.com)

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**TITLE**

Kerry and the Knight of the Forest

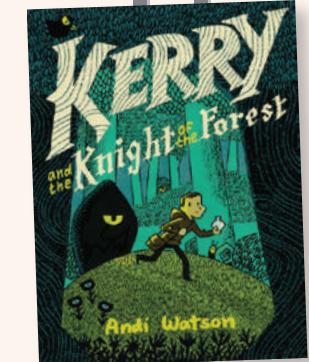
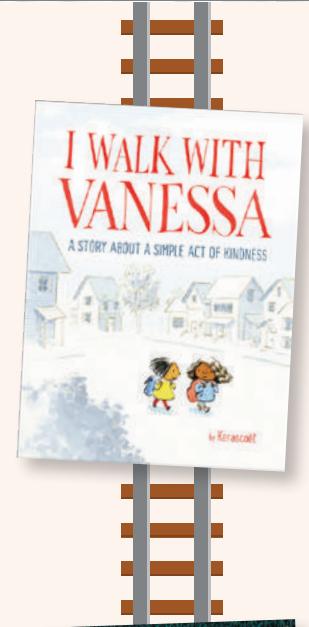
**AUTHOR**

Andi Watson

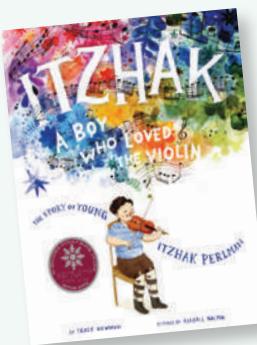
**SYNOPSIS**

It'll just be a quick shortcut, right? After a spirit leads Kerry astray, he finds himself in an enchanted forest filled with mysterious creatures and dark dead ends. The further Kerry travels, the more hopeless his quest seems.... To get back to his parents, Kerry will have to find his way, figure out who to trust, make some tough choices about the kind of person he wants to be — or remain lost in the woods forever.

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# DIVERSE HEROES



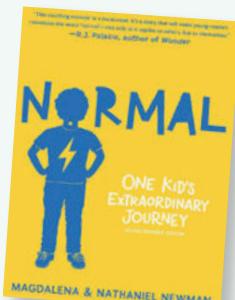
**TITLE**  
e Itzhak: A Boy Who Loved the Violin

**AUTHOR**  
Tracy Newman

**SYNOPSIS**

Before becoming one of the greatest violinists of all time, Itzhak Perlman was simply a boy who loved music. Raised by a poor immigrant family in a tiny Tel Aviv apartment, baby Itzhak was transformed by the sounds from his family's kitchen radio—graceful classical symphonies, lively klezmer tunes, and soulful cantorial chants. The rich melodies and vibrant rhythms spoke to him like magic, filling his mind with vivid rainbows of color. After begging his parents for an instrument, Itzhak threw his heart and soul into playing the violin. Despite enormous obstacles—including a near-fatal bout of polio that left him crippled for life—Itzhak persevered, honing his extraordinary gift.

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**TITLE**  
e Normal: One Kid's Extraordinary Journey

**AUTHOR**  
Magdalena Newman and Nathaniel Newman

**SYNOPSIS**

In this uplifting and humorous memoir brimming with black-and-white comic illustrations, Nathaniel and his mother, Magda, tell the story of his growing up with the same craniofacial syndrome as the boy from *Wonder*—from facing sixty-seven surgeries before the age of fifteen, to making friends, moving across the country, and persevering through hardships. How they tackle extraordinary circumstances with love and resilience is a true testament to Nathaniel and Magda's extraordinary family, and to families everywhere who quietly but courageously persist.

From: [www.hmhbooks.com](http://www.hmhbooks.com)

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**PUBLISHER**  
Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2020

**SYNOPSIS**

**TITLE**  
e Women in Science: 50 Fearless Pioneers Who Changed the World

**AUTHOR**  
Rachel Ignotofsky

**SYNOPSIS**

A charmingly illustrated and educational book, *New York Times* best seller *Women in Science* highlights the contributions of fifty notable women to the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) from the ancient to the modern world. The trailblazing women profiled include well-known figures like primatologist Jane Goodall, as well as lesser-known pioneers such as Katherine Johnson, the African-American physicist and mathematician who calculated the trajectory of the 1969 Apollo 11 mission to the moon.

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**TITLE**  
e Juan Has the Jitters

**AUTHOR**  
Aneta Cruz

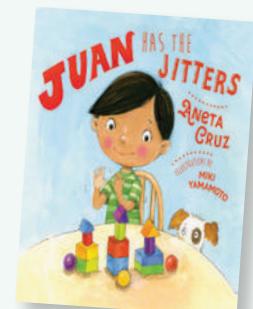
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North Atlantic Books, 2020

**SYNOPSIS**

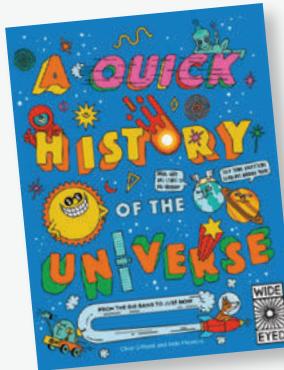
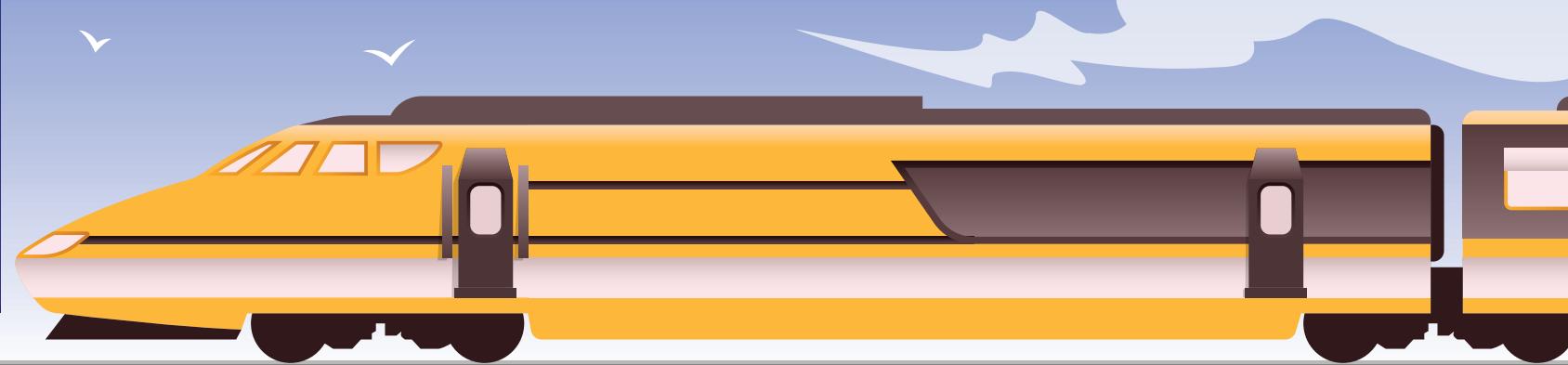
Juan claps his hands to get his Jitters out. They make his tummy swoosh and swirl. His Jitters happen when there are too many people, too much noise, or too many changes to his day. Juan doesn't like surprises.

Tomorrow there is an athletic event planned at school, which makes Juan very nervous. But his teacher has the perfect solution: math—Juan's favorite subject! Counting, sorting, and matching help Juan calm his Jitters. By making math part of the day's athletic games, and by appointing Juan the official judge, his teacher can make sure that Juan will have fun and feel included. The class is calling it the Mathletic Games!

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# KNOW MORE ABOUT...



**TITLE**  
e A Quick History of the Universe: From the Big Bang to Just Now

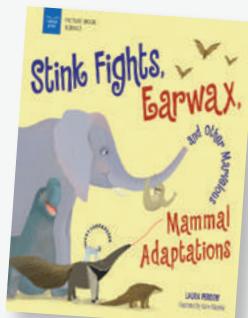
**AUTHOR**  
Clive Gifford

#### SYNOPSIS

What was the universe like when it was a few seconds old? How had it changed by its millionth birthday? And when did time even start, for that matter?!

The story of the last 13.8 billion years in one handy volume, you can read about the start of stars, the growth of galaxies and the production of planets. Plus, there are some great dad jokes. Hold on tight....

From: [www.quartoknows.com](http://www.quartoknows.com)



**TITLE**  
e Stink Fights, Earwax, and Other Marvelous Mammal Adaptations

**AUTHOR**  
Laura Perdew

#### SYNOPSIS

How do whales make their hearing better? What do lemurs do to make a point during an argument? Learn how lemurs settle arguments and how earwax helps a whale's sense of hearing, along with a host of other deliciously strange-but-true tales!

From: [www.nomadpress.net](http://www.nomadpress.net)

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**PUBLISHER**  
Wide Eyed Editions, 2020

**TITLE**  
e Six Dots: A Story of Young Louis Braille

**AUTHOR**  
Jen Bryant

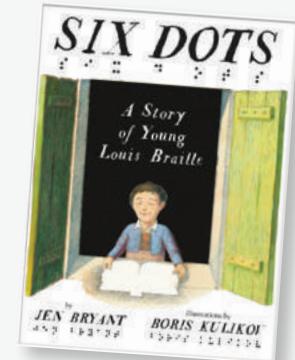
#### SYNOPSIS

Louis Braille was just five years old when he lost his sight. He was a clever boy, determined to live like everyone else, and what he wanted more than anything was to be able to read. Even at the school for the blind in Paris, there were no books for him.

And so he invented his own alphabet—a whole new system for writing that could be read by touch. A system so ingenious that it is still used by the blind community today.

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**PUBLISHER**  
Alfred A. Knopf, 2016



**TITLE**  
e What Is Nintendo?

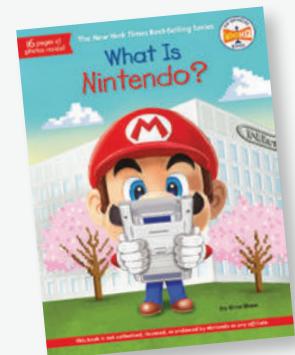
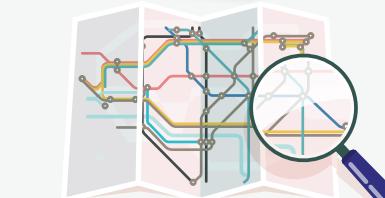
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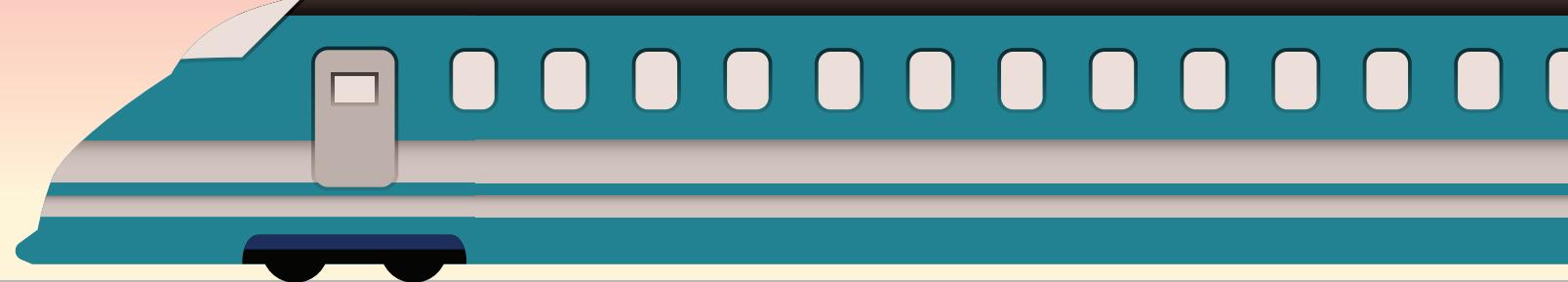
#### SYNOPSIS

Founded in 1889, Nintendo started out as a small playing card company in Japan. Though the cards sold well, Nintendo really became popular when it began creating toys in the 1960s, and then became internationally renowned after developing video games and consoles in the 1970s and '80s. After introducing the world to some of the best-known and top-selling video game franchises of all-time, such as *Super Mario Bros.*, *The Legend of Zelda*, *Animal Crossing*, and *Pokémon*, it's clear to see why Nintendo is beloved by parents as a company that creates non-violent, family-friendly entertainment for kids.

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# MY FEELINGS AND ME



**TITLE**  
e My Monster and Me

**AUTHOR**  
Nadiya Hussain

**SYNOPSIS**

A touching story about a little boy whose worry monster follows him everywhere he goes. It's there when he gets dressed, when he wants to play with his toys, and even when his friends come over to visit. How can he escape his worries?

Having struggled with anxiety for as long as she can remember, Nadiya Hussain has written this heartfelt story to ensure that no child suffers in silence—no matter what shape their worry monster may take.

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**TITLE**  
e Love

**AUTHOR**  
Corrinne Averiss

**SYNOPSIS**

Everyone loves everyone in Tess's house, but when Tess has to leave for school for the very first time, she is worried that her family's love might not stretch that far. Mum explains that love is like a string, it connects people together even when they are far away. At school Tess notices that all the children have strings! Some are new, some are old, some stretch a long way, and some even stretch right up into the sky. But what happens when a string breaks?

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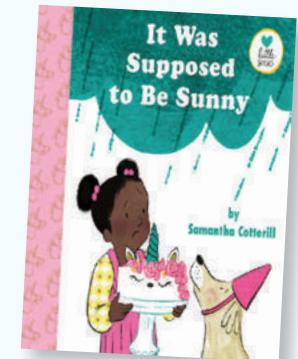
**TITLE**  
e It Was Supposed to Be Sunny

**AUTHOR**  
Samantha Cotterill

**SYNOPSIS**

Laila feels like her sparkly sunshine birthday celebration is on the brink of ruin when it starts to storm. Then, just as she starts feeling okay with moving her party indoors, an accident with her cake makes her want to call the whole thing off. But with the help of her mom and a little alone time with her service dog, she knows she can handle this.

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**TITLE**  
e I Am Peace: A Book of Mindfulness

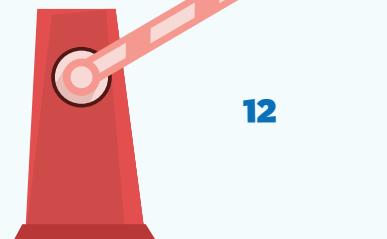
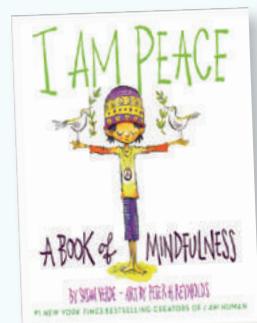
**AUTHOR**  
Susan Verde

**SYNOPSIS**

Mindfulness means being fully in the present moment. Children can learn how to manage their emotions, make good choices, and balance their busy lives by learning to be mindful, express emotions through speech, find empathy through imagination, and wonder at the beauty of the natural world.

From the bestselling team that created *I Am Yoga*, *I Am Human*, *I Am Love*, and *I Am One* comes a gentle expression of the tenets of mindfulness, encouraging children to breathe, taste, smell, and be present in the here and now.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

### The first "train" was created by...

...Richard Trevithick, a mine engineer. In 1804, Trevithick built the first ever steam engine that could run on rails. It was able to pull heavy loads of iron, coal, and even passengers to and from the mines!



### The fastest commercial train in operation today is...

...the Shanghai Maglev. It connects Shanghai's Pudong Airport with a station in the city centre. Operating at 460 kilometres per hour, the Shanghai Maglev completes the 30 kilometre journey in just 7.5 minutes!

### The longest railway route in the world is...

...the Trans-Siberian railway. It stretches from Moscow to Vladivostok in Russia, extending for 9,289 kilometres. That's about 2,160 rounds around Bedok Reservoir!



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