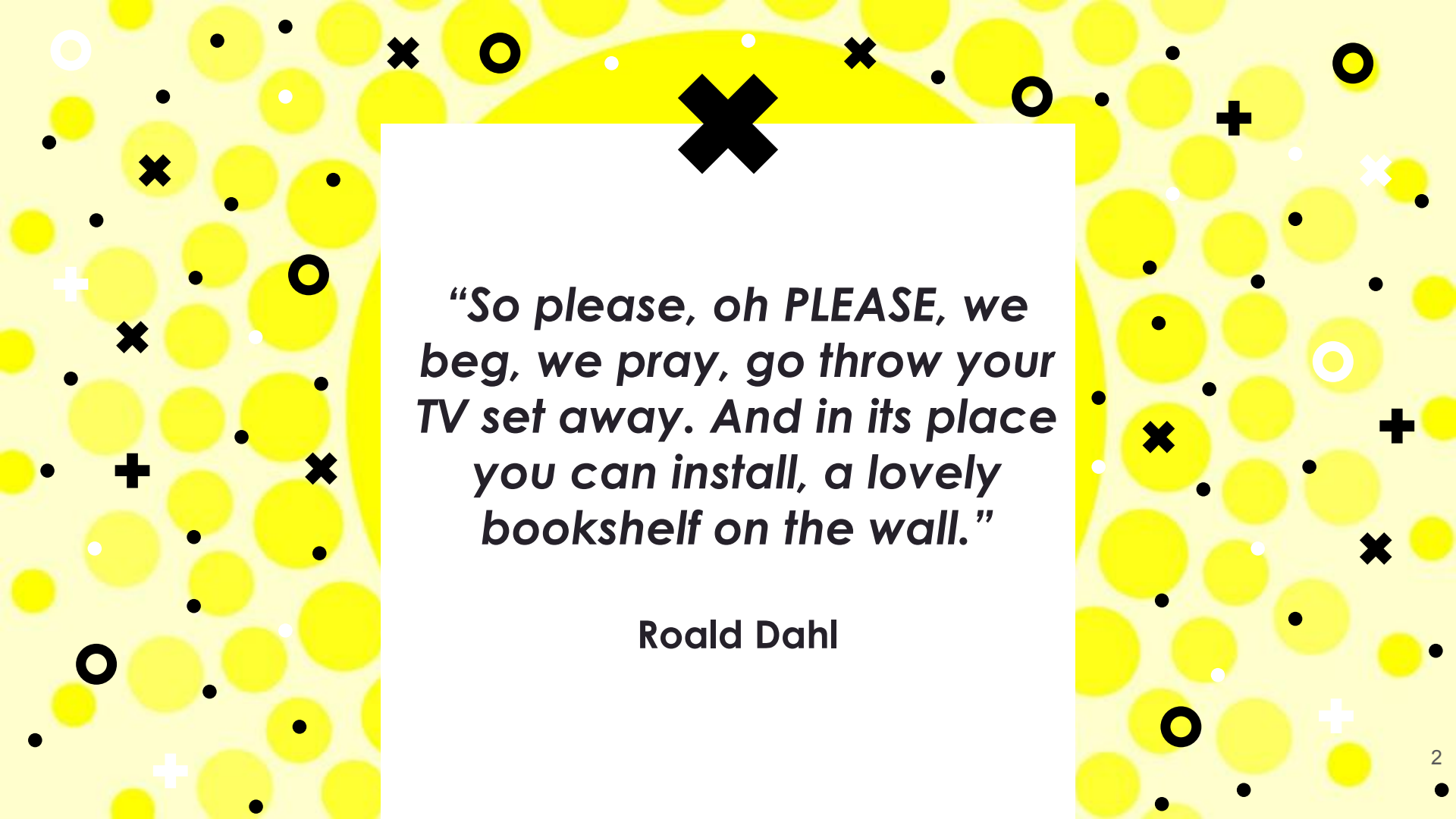


***It's Time to Get  
Ready for a Battle***



*“So please, oh PLEASE, we beg, we pray, go throw your TV set away. And in its place you can install, a lovely bookshelf on the wall.”*

**Roald Dahl**

# × How it works

## READ

Read as many of the 10 titles between now and November

## READ CLOSELY

Pay attention as you read to unique lines of text, a-ha moments, repeating lines, description of characters and setting, key events, and dialogue.

## REMEMBER

Memorize the title and author of each book.

## What does a question look like?

Each question is a line or two or three of text - you need to tell us what book the line is from.

***“Ah, there you are,” the man said. “I can see that you are listening now. Your head was broken. I fixed it. I brought you back from the world of the dead.”***



# TIMELINE



## 3rd week of November

All 5th graders will take a quiz. The top five highest scorers become the team that will represent the homeroom.

## 3rd week of December

The homeroom teams compete in a live competition. The winning team is crowned the 2022-2023 Battle of the Books School Champion and will move on to the district championship.

## 3rd week of January

Participating schools send their school champion team to a district competition in which one team will be crowned the 2022-2023 District Battle of the Books Champions!



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# 1,800,000

Words you will read when you read for  
20 minutes every day for one year!!



***Anybody Here Seen Frenchie*** by Leslie Connor

***Cog*** by Greg Van Eekhout

***Daughter of the Deep*** by Rick Riordan

***From the Desk of Zoe Washington*** by Janae Marks

***Once Upon a Tim*** by Stuart Gibbs

***Operation Do-Over*** by Gordon Korman

***The Smartest Kid in the Universe*** by Chris Grabenstein

***The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez*** by Adrianna Cuevas

***The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street*** by Karina Yan Glaser

***The Very Very Far North*** by Dan Bar-El



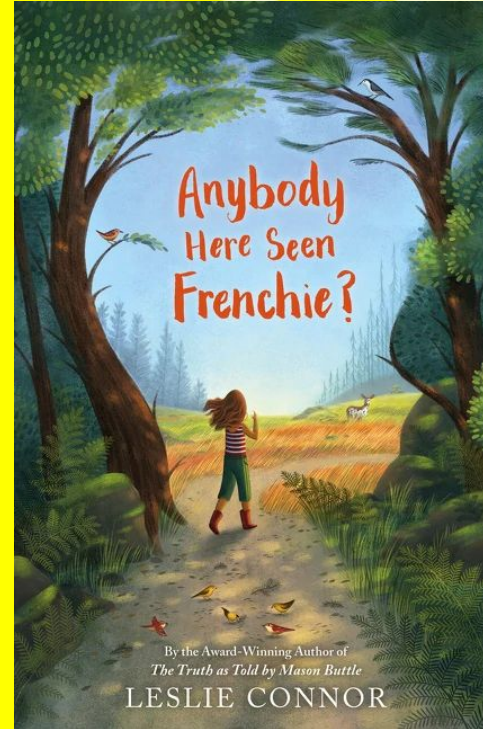
Eleven-year-old Aurora Petrequin's best friend has never spoken a word to her. In fact, Frenchie Livernois doesn't talk.

Aurora is bouncy, loud and impulsive—"a big old blurter." Making friends has never come easily. When Frenchie, who is autistic, silently chose Aurora as his person back in third grade, she chose him back. They make a good team, sharing their love of the natural world in coastal Maine.

In the woods, Aurora and Frenchie encounter a piebald deer, a rare creature with a coat like a patchwork quilt. Whenever it appears, Aurora feels compelled to follow.

At school, Aurora looks out for Frenchie, who has been her classmate until this year. One morning, Frenchie doesn't make it to his classroom. Aurora feels she's to blame. The entire town begins to search, and everyone wonders: how is it possible that nobody has seen Frenchie?

### [Author Reading of First Chapter](#)





Cog looks like a normal twelve-year-old boy. But his name is short for “cognitive development,” and he was built to learn.

But after an accident leaves him damaged, Cog wakes up in an unknown lab—and Gina, the scientist who created and cared for him, is nowhere to be found. Surrounded by scientists who want to study him and remove his brain, Cog recruits four robot accomplices for a mission to find her.

Cog, ADA, Proto, Trashbot, and Car’s journey will likely involve much cognitive development in the form of mistakes, but Cog is willing to risk everything to find his way back to Gina.

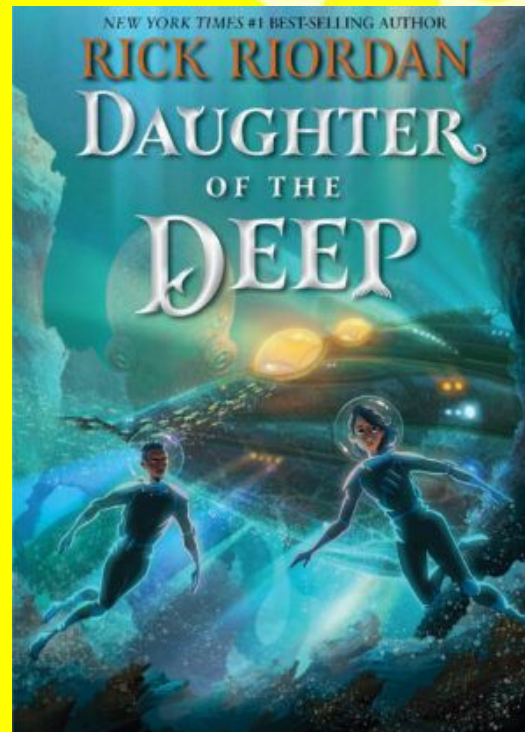


[Author Talk at NY Public Library](#)

Ana Dakkar is a freshman at Harding-Pencroft Academy, a five-year high school that graduates the best marine scientists, naval warriors, navigators, and underwater explorers in the world. Ana's parents died while on a scientific expedition two years ago, and the only family's she's got left is her older brother, Dev, also a student at HP. Ana's freshman year culminates with the class's weekend trial at sea, the details of which have been kept secret. She only hopes she has what it'll take to succeed. All her worries are blown out of the water when, on the bus ride to the ship, Ana and her schoolmates witness a terrible tragedy that will change the trajectory of their lives.

But wait, there's more. The professor accompanying them informs Ana that their rival school, Land Institute, and Harding-Pencroft have been fighting a cold war for a hundred and fifty years. Now that cold war has been turned up to a full broil, and the freshman are in danger of becoming fish food. In a race against deadly enemies, Ana will make amazing friends and astounding discoveries about her heritage as she puts her leadership skills to the test for the first time.

### [Rick Riordan Intro to Book](#)



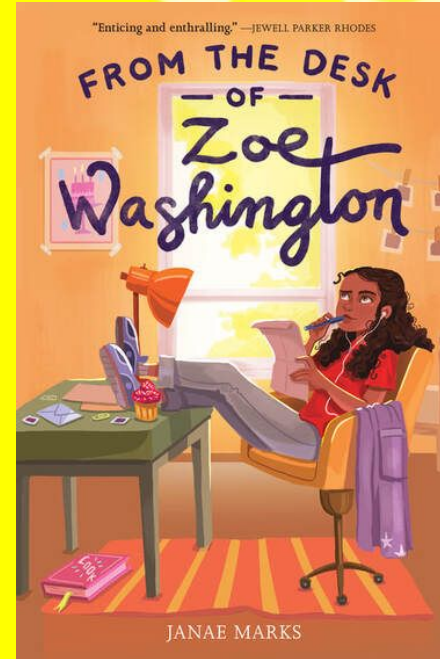
Zoe Washington isn't sure what to write. What does a girl say to the father she's never met, hadn't heard from until his letter arrived on her twelfth birthday, and who's been in prison for a terrible crime?

A crime he says he never committed.

Could Marcus really be innocent? Zoe is determined to uncover the truth. Even if it means hiding his letters and her investigation from the rest of her family. Everyone else thinks Zoe's worrying about doing a good job at her bakery internship and proving to her parents that she's worthy of auditioning for Food Network's Kids Bake Challenge.

But with bakery confections on one part of her mind, and Marcus's conviction weighing heavily on the other, this is one recipe Zoe doesn't know how to balance.

[Fan Face Off w/Janae Marks](#)



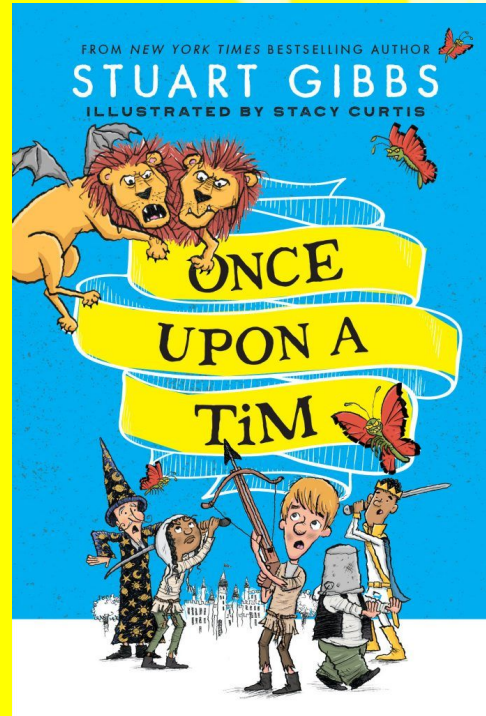
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Tim is just a peasant, but he dreams big. He wants more out of life than to grow up to be a woodsman like his father. Unfortunately, the only route to success in the kingdom of Wyld is to be born a prince. Still, Tim is determined. He is brave and clever and always tries to do the right thing—even though he rarely gets the credit for it.

Then news spreads that Princess Grace of the neighboring kingdom has been abducted by the evil Stinx and Prince Ruprecht needs a legion of knights to join him on his quest to rescue her. Tim finally has the lucky break he's been waiting for, the opportunity to change his station in life. And even though he doesn't know how to ride a horse or wield anything more deadly than a water bucket, he's going to do whatever it takes to make sure his dream becomes a reality.

### Author Reading



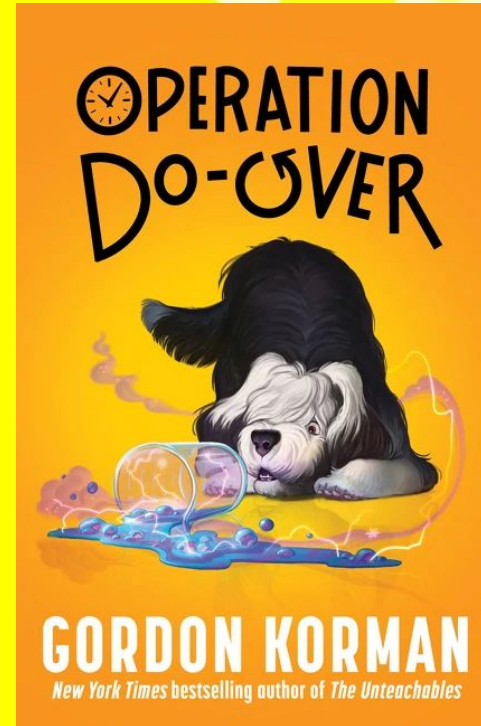


Mason and Ty were once the very best of friends, like two nerdy sides of the same coin...until seventh grade, when Ava Petrakis came along. Now Mason can trace everything bad in his life to that terrible fight they had over the new girl. The one thing he'd give anything for is a do-over. But that can't happen in real life - can it?

As a science kid, Mason knows do-overs are impossible, so he can't believe it when he wakes up from a freak accident and finds himself magically transported back to seventh grade. His parents aren't yet divorced, and his beloved sheepdog is still alive. Best of all, he and Ty haven't had their falling out yet.

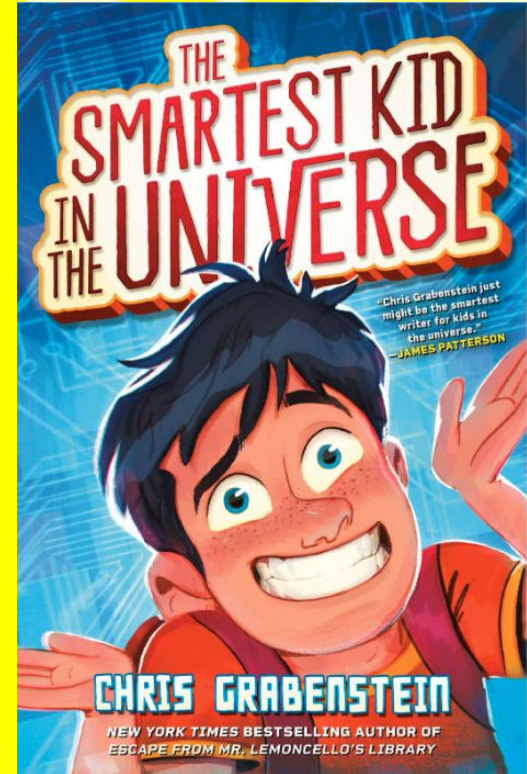
It makes no logical sense, but Mason is determined to use this second chance to not only save his friendship (and his dog!) but do other things differently - like trying out for the football team and giving new friends a chance. There's just one person he'll be avoiding at all costs: Ava. But despite his best efforts, will he be able to stop the chain of events that made his previous life implode?

[Read a Sample!](#)



12-year-old Jake's middle school is about to be shut down. Jake and his friends know their school's worth saving—if they could only figure out how! When Jake spies a bowl of jelly beans at the hotel where his mom works, he eats them. But—uh-oh—those weren't just jellybeans, one of the scientists at his mom's conference is in the process of developing the first ingestible knowledge pills. And THAT'S what Jake ate. Before long, Jake is the smartest kid in the universe. But the pills haven't been tested yet. And when word gets out about this new genius, people want him. The government. The mega corporations. Not all of them are good people! Can Jake navigate all the ins and outs of his newfound geniusdom (not to mention the ins and outs of middle school!) AND use his smarts to figure out how to save his school? (Hint—it will take someone smart enough to decipher an almost forgotten pirate legend!) It turns out, sometimes even the smartest kid has a lot to learn!

## Book Teaser





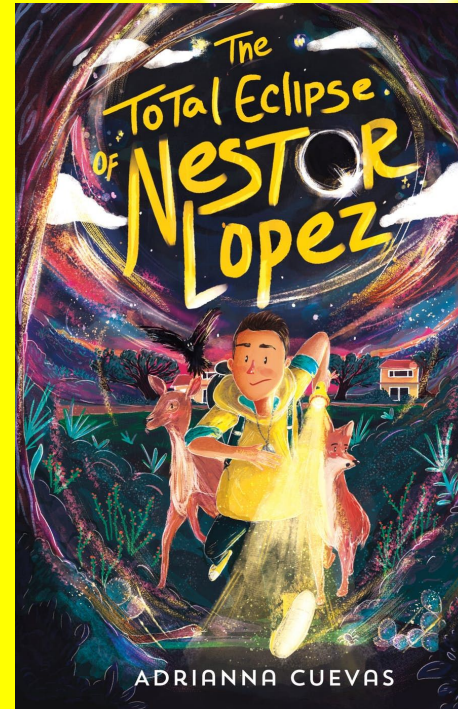
All Nestor Lopez wants is to live in one place for more than a few months and have dinner with his dad.

When he and his mother move to a new town to live with his grandmother after his dad's latest deployment, Nestor plans to lay low. He definitely doesn't want to anyone find out his deepest secret: that he can talk to animals.

But when the animals in his new town start disappearing, Nestor's grandmother becomes the prime suspect after she is spotted in the woods where they were last seen. As Nestor investigates the source of the disappearances, he learns that they are being seized by a tula vieja—a witch who can absorb an animal's powers by biting it during a solar eclipse. And the next eclipse is just around the corner...

Now it's up to Nestor's extraordinary ability and his new friends to catch the tula vieja—and save a place he might just call home.

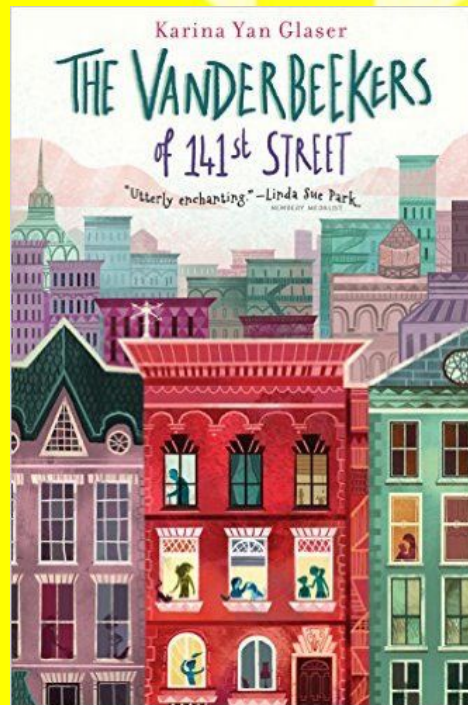
[Book Trailer](#)



The Vanderbeekers have always lived in the brownstone on 141st Street. It's practically another member of the family. So when their reclusive, curmudgeonly landlord decides not to renew their lease, the five siblings have eleven days to do whatever it takes to stay in their beloved home and convince the dreaded Beiderman just how wonderful they are.

And all is fair in love and war when it comes to keeping their home.

### [Book Trailer](#)



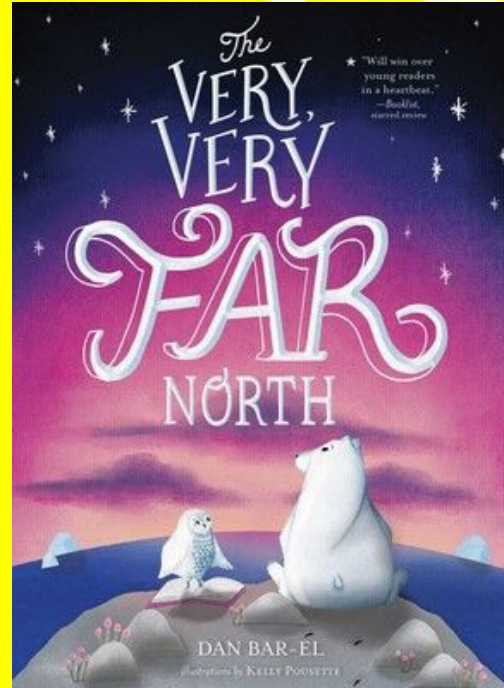


An inquisitive polar bear named Duane befriends an array of animals as he discovers where he belongs in this charming classic-in-the making.

In the very, very far North, past the cold, cold ocean and just below the hill that looks like a baby whale, you'll find Duane and his friends.

Duane is a sweet and curious young bear who makes friends with everyone he meets - whether they're bossy, like Major Puff the puffin, or a bit vain, like Handsome the musk ox, or very, very shy, like Boo the caribou. For these arctic friends, every day is a new adventure!

### [Series Trailer](#)



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