

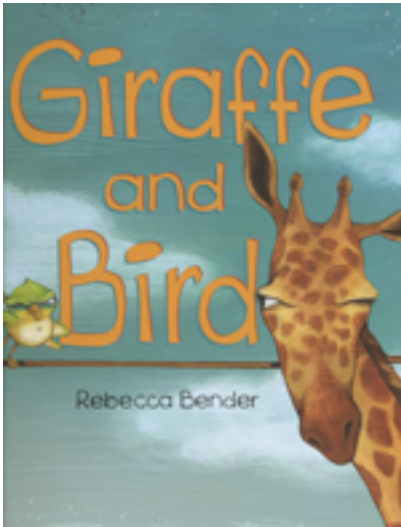


## *A Flock of Shoes*

**Sarah Tsiang, Qin Leng**  
Annick Press

Abby loves her pink and brown sandals with the lime green trim, and she wears them wherever she goes. But as summer draws to a close, Abby's mom announces that it's time for the sandals to go. Abby is determined to keep them on — until one day, while swinging at the park, her sandals flip off and fly away. All winter long, Abby wonders what her sandals are up to. Postcards of sandy white beaches and glorious sunsets reassure her that they are having a wonderful time in far away places.

Come February, Abby realizes that she has also grown to love her cozy, comfy boots. As the warm weather comes, she watches sadly as they march off, but a swish in the sky announces the return of her pink and brown sandals — all ready for another summer of fun. Full of whimsy, this circular tale is enhanced by rich, evocative language and delicate pastel illustrations that are sure to delight any young child.



## *Giraffe and Bird*

**Rebecca Bender**  
Dancing Cat Books/Cormorant Books

It's true that getting along can be difficult, but Giraffe and Bird don't even try. When Bird makes a face, Giraffe sticks out his tongue; when Bird tweets in his ear, Giraffe invades Bird's personal space. And so it goes. Bird can't put up with Giraffe's bad breath; Giraffe can't abide it when Bird eats too much fiber and then... Well, you know. If you ask them, Giraffe and Bird will tell you: they can't stand each other. One day Giraffe loses his patience and Bird is fed up. "Scram!" says Giraffe. "Get lost!" says Bird. And so they do.

You would think they'd be happy now, but you might be wrong. Without each other, how will Bird and Giraffe weather the coming storm?

A hilarious debut by author and artist Rebecca Bender, **Giraffe and Bird** combines a clever text introducing synonyms with bright, expressive art to tell the funny and slightly tender story of two enemies who eventually realize they are much better off together.



## *Kiss Me! (I'm a Prince!)*

**Heather McLeod, Brooke Kerrigan  
Fitzhenry & Whiteside**

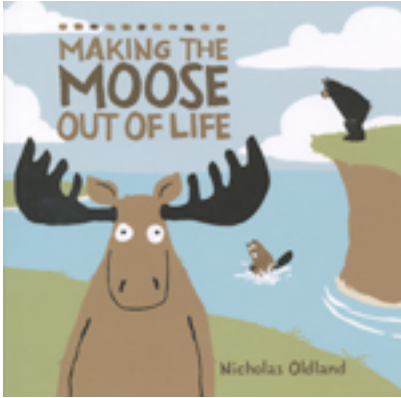
*“If you kiss me, I’ll turn into a prince!”* says the frog. But Ella thinks that a talking frog is much more interesting than living like a princess in a castle. And during his stay with Ella and her family, Prince Frog discovers a world of fun beyond the castle gates.



## *The Little Hummingbird*

**Michael Nicoll Yahgulanaas  
D&M Publishers/Greystone Books**

This inspiring children’s book—a revised edition of the award-winning [Flight of the Hummingbird](#)—is based on a South American indigenous story about a courageous hummingbird who defies fear and expectations in her attempt to save the forest from fire. The illustrated story is supplemented by a natural and cultural history of hummingbirds, as well as an inspiring message from Nobel Peace Prize winner Wangari Maathai. The evocative artwork by internationally renowned Haida artist Michael Nicoll Yahgulanaas complements the optimistic tale that encourages everyone to take responsibility for their home and the planet.



## *Making the Moose Out of Life*

**Nicholas Oldland**  
**Kids Can Press**

From the creator of *Big Bear Hug* comes the comic-adventure story of a mild-mannered moose who learns how to take life by the antlers. This moose may live in the wild, but he doesn't act it — he watches from the sidelines as his friends have fun. Every now and then, he wonders if he's missing out on anything.

When the moose finally takes a chance and goes on a solo sailing trip, a raging storm carries him far from everything he knows. Will he curl up in a ball and cry, or make the most of it?

The moose's unlikely hero-journey is a lighthearted, contemporary fable that celebrates living life to the fullest.

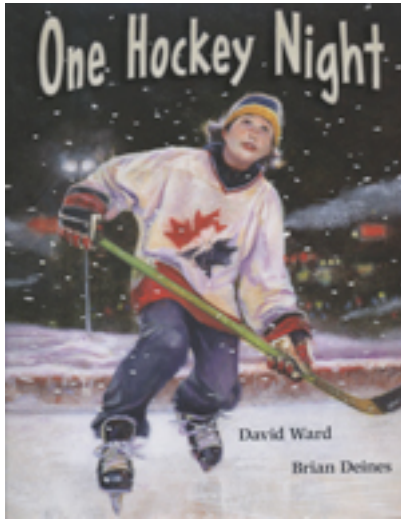


## *Noni Says No*

**Heather Hartt-Sussman, Geneviève Côté**  
**Tundra Books**

Noni can do many things: she can give her baby brother his bottle, she can help her mother in the kitchen, and she can even walk over to her friend Susie's house. But Noni just can't say "no." When she was very small, it was easy saying "no" to everybody, but now that she has a best friend, she wants to please. Noni can't say "no" to her friend, even when it means she has to hand over a precious toy, or when it means agreeing to a hideous haircut, or even giving up her bed at a sleepover. But when Noni finally finds her voice, the consequences are not what she – or the reader – expects.

Heather Hartt-Sussman's story, complemented by the playful illustrations of Geneviève Côté, is a comforting exploration of friendship and of the importance of trusting one's own judgment. Many children (as well as many adults) will root for Noni as she learns that you can stand up for yourself and still be a good friend.

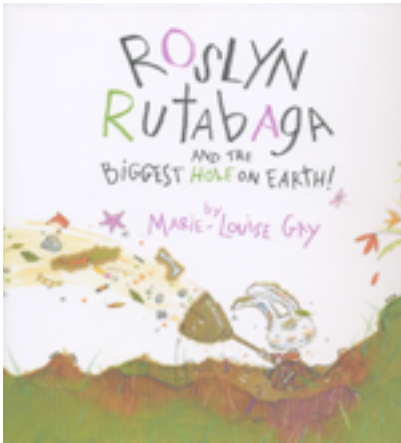


## *One Hockey Night*

David Ward, Brian Deines  
Scholastic Canada/North Winds Press

For Owen, winter is all about hockey. It's December, and his family has just moved to the east coast. He's shovelled snow. He's practised shots in the driveway. But he hasn't skated on ice. Now it's Christmas Eve, and it's time for a secret to be revealed!

A hockey story – and a holiday story – with a heartwarming Canadian setting.



## *Roslyn Rutabaga and the Biggest Hole on Earth!*

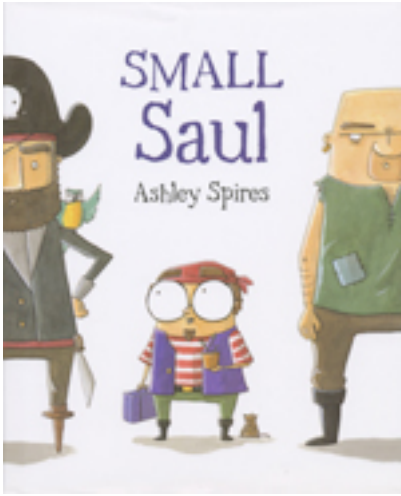
Marie-Louise Gay  
Groundwood Books/House of Anansi Press

Roslyn Rutabaga is an exuberant, feisty young rabbit with a vivid imagination. One day Roslyn wakes up with a plan. She will dig the biggest hole on earth.

*Not a tiny mouse hole.  
Not a medium-sized rabbit hole.  
The Biggest Hole on Earth!*

With her father's quiet encouragement, Roslyn sets out on her big adventure. Obstacles abound -- a grumpy worm, a grouchy mole and a bone-hogging dog get in her way. Will she find a pirate's treasure or a dinosaur bone? Will she meet a penguin? Anything could happen!

Marie-Louise Gay has written and illustrated this humorous and endearing tale as an ode to the imagination and determination of children, who create their own worlds out of the little things in life.



## *Small Saul*

Ashley Spires  
Kids Can Press

From the creator of *Binky the Space Cat*, a hilarious story about an unconventional little pirate.

Ahoy there! Will this sweet little pirate find his place aboard *The Rusty Squid* or will he be forced to walk the plank?

When Small Saul joins the crew of *The Rusty Squid*, it doesn't take long for the other pirates to notice something is very different about this tiny fellow. He was born to sing sea shanties, bake pineapple upside down cakes and redecorate, not to hold a sword and plunder. Being rough and tough just isn't in his nature.

Small Saul learned at Pirate College that pirates only care about three things: their ship, being tough and lots and lots of treasure. Can Small Saul show these ruffians that despite his gentle spirit, he's worth his weight in gold? With treasure chests of laughs, Small Saul's high-seas adventure is a light-hearted celebration of individuality, perseverance and being true to one's self.



## *Stanley's Little Sister*

Linda Bailey, Bill Slavin  
Kids Can Press

Stanley's home life goes awry when he suddenly finds himself with a new, feline "sister." Making friends with this perplexing creature is not easy. Stanley's big, friendly sniff is met with an abrupt THWACK! from the cat's paw. "ROWP!" yelps Stanley. No fair!

Even less fair is the way his people blame him for causing trouble when all he's trying to do is make friends! Is it Stanley's fault the cat doesn't understand dog talk? Given time and a bit of mutual understanding, can peace and purring reign in Stanley's house?

Young readers familiar with the "dog's eye view" of Stanley and his world will rejoice at the addition of Fluffy the cat.