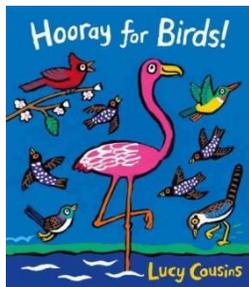




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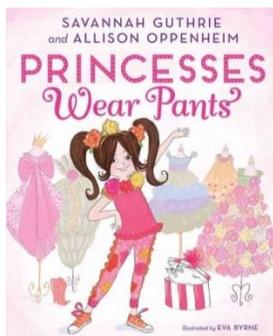
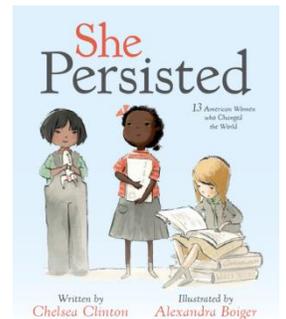
...that Baker & Taylor has a new blog, Notes in the Margin? The blog will feature a variety of content, including author interviews, profiles of our customers, team member spotlights, event information and musings from the field. Check out the author interview with Angie Thomas, San Bernardino County Library's profile story, and our Axis 360 App news on the blog page here: <https://notesfrombt.com/>. Follow [Baker & Taylor on Facebook](#) to see new posts as they appear.

BOOK RESOURCES AND EXTRAS



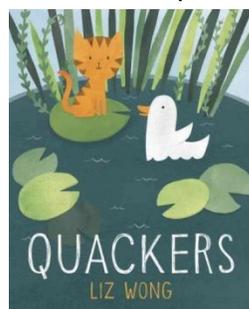
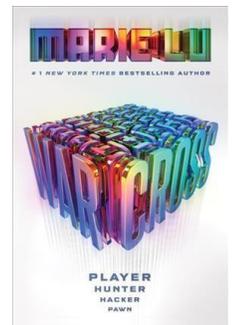
Starting off our book news on a colorful note, check out the [video](#) of author Lucy Cousins discussing her newest book, **Hooray for Birds!** (ISBN 9780763692650). This colorful and energetic book features birds of all feathers flocking together in a colorful rhyming tale, inviting children to imagine themselves as brilliantly plumed birds making their own "cock-a-doodle-doo"s and "tuwit, tuwoo"s along with their avian counterparts.

She Persisted (ISBN 9781524741723), publishing in late May, was just recently announced as a drop-in title due in late May. The book, written by Chelsea Clinton and illustrated by Alexandra Boiger, introduces tiny feminists, mini activists and little kids who are ready to take on the world to thirteen inspirational women who never took no for an answer, and who always, inevitably and without fail, persisted. Check out the [EW announcement](#).



Coming this fall from *Today* show anchor Savannah Guthrie and educator Allison Oppenheim is a new picture book, **Princesses Wear Pants** (ISBN 9781419726033), which challenges stereotypes and encourages young girls to express themselves. Princess Penelope Pineapple knows there's more to being a princess than wearing a dress, whether she's flying in the Pineapple Air Command, hosting a science fair, or working in the vegetable garden in her pants. Check out the *Today* article with both authors [here](#).

Next up, author Marie Lu has a [special message](#) for you about her new sci-fi thriller coming this fall, **Warcross** (ISBN 9780399547966)! In the novel, the game of Warcross takes the world by storm, and a girl named Emika hacks her way into its dangerous depths. Called upon by the game's creator to uncover a security problem, Emika uncovers a sinister plot with major consequences for the entire Warcross empire. Get ready for a nail-biter!



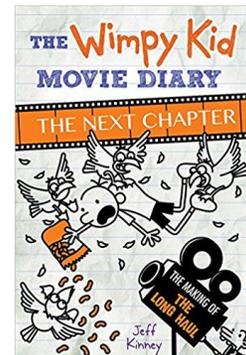
This year, Jumpstart's Read for the Record book selection is Liz Wong's **Quackers** (ISBN 9780553511543), the story of a furry little duck with paws, whiskers and a quack that sounds more like a meow! He happily lives among his duck friends before meeting another duck who looks



and talks like him, but calls himself a cat. This book is about standing out, fitting in, and building a life with room for all. Jumpstart's 12th annual campaign culminates on October 19, 2017, when children and adults across the country will gather together to celebrate Read for the Record Day by reading the same book on the same day and attempting to beat the world record for most people reading the same book at the same time. More info [here](#).

Fasten your seatbelts for the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul*

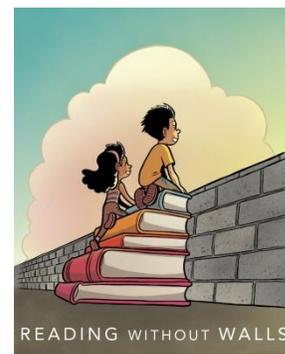
[trailer](#)! The film, based on Jeff Kinney's ninth Wimpy Kid book, *The Long Haul* (ISBN 9781419711893), centers around a family road trip to Meemaw's 90th birthday celebration gone awry, and releases on May 19th. Preorder your copies of *The Wimpy Kid Movie Diary: The Next Chapter* (ISBN 9781419727528), arriving in early May, now.



Fans of Katie O'neill's *Princess Princess Ever After* (ISBN 9781620103401) will be glad to learn that her new middle grade comic, *The Tea Dragon Society* (ISBN 9781620104415), a charming all-ages book that follows the story of Greta, a blacksmith apprentice, and the people she meets as she becomes entwined in the enchanting world of tea dragons, is coming this fall! Have a look at the artwork on the website, teadragonsociety.com. The pages are being presented as a webcomic before their book launch to drum up excitement.

LIBRARY/INDUSTRY NEWS

National Ambassador for Young People's Literature Gene Luen Yang calls us all to read without walls, exploring books about characters who look or live differently than you, topics you haven't discovered, or formats that you haven't tried. Reading Without Walls Month makes its debut this April, and is an inclusive way to spread appreciation and understanding for others — and to learn new and exciting things. Watch Yang's announcement video, sign up to take the Reading Without Walls Challenge, and download the activity kit [here](#).



CONTEST NEWS



First, off, thank you ALL for your entries in the Fox Chapel spinner rack giveaway! The lucky winner is Audra Bartholomew, Branch Manager at the Dorothy Elston Alford Memorial Houghton Library in Houghton, LA. Congratulations!

Now, before we announce the winners Peachtree's 40th Anniversary contest, we wanted to share the most popular entries to the questions that were asked – what is your favorite title, and why?:

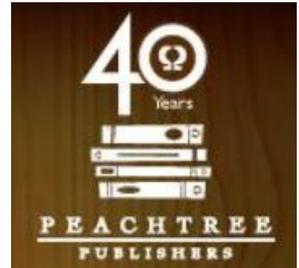
Favorite Series: The *About...* series by Cathryn Sill

“The animal and habitat books are my ‘go to books’ when working with preschoolers and Preschool teachers. The simple text and beautiful pictures are a great way to introduce science to the very young.”

Favorite Series: Stanley books

“When I do story time, the kids love Stanley. They now want a Stanley book each time. I make sure to include one. Some of the children can even read it.”

“Stanley is funny and his books are colorful, and very relatable to our youngest readers! Our little ones love Stanley!”



“My favorite book is **The Book of Shadowboxes: A Story of the ABC's...** I loved reading it because everything was in verse. The kids loved the colorful pictures and also the mystery on each page gave them something to do.”

“My favorite: **Three Hens and a Peacock** by Lester Laminick. Great read aloud.”

“**The Library Dragon** by Carmen Deedy is my favorite Peachtree publication because it is a fun book to teach predictions.”

“Picking a favorite Peachtree book was tough but I will have to say **Madeline Finn and the Library Dog**. I recently read it at story time and the kids really loved it! This publisher has so many fun picture books that promote the library, so we really appreciate that!”

“Our favorite is **14 Cows for America** because it shows that kindness can help heal after tragedy and that when people give from their hearts healing can happen.”

And now, without further ado, the five lucky winners are:

- Heidi Martin, Youth Services Librarian at Tipp City Public Library in Tipp City, OH
- Vicki Bartz County Librarian of Ortonville and Graceville Public Library in Ortonville, MN
- Jo Hick, Youth Services Librarian at Phillips Public Library in Phillips, WI
- Hayley Huffman at Edgewater Public Library in Edgewater, FL
- Annamaria Basile, Media Specialist at Arnold Elementary School in Arnold, MD

Congratulations to all, and stay tuned for our next contest.



Snow day!

During a recent snow day excursion, Baker and Taylor visited their kitten pal, Susie. Susie was a good host, but in the end, she had her eye on the ball! 😊