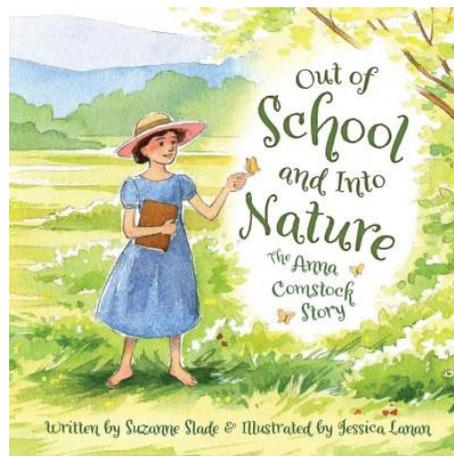


Picture Book

**Out of School and into Nature: The Anna Comstock Story**

Written by Suzanne Slade and illustrated by Jessica Lanan  
*Sleeping Bear Press, March 15, 2017*  
9781585369867, \$16.99, Reinforced

The story of Anna Comstock is undoubtedly one you haven't seen illustrated before, and this picture book biography certainly remedies that, capturing both the joys of nature and the perseverance of Ms. Comstock, known (as the book points out) as the "Mother of Nature Education." Readers will be drawn in by the young girl who isn't afraid to muddy her dress, and will follow Anna from her farm to the woods and back again as she ages from child to teen to young woman to older adult, ever happy in her natural setting. Fantastic illustrations include many different bird, insect, and animal species that are easily identifiable, perfect to be used as a fun identification exercise while reading.



Though younger readers may need assistance grasping the importance of Comstock's contributions to nature education, the message of taking the time to listen and learn from "nature's secrets" shines through easily in illustration and text. A two-page summary of Comstock's life, including an image of three engravings of butterflies from her collection, further defines her roles as a naturalist, educator, and pioneer for women pursuing careers in the natural sciences and higher education. A highly recommended title for young naturalists ages 5-8 and adults who are eager to share their own love of nature with them.

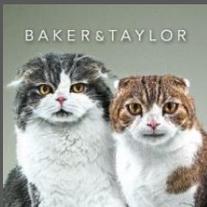
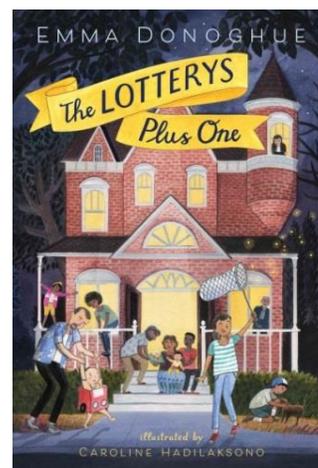
*Erica Sommer, CATS-Paw Prints Manager*

Fiction

**The Lottery's Plus One**

Written by Emma Donoghue  
*Arthur A. Levine, March 28, 2017*  
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9781338119657, \$24.99, eBook  
9781338119664, \$34.99, Audio

The Lottery's are a very large, diverse family consisting of four parents, seven children all from different parts of the world, along with various pets. When they won the lottery, they gave



up their jobs and found a 32-room Toronto mansion they name Camelottery. They are a modern day hippie style household that eats locally, has no car, homeschools the kids, but most importantly, are always supportive of each other. The family dynamics are entertaining and quirky. The story is told from the view of the fifth child named Sumac. She is a rational and very logical nine year.

Everything changes for the Lotteryys when one of the grandfathers (the one that they didn't even know existed) has dementia and comes to live with them. "Grumps", not surprisingly, disapproves of how the Lotteryys live. There are big changes that happen in the household as they learn to cope with Grumps stubbornness and try to figure out where he should live permanently.

The author has created some very unique and laugh out loud characters in a story that introduces universal themes of family relationships that will touch readers from all backgrounds and experiences.

*Rita King, CATS Western Regional Sales Coordinator*