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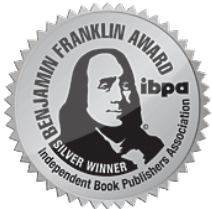
Books to heal and inspire children

Our Collection

These award-winning children's books are heartwarming and healing - engaging young readers through lyrical text and bold illustrations. They make lovely bedtime stories and they also have a bigger purpose: to comfort children going through difficult times. Teachers, therapists, child life specialists, and trauma organizations use these books to help children connect with their feelings in a positive way and let them know that they are not alone on their journey.

Themes of love, connection, healing and resilience bind these delightful stories together and make them a valuable collection in any child's library.

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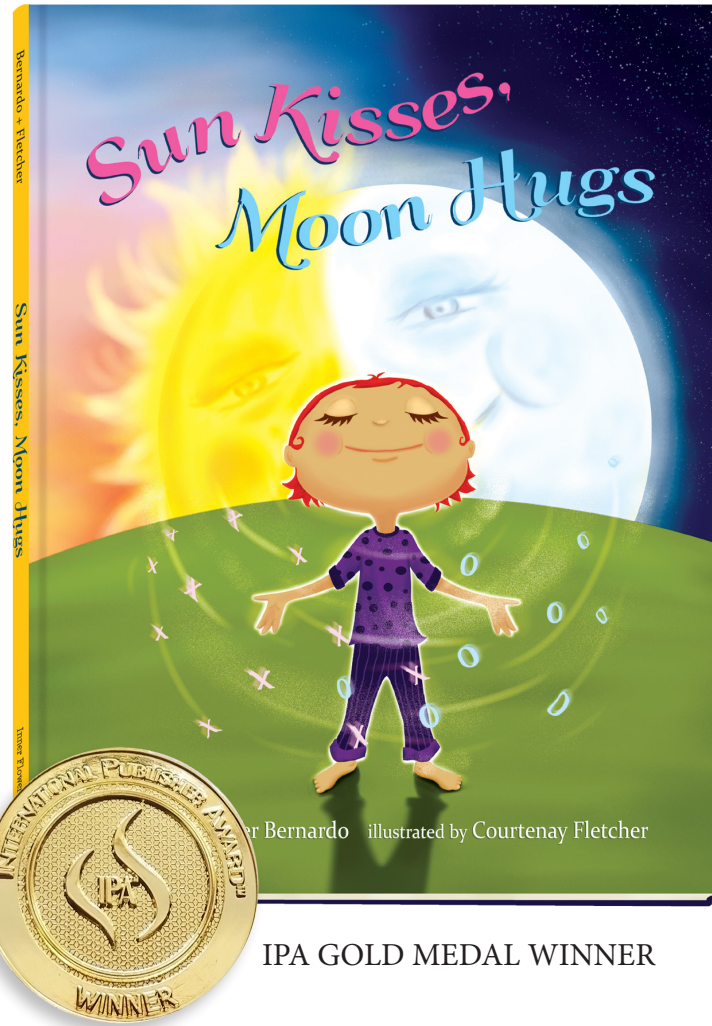
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SUN KISSES, MOON HUGS

By Susan Schaefer Bernardo

Illustrated by Courtenay Fletcher

OVER 20,000 SOLD

No matter how far apart we are, I will always find ways to tell you I love you. **Sun Kisses, Moon Hugs** is a beautiful picture book with a simple but powerful message: love lasts forever. The book is intended for all children, but is especially healing for children coping with separation anxiety, grief, loss or divorce.

It is a Gold Medal winner of the International Publisher Awards, and a featured title in the LeVar Burton Kids Skybrary app. It was selected as a Child's Grief Awareness Day book-of-the-month, and also featured three years in a row for Multicultural Children's Book Day.

THEMES: Love, Connection, Family, Nature, Feelings

32-page, 8.5 x 11

Hardcover ISBN: 978-0971122819

Paperback ISBN: 978-0971122840

Age: 3 and up

Languages: English and Spanish editions

REVIEWS

"There are a number of books written for children to try to help them through the bumpy passage of separation, divorce or loss. I like *Sun Kisses, Moon Hugs*."

-Amy Dickinson, Syndicated Advice Columnist for "Ask Amy"

"This book accomplishes two things. It serves as a supportive and therapeutic way for children to interpret and manage their feelings when they're away from us. It also promotes mindfulness practice in little ones, by encouraging them to look at natural phenomenon in the natural world and to understand that all of it connects all of us."

-Staci Emerson, Child Psychologist

"The intertwining of nature and storytelling is nicely done and adds to the feeling of parental love knowing no bounds. This book will easily become a bedtime favorite for children of any age and really should be a part of every home library."

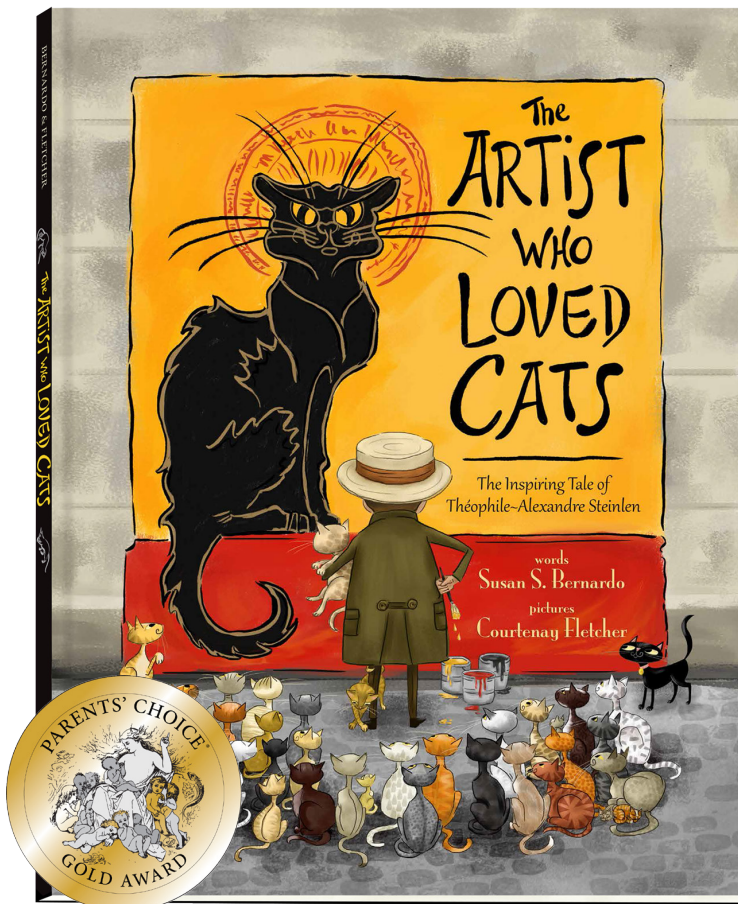
-Stacey A. May, MLIS, Children's Librarian



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THE ARTIST WHO LOVED CATS:

The Inspiring Tale of Théophile-Alexandre Steinlen

By Susan Schaefer Bernardo

Illustrated by Courtenay Fletcher

AWARDS: Parent's Choice Gold, Benjamin Franklin Silver, IPPY Bronze, INDIES Book of the Year Bronze, SCBWI Spark Honor

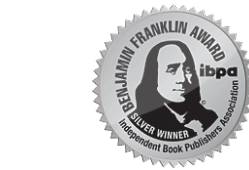
The Artist Who Loved Cats is a rhyming picture book biography of artist Théophile-Alexandre Steinlen, the creator of the iconic Le Chat Noir Cabaret posters created in 19th-century Paris. More than just a biography, it is a celebration of art, inspiration, and following your heart to create a life that you love. It's the perfect book for expanding children's knowledge of real life artists, teaching them to appreciate art and antiques, and supporting their creative spark!

THEMES: Biography, Art, Cats, Resilience, History, Paris, Antiques

Hardcover: 32-page, 8.5 x 11

ISBN: 978-0971122888

Age: 5 and up



REVIEWS

"An absolute gem of a picture book biography and a truly inspiring tale. Through a perfect mix of words and beautiful illustrations, the biography provides much for young readers to explore, wonder and ponder - about the life of Théophile Steinlen, about following your dreams, as well as, about how artifacts make us wonder about the world as it was. "

-Tanja G., Librarian

"An inspiring delight to read. Stunning illustrations are paired with the extraordinary true story of a great artist. And it rhymes! It achieves the perfect trifecta of children's books. "

-Trina M., Netgalley Reviewer

"A visually stunning book...the vibrant illustrations and rhyming couplets make this book delightful and charming not only for parents and children to enjoy together, but also for adults interested in art, and of course cat lovers."

-Carolyn F., Goodreads Reviewer



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THE BIG ADVENTURES OF TINY HOUSE

By Susan Schaefer Bernardo

Illustrated by Courtenay Fletcher

The adventure begins when an old farmhouse gets salvaged and recycled into Tiny, a snug little house with a big heart -- and WHEELS! With the help of Big Truck, Tiny sets off across America to discover if he is still a real home. After thousands of miles, Tiny discovers that home isn't a place...it's a feeling in your heart.

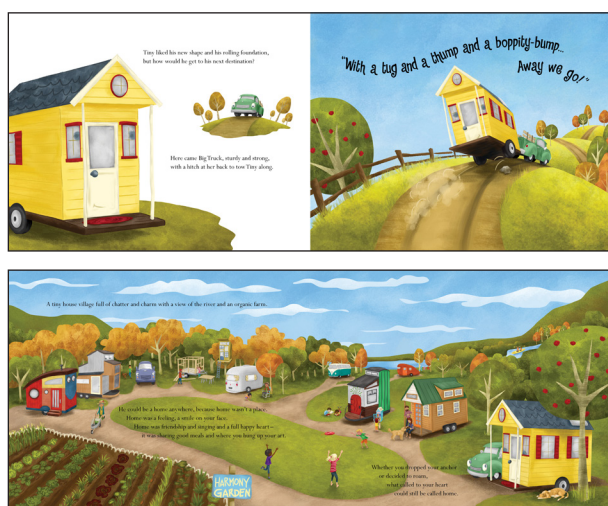
The irresistible rhymes and delightfully detailed illustrations in this new classic are sure to enchant children - and the book's gentle messages about sustainable living and working together will delight parents and teachers as well.

THEMES: Home, Resilience, Recycling, Community, Travel, Family, Friendship, Moving

Hardcover: 32-page, 8.5 x 11

ISBN: 978-0971122826

Age: 3 and up



REVIEWS

"I could not love this book anymore than I do! The adorable illustrations make our journey across the USA with Tiny on his grand road trip a pleasure. A wonderful adventure that brings "home" the message of what home really means!"

-Patrice Karst, Best Selling Author of THE INVISIBLE STRING

"The Big Adventures of Tiny House is a great choice for kids reluctantly moving, or who have two homes with two divorced parents and are not sure which is actually 'home.' "

-KidLit Reviews

"This book is destined to be a classic, and a favorite of children and their parents. The illustrations are so beautiful--colorful, warm and charming. The story, written in verse, is whimsical and touching. The message--that home can be anywhere you make it--is conveyed cleverly but is not at all sappy like many children's books can be. The mood and images in the book are frankly, a breath of fresh air..."

-Emily, Goodreads Reviewer



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THE RHINO WHO SWALLOWED A STORM

By LeVar Burton and Susan Schaefer Bernardo
Illustrated by Courtenay Fletcher

OVER 35,000 SOLD

New Edition Available November 19, 2020

When little Mica Mouse is scared by thunder booming outside her cozy home, Papa Mouse reaches for just the right story to comfort her. Hugging her close, he begins to read **The Rhino Who Swallowed a Storm**. In this poetic book-within-a-book, a happy little rhinoceros is overwhelmed by a storm that sweeps away everything he loves. Swallowing the storm just makes him feel worse, so Rhino sets off on a whimsical journey toward healing. Rhino is an engaging resource to help children express their feelings and navigate through difficult experiences. The “Take a Deeper Look” page at the end of the book even provides discussion questions to facilitate a healing dialogue.

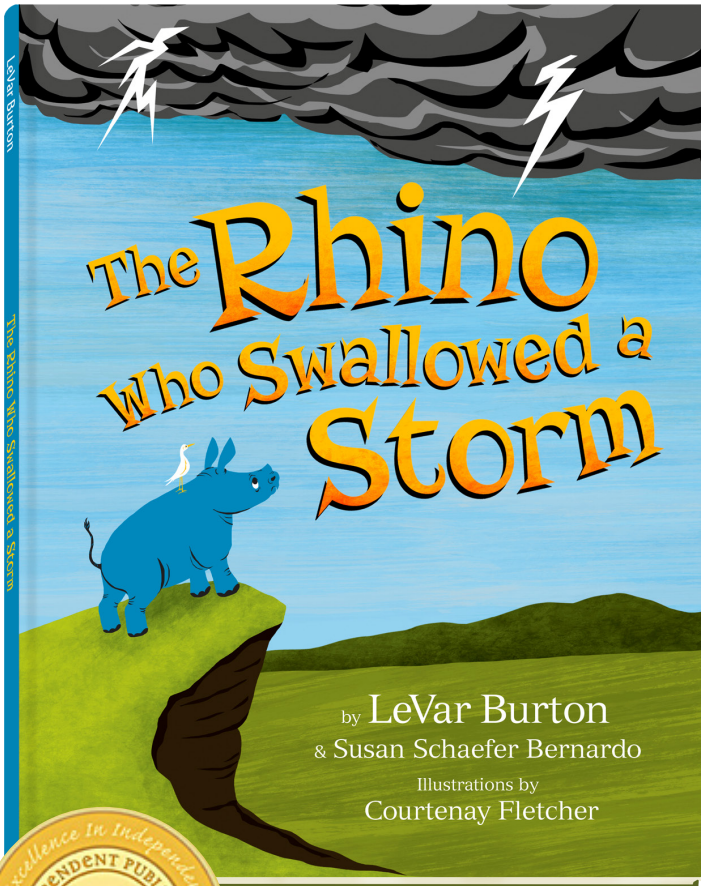
THEMES: Trauma, Healing, Resilience, Emotions, Community, Mindfulness, Love, Social Emotional Learning

32-page, 8.5 x 11

Hardcover ISBN: 978-1951297077

Paperback ISBN: 978-1951297290

Age: 3 and up



IPPY GOLD MEDAL WINNER

RHINO'S JOURNEY



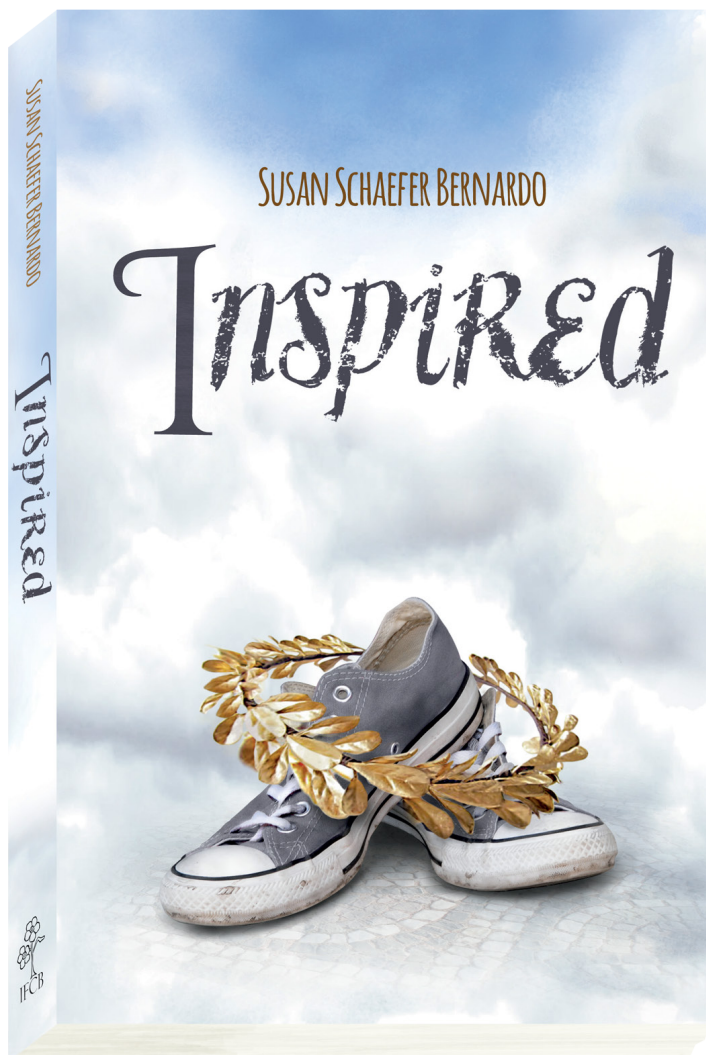
- LeVar presented the book on “Good Morning America” and also read it to children in Israel and a Bedouin camp in Palestine
- First Lady Michelle Obama read the book to military kids at Thayer Elementary School in Missouri
- Astronaut Kate Rubins read Rhino aloud on the International Space Station, as part of the innovative STEM program, Storytime from Space
- The Bidens shared the book with military families at a Joining Forces event at the Vice-President’s residence
- This spring, in order to help families feeling overwhelmed by the pandemic, LeVar read the book several times through special Twitter livestream events - 4 million viewers tuned in!



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INSPIRED: A NOVEL

By Susan Schaefer Bernardo

Middle School Meets Greek Mythology!

As if life weren't complicated enough, teenager Rocket Malone has just learned that her mysterious Aunt Polly is actually Polyhymnia, a Greek Muse who desperately needs her help. Now Rocket needs to juggle middle school and apprentice Muse training, learn how to ride Pegasus and blow glass, battle Zeus and catch a crazed nymph named Echo -- all without losing her best friend or looking like an idiot in front of her crush Ryan. As she strives to inspire others, Rocket learns to trust her own voice and realizes that the most important spark she must ignite is her own -- because the brighter she shines, the more she lights the way for those around her.

THEMES: Teen coming-of-age, Mythology, Creativity, Fantasy, Magical Realism

Paperback, 282 pp

ISBN: 978-0971122833

Age: 11 and up

REVIEWS

"Bernardo's fast-paced novel takes readers through the emotional roller coaster of being a teenager trying to find her identity...Bernardo draws upon classical and contemporary literature and mythology to present the perfect blend of history, fantasy and entertainment."

-Publisher's Weekly Booklife Prize

"Along with the fun, intelligent story about Greek gods, muses, and other mythological figures, Inspired captures the trials and tribulations of discovering oneself while dealing with the challenges of middle school. Rocket does not want her life to change, but she must adapt, learning to share her mom and her best friend while finding new ways to create her own joy. Inspired is delightful, insightful, and charming as it encourages kids to face their obstacles and chase their own passions."

-Foreword Reviews



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