

# PEOPLE WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



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Some of today's biggest stars are famous for much more than what they do on the field, the court, or the big screen. People like Patrick Mahomes, Zendaya, Simone Biles, and Harry Styles make a difference by helping others too. Readers discover their stories in these unique biographies, which present facts about famous names with an inspiring twist. Each volume focuses on the ways these people have worked to make the world a better place by using their talents and platform. This helps young readers believe they can also use their own skills and voice to make a difference.

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- Full-color photographs that appeal to passionate fans
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## SUPPORTING KIDS IN NEED

Simone knows that she has the power to inspire people as an Olympic champion. However, she also knows what it's like to be a kid feeling powerless in the foster care system. Because of this, she's worked hard to help kids find ways to succeed.

Simone has worked with a group called Friends of the Children, which pairs kids with **mentors** who work with them until they're done with school. These kids have faced hard childhoods, like Simone did. Many of them are also in the foster care system.

Simone has raised money to help Friends of the Children continue their work in cities across the country, including Houston.

**In Her Words**

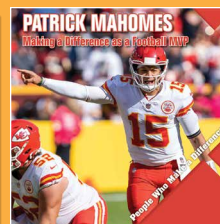
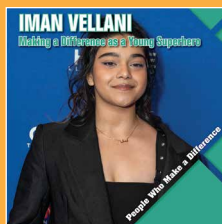
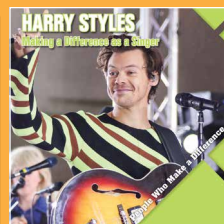
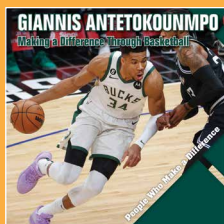
"I've been a foster kid, so foster kids will always have a special piece of my heart."  
 — Interview with People magazine from March 2023

### The Life of Simone Biles

- 1997 Simone Biles is born on March 14 in Columbus, Ohio.
- 2003 Simone and her sister are adopted by their grandfather and his wife, and Simone tries gymnastics for the first time.
- 2013 Simone wins her first USA and World all-around titles.
- 2016 Simone wins four gold medals and one bronze medal at the Rio de Janeiro Olympics and comes out with a book about her life.
- 2017 Simone comes in fourth place on *Dancing with the Stars*.
- 2021 Simone wins one silver and one bronze medal at the Tokyo Olympics but pulls out of most events after struggling with the twists and her mental health.
- 2022 Simone is honored with the Presidential Medal of Freedom.
- 2023 Simone marries football player Jonathan Owens and wins four gold medals and one silver medal at the World Championships, setting the record for most World Championship medals.

Simone Biles has continued competing for much longer than most gymnasts. These are just some of the highlights from her impressive life.

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“In this uplifting biography of musician Lady Gaga, readers aren’t just privy to the basic facts about her life. The book goes beyond her childhood and career highlights to focus on her personal causes and activism, fueled largely by being bullied as a kid, feeling like an outsider, and managing her mental health. Part of the *People Who Make a Difference* series, **this is a worthwhile purchase.**” —BOOKLIST on *LADY GAGA*


### A YOUNG HERO

Spider-Man is a popular superhero. He wasn't born with powers; he was just a kid named Peter Parker who got superpowers and learned how to use them to help people. For many years, kids have loved reading about this character in comic books and watching him in movies. His story **inspires** them to believe young people can do their part to help others.

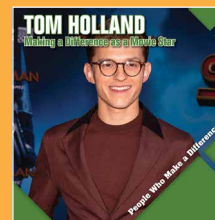
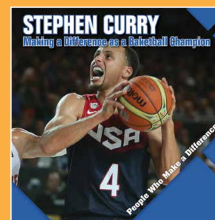
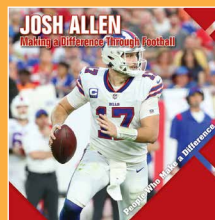
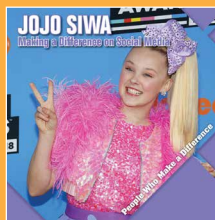
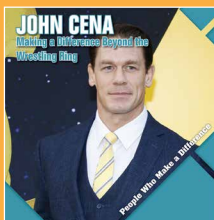
Tom Holland has played Spider-Man in the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU). He inspires kids just like the hero he's brought to life. His story shows that young people can make a difference in the real world too!

In His Words

"I try to uphold this mentally ideal of being a role model to young kids."  
— Interview with *Esquire* magazine from February 2021



Tom Holland knows he's a role model for many kids—he's someone they look up to. Being famous gives him a lot of power. Just like Spider-Man, he knows that he has a responsibility to use his power for good.



# POINTS OF VIEW



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**Key features of each volume:**

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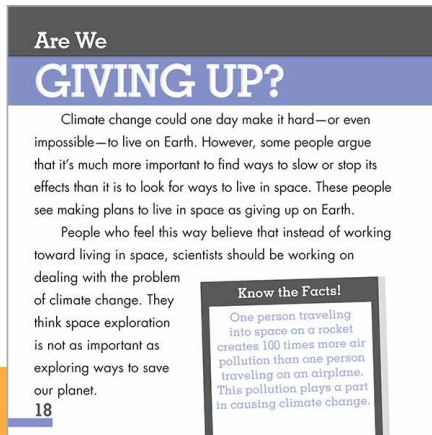
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“Even-handed text...Readers will have to ponder the pros and cons... After all the information has been presented, readers are asked to form their own opinions and weigh in on the debate...**An excellent exercise in critical thinking** and informed decision making.”

—BOOKLIST on *SHOULD SCHOOL LUNCHES BE FREE?*

**Going PRO**

Do you like to play sports? Maybe you dream of being a professional athlete when you grow up! That's a person who makes money playing a sport—it's their job. Some professional athletes are superstars known around the world, and they make a lot of money playing the sport they love.

Some people think professional athletes make too much money. Others disagree and think they should be paid a lot for what they do. You can join the **debate** tool! Read on to learn the facts about professional sports so you can share your own informed, or educated, opinion.

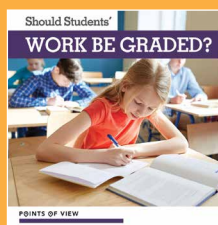
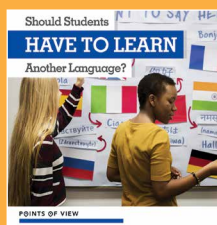
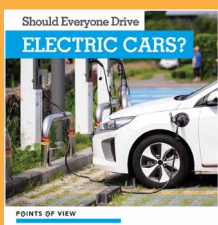
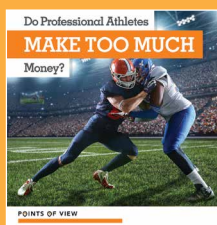
**Know the Facts!**

The professional sports leagues, or groups of teams, in the United States that make the most money are the National Football League (NFL), the National Basketball Association (NBA), Major League Baseball (MLB), and the National Hockey League (NHL). Major League Soccer (MLS) is another important professional, or pro, league.

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# WHAT'S THE ISSUE?

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This series tackles today's hot-button issues to give children a simple yet thorough introduction to the complex issues they hear about in the news, on social media, and from the adults in their life. Augmented with eye-catching graphic organizers and engaging fact boxes, these volumes explore topics such as prison reform, workers' rights, artificial intelligence, and body image. Through the age-appropriate main text, readers learn not only what is happening around them, but also what they can do about it.

**Key features of each volume:**

- A list of age-appropriate actions the reader can take to get more involved with these issues that replaces feelings of helplessness with a sense of agency
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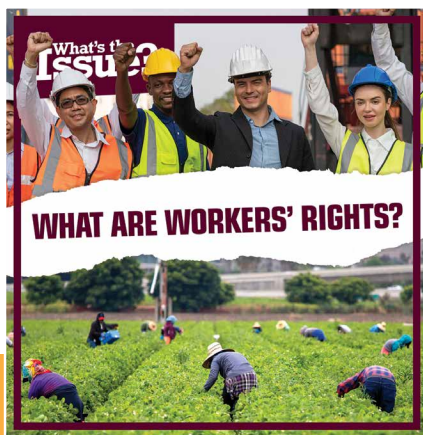
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## Still Fighting

Workers are still fighting to get the rights they deserve. Many strike for better pay. Instead of a minimum wage, workers today want a living wage, or enough money to live on. This amount varies, or changes, from place to place.

Many workers also want better working conditions. These can include more time off, more breaks, better workplace safety, and more respect from their employers. Studies have shown that happier workers do better work, so better working conditions are good for employees, employers, and customers or patients.

**Facing the Facts**

Women and people of color are often paid less than white men, so many workers are also fighting to be paid the same amount as their coworkers for doing the same work.

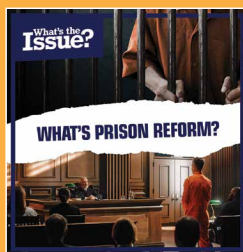
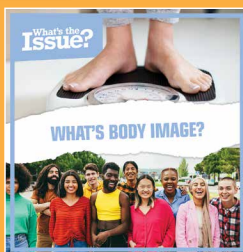
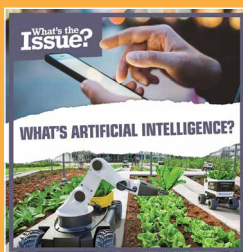
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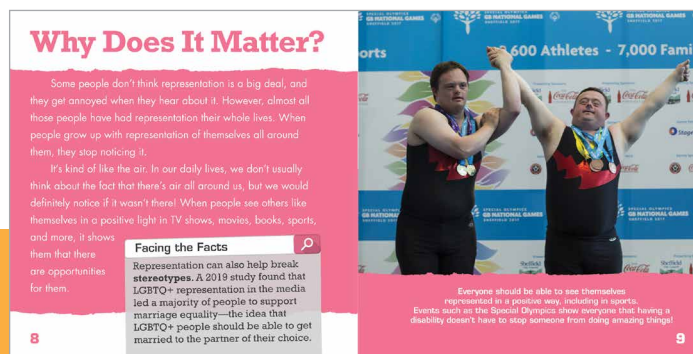
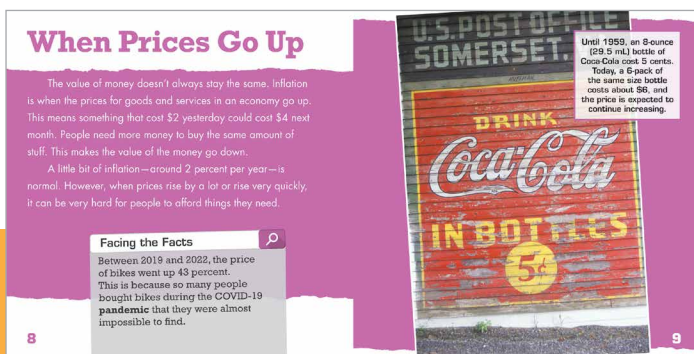
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# MINDFUL MONSTERS



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Little kids often have very big feelings! Anger, anxiety, excitement, and sadness are emotions we all feel, but they can sometimes seem like monsters that take over everything in their path. Readers discover helpful tools to tame these monsters and cope with big feelings in these charming stories. The simple narrative structure and colorful illustrations take essential social and emotional learning concepts such as self-management and relationship skills and frame them in a memorable, engaging way. Each story serves as an empowering tool to help readers better understand and articulate what they're feeling.

**Key features of each volume:**

- Colorful characters that help readers name their feelings
- Stories that present relatable situations and provide useful tips to cope with uncomfortable or strong feelings
- A gentle, friendly tone that reinforces the idea that feelings are supposed to be felt and not hidden, shamed, or feared

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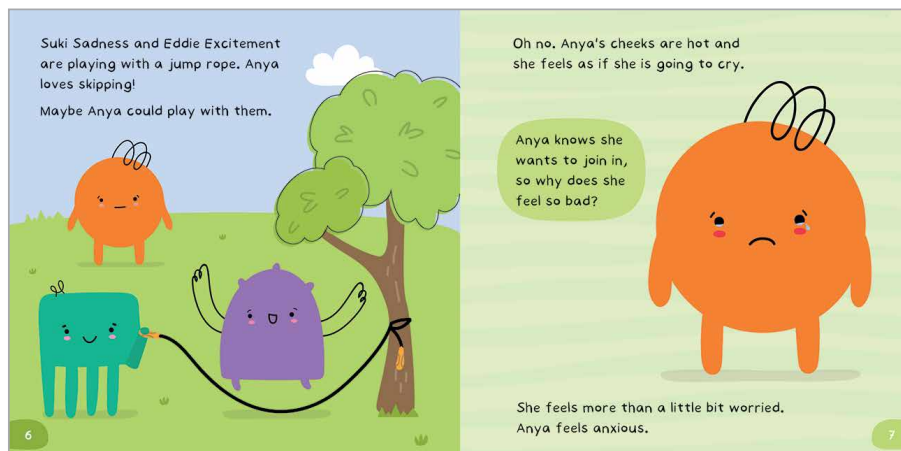
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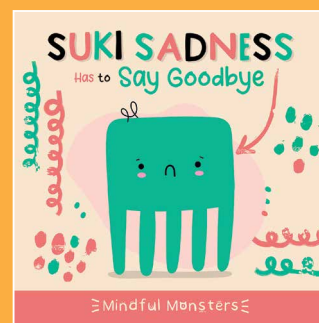
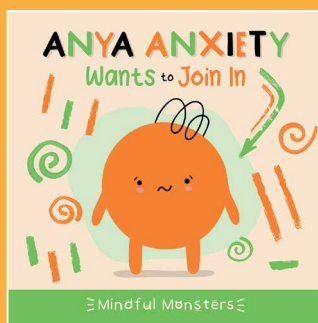
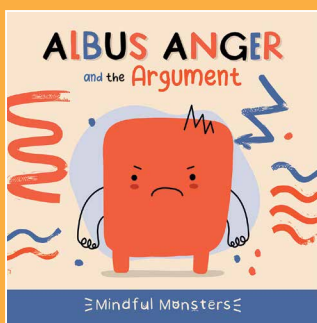
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# HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT...



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You're never too young to make a difference! This is the lesson readers discover as they explore these informative, empowering guides to having a positive impact on the world. Through at-level text that highlights important elements of social and emotional learning, including self-awareness, self-management, and responsible decision-making, readers are presented with applicable, achievable ways to create positive change—both in the world around them and within themselves. Readers are given concrete actions to help them develop a stronger sense of global citizenship, environmental awareness, personal responsibility, and self-confidence.

**Key features of each volume:**

- An eye-catching design that combines photographs and illustrations to create a fun reading experience for young people
- Relatable examples and tips for forming positive habits to build better relationships, strengthen prosocial behaviors, and engage in healthy forms of self-care
- Fact-based text that uses psychology and other branches of science to support the advice presented in the text—for example, readers are shown the science behind how we form routines and habits

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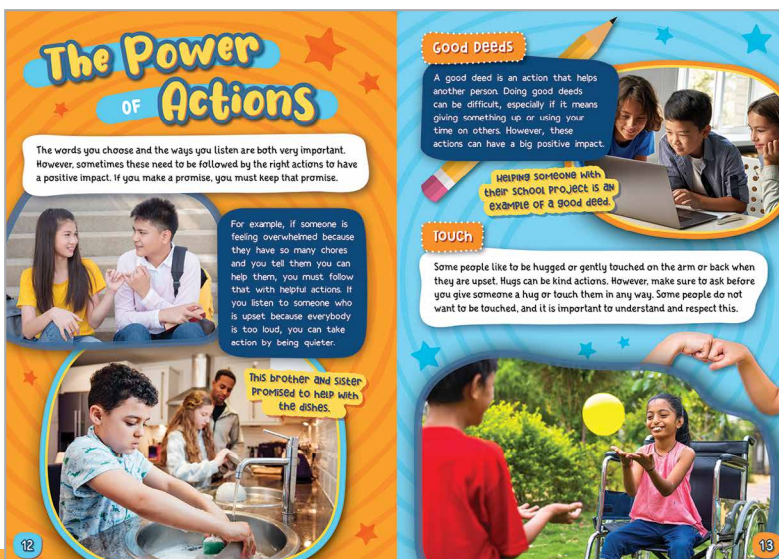
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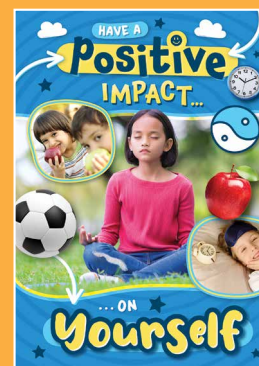
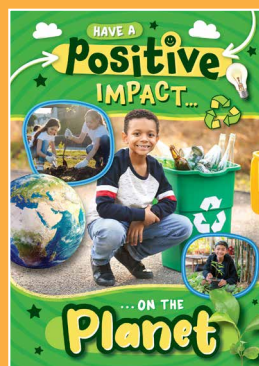
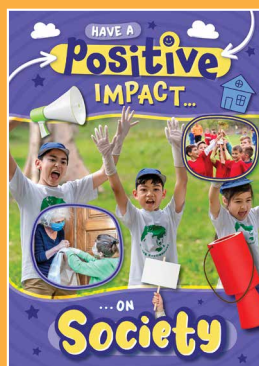
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# MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE



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We are all more than meets the eye, and that is especially true for people who live with ADHD and autism. These differences are not always easily seen, but they affect how an individual goes through life. Learning more about the science behind attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder and autism spectrum disorder, as well as the ways individuals with these disorders are able to live full, successful lives, helps both young people dealing with these disorders themselves and those who want to understand what a family member or friend is going through. These informative volumes, therefore, not only increase knowledge, but also empathy.

**Key features of each volume:**

- A bright, vibrant design that includes full-color photographs, fact boxes, and diagrams to appeal to reluctant readers
- An educational, empowering tone that focuses on facts to help stop the stigma surrounding neurodivergence
- Information that supports health and science curriculum topics

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# TERRIFIC TOYS



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Every toy tells a story. The materials they're made of, the process of creating them, their history, where they come from—the world of toys is anything but simple! Readers enter this world through accessible text that presents fun facts about toys from the past, the present, and different corners of the globe. This high-interest focus keeps readers entertained as they learn how art, history, STEM, and business come together in an area of life they know well. This cross-curricular approach to learning is made even more fun through the inclusion of full-color photographs as part of a vibrant design.

**Key features of each volume:**

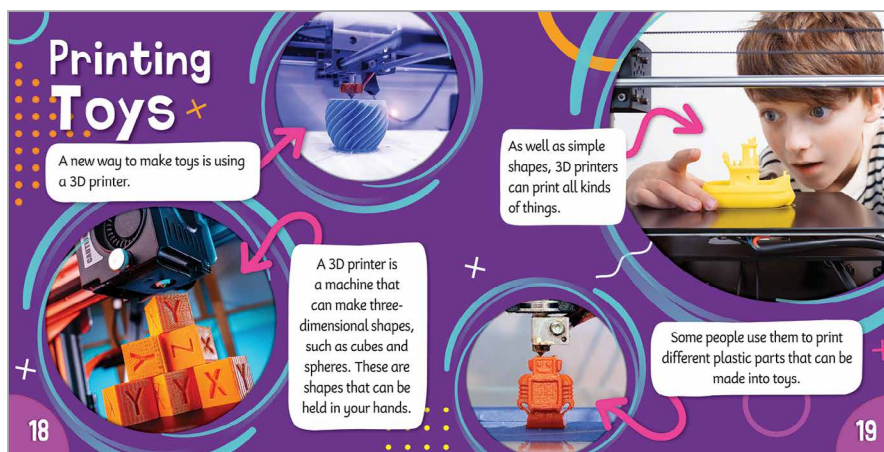
- Playful tone that encourages curiosity
- Many examples of different toys that allow students to practice comparing and contrasting
- An invitation to think critically about the world around us, including why some toys are used in some countries and why toys from the past might differ from toys in the present

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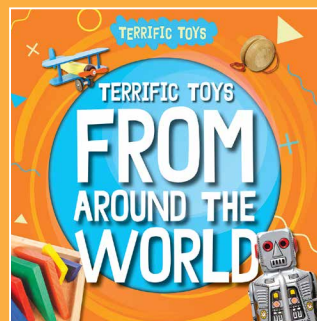
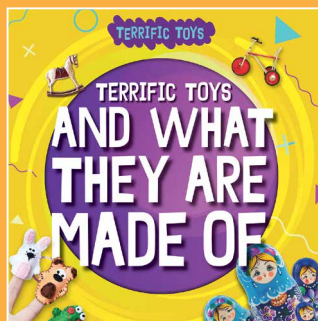
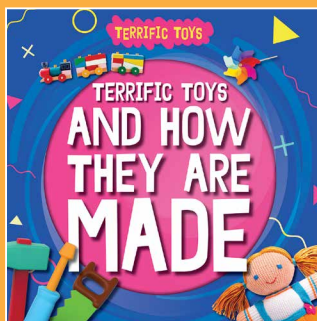
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# ANIMAL HABITATS



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Animal habitats are a common early elementary curriculum topic, but these colorful guides to the desert, Arctic, ocean, and rainforest provide a fresh and fun look at familiar material. A vibrant design combines full-color photographs of amazing natural landscapes, plants, and animals with delightful illustrated elements. In addition, eye-catching fact boxes support the informative main text. This globe-trotting reading experience not only supplements basic life science lessons, but it also encourages a deeper appreciation for biodiversity and a sense of curiosity about the natural world.

**Key features of each volume:**

- At-level text that is broken down into short, simple sentences and presented in manageable sections that are often paired with photographs to help develop independent reading skills and increase comprehension and fluency
- Illustrated characters that guide readers through each habitat
- Facts that reinforce classroom lessons about adaptations, climate, plant life, and biomes

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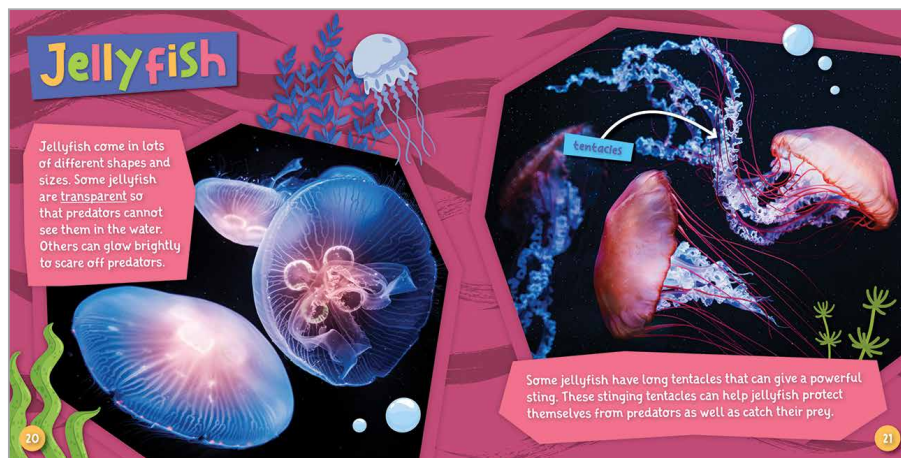
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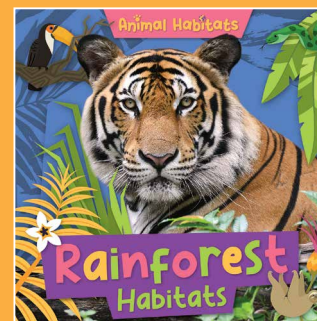
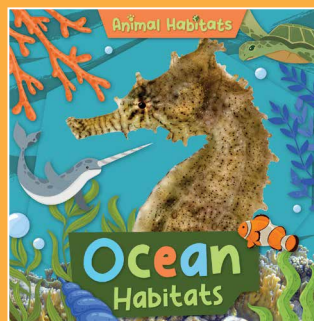
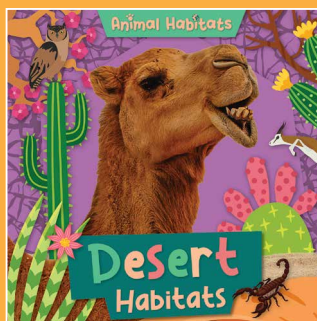
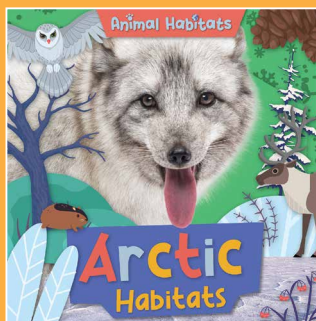
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# EXTREME LIFE CYCLES



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From toads that carry their eggs on their back to fish that are all born males and from wasps that lay eggs in other creatures to bugs that grow underground for years, readers explore some of the most amazing animal life cycles in this fascinating introduction to biology. By presenting life science concepts through the lens of extreme examples, each volume aims to get readers excited to learn and to share what they've learned with others. The at-level text is paired with detailed photographs of cicadas, clown fish, parasitoid wasps, and Surinam toads at different stages of their life cycles.

**Key features of each volume:**

- Colorful images and graphic elements that help readers better understand how to trace and chart life cycles and their unique stages
- Extreme examples and fun tone that create a memorable reading experience to help readers retain important science information
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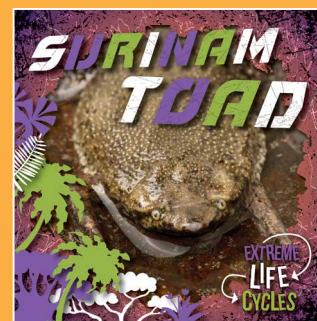
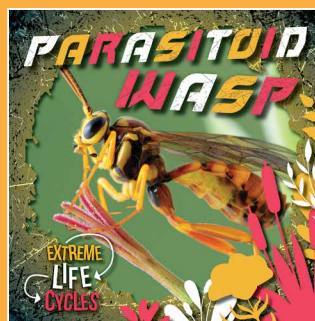
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# THE SCIENCE OF SOUND



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Sounds are all around us. How are those sounds created, and how are we able to hear them? It's science! Readers discover the physics concepts that are connected to how we create, hear, measure, and use sounds. These complex concepts are broken down into their essential elements using at-level language and a glossary of helpful science terms. This allows young readers to develop a stronger understanding of how science is at work in the world around them. By presenting important science curriculum topics in such a focused way, these volumes serve as a creative tool to enhance classroom lessons.

**Key features of each volume:**

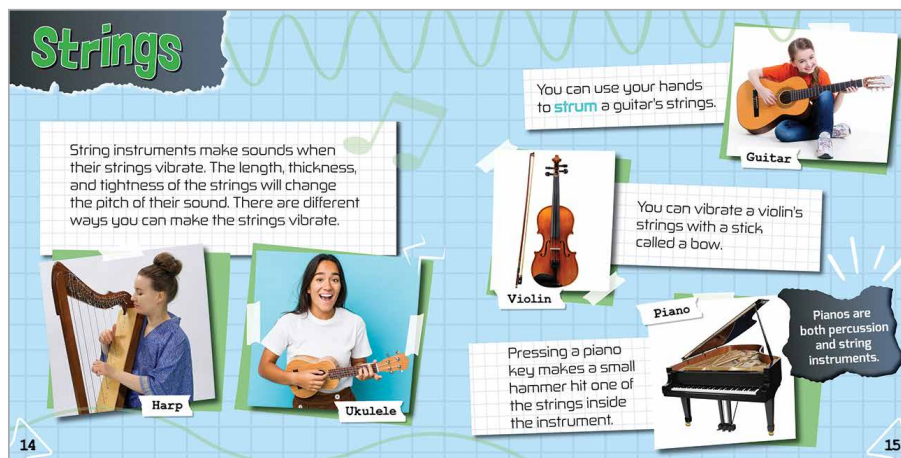
- Diagrams that use simple visuals and clear labels to explain challenging concepts
- Full-color photographs that are presented as part of a colorful, eye-catching design
- Relatable examples that help students develop a sense of curiosity about how physics concepts are applied in the real world

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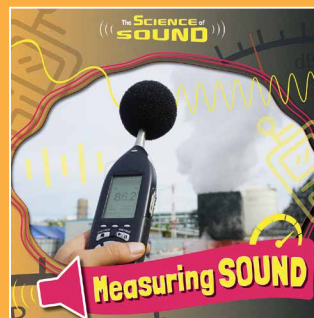
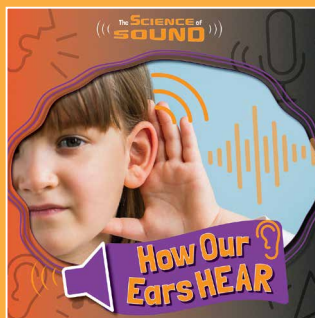
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# WEATHER WATCHERS



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The weather affects our lives every day—from the clothes we wear to more extreme examples like having to evacuate due to a hurricane or stay inside because of a blizzard. Readers explore many different kinds of weather with the help of illustrated weather watchers who narrate these engaging lessons in meteorology. Along the way, readers explore the science behind different kinds of weather, including how storms form, why it gets windy, and why certain parts of Earth are very cold while others are very hot. This inspires them to stay curious and inquisitive about the weather where they live.

**Key features of each volume:**

- An eye-catching design that combines full-color photographs and illustrations
- Diagrams that explain essential concepts in a visual manner to appeal to different kinds of learners
- Recent, real-world examples of different kinds of extreme weather to show readers how science and current events interact

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