

The Purple Balloon

ONE OF THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW'S TEN BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR • MAN BOOKER PRIZE FINALIST • “A gripping historical narrative exploring both the bounds of slavery and what it means to be truly free.” —Vanity Fair

Eleven-year-old George Washington Black—or Wash—a field slave on a Barbados sugar plantation, is initially terrified when he is chosen as the manservant of his master’s brother. To his surprise, however, the eccentric Christopher Wilde turns out to be a naturalist, explorer, inventor, and abolitionist. Soon Wash is initiated into a world where a flying machine can carry a man across the sky, where even a boy born in chains may embrace a life of dignity and meaning, and where two people, separated by an impossible divide, can begin to see each other as human. But when a man is killed and a bounty is placed on Wash’s head, they must abandon everything and flee together. Over the course of their travels, what brings Wash and Christopher together will tear them apart, propelling Wash ever farther across the globe in search of his true self. Spanning the Caribbean to the frozen Far North, London to Morocco, Washington Black is a story of self-invention and betrayal, of love and redemption, and of a world destroyed and made whole again. The rumor mill in a small town begins to turn when a strange boy and his family move to the neighborhood. The balloon boy seems harmless...but what are his intentions? All three issues of *The Boy with a Balloon for a Head* collected in one volume. The sweet, yet incredibly bleak story will stay with you for a long time.

Learn about all the colors of the rainbow with flying, floating, zooming vehicles!

Clowns do it. Your Uncle Charlie did it. Steve Martin got his

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start doing it. And now with these all in- one balloon-arts packages, anybody can make hundreds of fanciful, bendable, twistable, wearable, popable balloon sculptures, to light up the faces of kids from 3 to 103.

Winner of the 2012 Randolph Caldecott Medal This New York Times Bestseller and New York Times Best Illustrated Book relates a story about love and loss as only Chris Rashcka can tell it. Any child who has ever had a beloved toy break will relate to Daisy's anguish when her favorite ball is destroyed by a bigger dog. In the tradition of his nearly wordless picture book *Yo! Yes?*, Caldecott Medalist Chris Raschka explores in pictures the joy and sadness that having a special toy can bring. Raschka's signature swirling, impressionistic illustrations and his affectionate story will particularly appeal to young dog lovers and teachers and parents who have children dealing with the loss of something special.

Where do balloons go when you let them loose? Find out in this whimsical, imaginative tale, winner of the General Mills Spoonful of Stories contest. Molly O'Doon ties a note to her red balloon, lets it loose, and off it goes on a buoyant adventure. Who will answer Molly's letter? Someone in a different state or a faraway country? Or maybe, a new friend much closer than she could ever imagine. *The Lost (and Found) Balloon* is the winner of the 5th annual Cheerios® New Author Contest. Selected from more than 8,000 entries by a team of editors, teachers, librarians, and General Mills staff, *The Lost (and Found) Balloon* will also appear in a bilingual (English/Spanish) mini-paperback edition in 1.5 million specially marked boxes of Cheerios.

Everyone's a New Yorker on Thanksgiving Day, when young and old rise early to see what giant new balloons will fill the skies for Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Who first invented these "upside-down puppets"? Meet Tony Sarg, puppeteer extraordinaire! In brilliant collage illustrations,

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Caldecott Honor artist Melissa Sweet tells the story of the puppeteer Tony Sarg, capturing his genius, his dedication, his zest for play, and his long-lasting gift to America—the inspired helium balloons that would become the trademark of Macy's Parade. Winner of the 2012 Robert F. Sibert Medal and the NCTE Orbis Pictus Award.

The Ordinary Miracle of a Purple Balloon is based on a true story. The author's life was changed forever on the evening she found a purple balloon on her lawn in July. It had traveled 150 miles from New City, New York, over the Hudson River before landing at her home in Woodstock, Connecticut. After having researched the balloon's journey, Patty Langer found that the balloon had originated from a graduation at Clarkstown High School North. So high, so far away. Within each sunrise we experience, the music of our travels can be heard within the harmony of our souls. During the following year, Patty exchanged visits with Dr. Harry Leonardatos, principal of Clarkstown High School North, and learned a great deal about his school. She attended the graduation the following year. This book is the result of Patty's experience. The lesson learned is never to let the smallest of things pass you by or go unnoticed.

When an unobservant zookeeper goes home, all the animals he thinks he has left behind in the zoo follow him. On board pages.

A father teaches his daughter all about bicycle riding, from selecting the right bike to trying again after a fall.

Xanthe remembers a time when she argued with her brother Thomas and, even though she has said sorry, she is worried that God won't forget what she has done. Her mum illustrates how far God moves the things we do wrong away from us by letting go of a purple helium-filled balloon. Xanthe imagines how far it will go, across oceans and continents.

Harold is a curious four-year-old whose imagination - and

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ubiquitous purple crayon - leads him into a world of his own invention. This story is full of twists and surprises as young Harold draws himself some wonderful adventures.

The Magic Balloon provides a valuable opportunity to build childrens' awareness of the impact they can have on others through small acts of kindness during an ordinary day through something as small as a balloon.

Marley's life is as precarious as an overfull water balloon—one false move and everything will burst. Her best friends are pulling away from her, and her parents, newly separated, have decided she should spend the summer with her dad in his new house, with a job she didn't ask for and certainly doesn't want. On the upside is a cute boy who loves dogs as much as Marley does . . . but young love has lots of opportunity for humiliation and misinterpreted signals. Luckily Marley is a girl who trusts her instincts and knows the truth when she sees it, making her an immensely appealing character and her story funny, heartfelt, and emotionally true. With nearly 2 million books in print, this Little Apple series is H-O-T, hot. The SECRET is out -- DROON is the series that kids, parents, and teachers are talking about! There's no place like home! Eric and his friends have finally restored the Rainbow Stairs, but that was the easy part. Now Gethwing is loose in the Upper World, and the Moon Dragon is causing big trouble. Eric, Julie, and Neal have to protect their town, but they're up against mysterious creatures, strangely-behaving parents, and powerful magic. Can the kids stop Gethwing before he destroys the Upper World -- for good? Frank the frog begins an adventure when he finds a red balloon and rides it high into the air while playing with Mikey. The easiest-to-follow and most comprehensive balloon-sculpting treasury available, this amazing book is packed with over 100 unique designs. Gerry Giovinco presents

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step-by-step cartoons and schematics that anyone can use to recreate these sculptures. You can start out small with a one-balloon dog and a princess hat and build up to a monkey in a tree, an intricate motorcycle, and reproductions of classic cartoon characters. Gerry clearly explains and shows the sizes of the bubbles you'll need to make as you build your sculpture from the knot up, and he demonstrates the unique folds and twists that result in finished works of art — and instant smiles. Gerry Giovinco is an acclaimed artist, cartoonist, and entertainer. In his clown persona, Captain Visual, he performs and teaches the craft of balloon sculpting throughout the country. *The Big Book of Balloon Art* is simple enough for kids, and it's great for parents and teachers too. Even seasoned performers will find it a practical and fun-filled way to improve their skills.

Pip is proud of his big red balloon, but when he lets go of it and it floats away out of reach, Posy cheers him up with lots of bubbles.

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A 2019 Schneider Family Award Honor Book! What's Happening to Grandpa meets Up in this tender, sensitive picture book that gently explains the memory loss associated with aging and diseases such as Alzheimer's. James's Grandpa has the best balloons because he has the best memories. He has balloons showing Dad when he was young and Grandma when they were married. Grandpa has balloons about camping and Aunt Nelle's poor cow. Grandpa also has a silver balloon filled with the memory of a fishing trip he and James took together. But when Grandpa's balloons

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begin to float away, James is heartbroken. No matter how hard he runs, James can't catch them. One day, Grandpa lets go of the silver balloon—and he doesn't even notice! Grandpa no longer has balloons of his own. But James has many more than before. It's up to him to share those balloons, one by one.

A charming and imaginative storybook for children about friendship that introduces the characters, Button and Squeaky. On a boring and rainy day, a lonely teddy bear named Button decides to venture into the attic for the very first time. Amazed by all of the toys and fascinating objects he finds, he begins to play with everything he sees. But finally, he stumbles upon a beautiful trunk filled with treasures from faraway places. At the very bottom of the trunk is a curious balloon animal kit that says, "Instant Friend Just Add Love and Air." He soon finds himself making the best friend he's always wanted, Squeaky! Button and Squeaky become the best of friends, and so begins all the future adventures together that are to come! Illustrated by Jim Shore, an industry-leading gift designer whose art is sold worldwide.

Haven't you ever wondered ... Where do balloons go when you let them go free? It can happen by accident. It happened to me. Do they tango with airplanes? Or cha-cha with birds? Can plain balloons read balloons printed with words? When one little boy accidentally lets go of his balloon, his imagination takes him on its journey. Jamie Lee Curtis's gentle and humorous exploration of the joys and perils of a balloon's life is whimsically brought to life by Laura Cornell's illustrations. From the best-selling author-illustrator team of *Today I Feel Silly*

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and Other Moods that Make My Day comes another delightful mystery about letting go. Includes cool reusable stickers and two play areas!

When Moody is in a mood he changes colors! He can feel happy, sad, angry, relaxed, tired, sick, bored, curious, scared, surprised, and in-love! This rhyming book introduces over ten essential facial expressions to help young children identify their emotions and feelings. It's an excellent tool for parents and teachers to talk about the wide range of moods that we all experience in a kid-friendly way. Knowing and understanding their emotions is an important social skill that will help your child when dealing with others, and will make them conscious of how others might feel.

Presents step-by-step instructions about how to twist balloon animals and other shapes, including swords, fish, and dogs.

Balloons are bright and floaty and shiny and perfect. More than anything else in the whole wide world, Isabel wants a balloon. Everyone will get one on Graduation Day—everyone except the porcupines, because Porcupines + Balloons = Trouble But Isabel isn't going to settle for another boring bookmark. She has a plan. . . .

"Owl has a red balloon and Monkey wants it, but Owl does not want to share. So Monkey tries to find something to trade for the balloon"--

More than a century before the Wright brothers' first flight, humans were taking to the skies in hot air balloons. Today, with basic craft skills, you can build and safely launch your own balloons using inexpensive, readily available materials. Author and inventor Clive Catterall provides illustrated, step-by-step instructions for eight different homemade models, as

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well as the science and history behind them. Some, like the Solar Tetroon or the Trash Bag Sausage, are made from plastic bags and tape. Others, like the Khom Loi or the Kongming Lantern, are built using tissue paper and wire. The Hot Air Balloon Book also shows readers ways to heat the interior air that lifts these balloons, from tea candles to hair dryers, kitchen toasters to the sun's warming rays. Always keeping safety in mind, the author includes detailed guidelines on when and where open flames are appropriate and the proper weather conditions to launch these lighter-than-air craft.

Theo is brokenhearted when he accidentally lets go of the string of his party balloon. As he watches it float out of sight, Theo wonders where his balloon might have gone. Luckily, his older brother Zeke knows everything about everything. Zeke explains that it is a little-known fact that all lost balloons end up in Chicago, the Windy City. Then he tells Theo about Frank, who is responsible for collecting all the balloons in the world. Theo is so touched by Frank's story that he decides to send him a message of hope the only way he knows how. A unique story filled with the magic and whimsy of childhood imagination, *Once Upon a Balloon* will delight young readers and reawaken the child in all of us.

Discover and recognize shapes in *Big Round Red Balloon*, with exciting peep-through pages.

Siblings Ilse and Wolf hide a deep secret in their blood: with it, they can work magic. And the government just found out. Blackmailed into service during World War II, Ilse lends her magic to America's newest weapon, the atom bomb, while Wolf goes behind enemy lines to sabotage Germany's nuclear program. It's a dangerous mission, but if Hitler were to create the bomb first, the results would be catastrophic. When Wolf's plane is shot down, his entire mission is thrown into jeopardy. Wolf needs Ilse's help to develop the magic

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that will keep him alive, but with a spy afoot in Ilse's laboratory, the letters she sends to Wolf begin to look treasonous. Can Ilse prove her loyalty—and find a way to help her brother—before their time runs out?

When sixteen-year-old Ellie Baum accidentally time-travels via red balloon to 1988 East Berlin, she's caught up in a conspiracy of history and magic. She meets members of an underground guild in East Berlin who use balloons and magic to help people escape over the Wall—but even to the balloon makers, Ellie's time travel is a mystery. When it becomes clear that someone is using dark magic to change history, Ellie must risk everything—including her only way home—to stop the process.

A young boy finds a red balloon with a mind of its own floating across the skies of Paris.

The World Needs Who You Were Made to Be, the second children's book by New York Times bestselling author Joanna Gaines, illustrated by Julianna Swaney, celebrates how creativity and acceptance can come together to make for a bright and beautiful adventure. The book follows a group of children as they each build their very own hot-air balloons. As the kids work together, leaning into their own skills and processes, to fill the sky with beautiful colors, we discover that the same is true for life--it's more beautiful and vibrant when our differences are celebrated. Together with Joanna, you and your kids will take a journey of growth and imagination as you learn in full color that: We should celebrate every child's one-of-a-kind strengths as well as teamwork and acceptance of differences Everything can be

made more beautiful when we share our talents and abilities We should lend a helping hand and do our best to take care of one another The World Needs Who You Were Made to Be is a vibrant picture book perfect for: Ages 4-8 Parents, libraries, classroom story times, and discussions about diversity and being a good human being Households that enjoy watching Chip and Joanna on Magnolia Network and HGTV's Fixer Upper With plenty of pink, a bounty of blue, orange and green and yellow too, this vibrant hot-air balloon adventure celebrates every child and teaches kids that we are in this together. "You're one of a kind, and it's so clear to see: The world needs who you were made to be."

When a child becomes aware of his pending death (children tend to know long before the rest of us even want to consider it), and is given the opportunity to draw his feelings, he will often draw a blue or purple balloon, released and unencumbered, on its way upward. Health-care professionals have discovered that this is true, regardless of a child's cultural or religious background and researchers believe that this is symbolic of the child's innate knowledge that a part of them will live forever. . . . In disarmingly simple and direct language, accompanied by evocative potato print illustrations, Raschka in conjunction with Children's Hospice International (CHI), creates a moving, sensitive book that is also a phenomenally useful tool to talk about

death. The message of the book is clear: talking about dying is hard, dying is harder, but there are many people in your life who can help. Children's Hospice International (CHI), a nonprofit organization founded in 1983, is paving the way for the establishment of children's hospice and related services worldwide.

The Purple Balloon is a wordless, picture book about one girl's imagination. The child takes a purple balloon to adventures beyond the confines of her bedroom. Each image is paired with a blank, lined page for the reader to personalize the story.

Rhyming text and illustrations outline the process by which latex is extracted from trees to make balloons. As captured in the drawings of purple and blue balloons, an inspiring book deals with children who are coping with fatal illnesses and their own mortality through direct and sensitive language.

After discovering the Notebook of Doom, Alexander Bopp faces off against spooky balloon goons.

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Go on a magical adventure in this fun and playful story by Margaret Wise Brown, best-selling author of the children's classics Goodnight Moon and The Runaway Bunny. Travel on a magical adventure with a little dog in The Noon Balloon, from best-selling children's book author, Margaret Wise Brown.

Beautifully illustrated, this lyrical text will be a

soothing bedtime favorite.

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