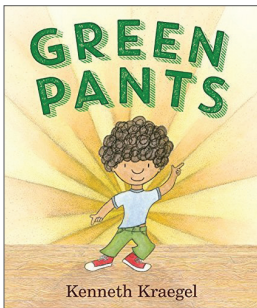


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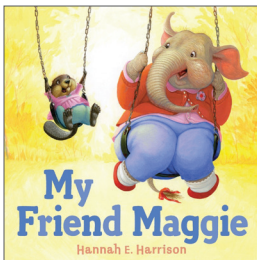


GREEN PANTS

by Kenneth Kraegel

For kids who march to their own drummer — or are especially attached to a comfort object — here is a completely adorable character who wears his singularity in style.

Jameson only ever wears green pants. When he wears green pants, he can do *anything*. But if he wants to be in his cousin's wedding, he's going to have to wear a tuxedo, and that means *black* pants. It's an impossible decision: Jameson would love nothing more than to be in his cousin's wedding, but how can he not wear green pants? Will Jameson turn down this big honor, or will he find a way to make everyone happy, including himself? In this pitch-perfect ode to individualism, acclaimed author-illustrator Kenneth Kraegel creates a character readers of all ages can root for — whatever color pants they wear.

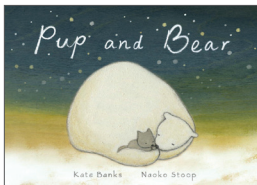


MY FRIEND MAGGIE

by Hannah E. Harrison

A sweet and heart-tugging story about bullying, friendship, and fitting in, perfect for readers of *Stand Tall*, *Molly Lou Melon*.

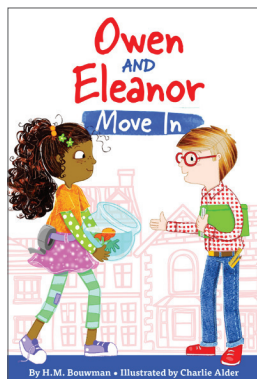
Paula and Maggie have been friends forever. Paula thinks Maggie is the best—until mean girl Veronica says otherwise. Suddenly, Paula starts to notice that Maggie is big and clumsy, and her clothes are sort of snuggish. Rather than sticking up for Maggie, Paula ignores her old friend and plays with Veronica instead. Luckily, when Veronica turns on Paula, Maggie's true colors shine through.



PUP AND BEAR

by Kate Banks, illustrated by Naoko Stoop

During the ice melt that follows an Arctic winter, a wolf cub finds himself spinning out to sea on a sheet of ice. He awakes lost and alone to an unfamiliar smell: a polar bear. And while the polar bear is not the wolf's mother, she takes him on her back to her den, where she feeds him, keeps him warm, and does everything a mother would do. Time passes, the cub grows into a wolf, and soon it's time for him to venture out into the wide world alone. Years later, the now grown wolf comes upon a tiny lost polar bear cub—and the cycle begins again. With poetic prose this beautiful picture book about the love and kindness of a stranger is sure to touch a deep chord, particularly with parents and children who have found each other in unexpected ways.



OWEN AND ELEANOR MOVE IN

by H.M. Bouwman

When eight-year-old Eleanor moves into the bottom half of a duplex with her family, she is not happy. Her old home was way better. In her old home, she even had her own bedroom. Not any more—now she has to share with her big sister. The situation needs to change, and she knows just how to fix it. She's going to move back—to her real home.

Eleanor's seven-year-old neighbor Owen is excited to meet her—finally, someone to play with who isn't his little brother! He teaches her how to fence and write in code, and she helps him build mechanical gadgets and thinks his homeschooling is cool. But when Eleanor asks Owen to help her run away, he's not sure what to do.