

Joe And Sparky Get New Wheels: Candlewick Sparks

It's cold outside and time for bugs to hunker down for the winter, but Ant isn't ready to withdraw or be all by herself for months on end without her best friend, Honey Bee, so she braves the cold for one last surprise visit before the snow flies.

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The fairy family gets ready for bed in a book that introduces young readers to counting. On board pages.

Kids will gobble up this hilarious second adventure starring Frank and Bean, who prove that, win or lose, true friends can make any competition go down easy. Frank likes peace and quiet. He likes his tea, his book, and his yoga mat. He is just settling in to enjoy them, when . . . honk! honk! honk! Here comes Bean with his new food truck! It is fun on wheels! It's a rolling party! Bean is going to Food Truck Friday to sell his donuts. Bean's donuts have zip. They have zing. They are sure to win the competition! Frank has something to sell, too. He has oatmeal. Oatmeal is boring. It needs zip. It needs zing. What if Bean's donuts could help Frank's oatmeal? What if donuts and oatmeal could work together, just like friends? Dry wit meets stylish, comical artwork as introspective Frank and gregarious Bean return in a tale for anyone who likes food, unlikely friendships, and laugh-out-loud funny adventures.

A Book About Sharing

They Call Me Sparky

Sparky and Me

Male Gaze

Joe Morgan: A Life in Baseball

A brave mouse, a covetous rat, a wishful serving girl, and a princess named Pea come together in Kate DiCamillo's Newbery Medal–winning tale. Welcome to the story of Despereaux Tilling, a mouse who is in love with music, stories, and a princess named Pea. It is also the story of a rat called Roscuro, who lives in the darkness and covets a world filled with light. And it is the story of Miggery Sow, a slow-witted serving girl who harbors a simple, impossible wish. These three characters are about to embark on a journey that will lead them down into a horrible dungeon, up into a glittering castle, and, ultimately, into each other's lives. What happens then? As Kate DiCamillo would say: Reader, it is your destiny to find out. With black-and-white illustrations and a refreshed cover by Timothy Basil Ering.

When the coolest girl in the class invites you to her exclusive after-school club, how can you say no? Even if it means skipping out on Songwriting Club? Even if she's always been too popular to give you the time of day? Even if she asks you to paint the walls and serve the tea...? Soon Lucy McGee realizes she's been tricked into becoming mean girl Scarlett Tandy's errand girl—and she's getting in trouble for skipping her after-school activities. Things get complicated as she tries to balance school, friends, frenemies, songwriting, and family expectations. Clearly Lucy has to strike back! But it turns out that singing and playing your ukulele—and having loads of fun doing it—are the best revenge. In this new series from state-award favorite Mary Amato, a spunky heroine matches wits with a mean girl and learns that middle can be a balancing act—so you can't lose sight of what's important. Features 3 of Lucy's songs, and a sneak peek of Book Two, Sing With Me, Lucy McGee!

"Turtle Sparky enjoys the safety of his shell while giraffe Joe is up for any adventure. . . . Utterly charming." — Kirkus Reviews (starred review) Sparky is a turtle who likes to stay inside his shell. Joe is a giraffe who likes to stretch his neck and see the world. When a car appears one day at the famous cageless zoo where they live, the two set off on the ride of their lives, with Joe behind the wheel and Sparky hanging on for dear life. From the shopping mall to the car wash to the take-out burger joint, Joe and Sparky cause mayhem everywhere they go. Young readers will love sharing the road with this unlikely pair in a string of adventures that are by turns innocent, charming, and laugh-out-loud funny.

'Wonderful entertainment' - The Times'Larger-than-life fun' - Daily Mail'I killed Joe once, in a manner of speaking. But not twice. Not in the way you mean.' Llew Jones wanted to see the States and write about the experience. Then he met Joe Bosco, a butterfly salesman as charismatic as he is infuriating, and they were soon hurtling across 1980s America together, caught up in an adventure that got way, way out of control. Now Llew is in jail, his friend is gone, and he has to give his side of the story if he's ever going to get free . . .Part existential road trip, part neo-gothic thriller, part morality tale, The Killing of Butterfly Joe by Rhidian Brook is a dazzling and propulsive novel full of characters you'll never forget. An epic story of friendship, desire, and participating in the Great American Dream - 'the one that leads from rags to riches via pitches' - whatever the consequences.

Judy Moody and the Poop Picnic

The Electric Chair and the History of the Death Penalty

The Great Eight

Old Sparky

The Killing of Butterfly Joe

A second wry and warmhearted chapter book featuring the endearing siblings recounts four adventures that Annie has with her big brother, Simon, and their dog, Hazel, as they collect horse chestnuts, visit a lake to observe and sketch wildlife, muse about the nature of dogs and cats, and deal with Simon's sneeze.

A shocking exploration of America's preferred method of capital punishment. In early 2013, Robert Gleason became the latest victim of the electric chair, a peculiarly American execution method. Shouting Póg mo thóin ("Kiss my ass" in Gaelic), he grinned as electricity shot through his system. When the current was switched off, his body slumped against the leather restraints, and Gleason, who had strangled two fellow inmates to ensure his execution was not postponed, was dead. The execution had gone flawlessly—not a guaranteed result with the electric chair, which has gone horrifically wrong on many occasions. Old Sparky covers the history of capital punishment in America and the "current wars" between Edison and Westinghouse that led to the development of the electric chair. It examines how the electric chair became the most popular method of execution in America before being superseded by lethal injection. Famous executions are explored, alongside quirky last meals and poignant last words. The death penalty remains a hot topic of debate in America, and Old Sparky does not shy away from that controversy. Executions have gone spectacularly wrong, with convicts being set alight or needing up to five jolts of electricity before dying. There have been terrible miscarriages of justice, and the death penalty has not been applied even-handedly. Historically, African Americans, the mentally challenged, and poor defendants have been likely to get the chair,

an anomaly which led the Supreme Court to briefly suspend the death penalty. Since the resumption of capital punishment in 1976, Texas alone has executed more than five hundred prisoners, and death row is full. Skyhorse Publishing, as well as our Arcade imprint, are proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in history--books about World War II, the Third Reich, Hitler and his henchmen, the JFK assassination, conspiracies, the American Civil War, the American Revolution, gladiators, Vikings, ancient Rome, medieval times, the old West, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

In a clever take on the "night at the museum" theme, a little mouse with a genius for collecting leads picture book readers--and seek-and-find aficionados--on a thrilling nocturnal adventure. Dakota Crumb: Tiny Treasure Hunter is both a rollicking story with a dash of danger and, in its final eye-popping spreads, a seek-and-find challenge. As the clock in the great museum tick-toocks pas midnight, a little mouse with a sack and a treasure map scurries past the guards. Plucky and intrepid Dakota Crumb scours the museum for artifacts, including the rare purple jewel of Cairo (a gumdrop stashed in an exhibit). By day, the little mouse shares her carefully curated finds with fellow tiny creatures that flock to Miss Crumb's tiny Mousehole Museum. A feast for sharp-eyed readers--who'll delight in circling back after the story to pore over the illustrations in search of treasure--this gently suspenseful tale, splashed with soft, dusky hues, evokes a world of wonders after dark.

The fabulous fox sisters return in three funny stories perfect for beginning readers. Whether Zelda and Ivy are combating the injustice of cucumber sandwiches for lunch, deciding what to leave the children of the future in their time capsule, or solving Zelda's writer's block, they are sure to tickle the funny bones of both new and returning fans.

Joe and Sparky, Superstars!

Monkey and Elephant

Zelda and Ivy: The Runaways

Annie and Simon

Ling & Ting

Chicken Soup for the Soul Babies imparts good values through heartwarming and humorous stories to help little ones put their best foot forward. All the animals at the playground like to share--just like the characters in their favorite book. All except Cat, that is. Why won't Cat share the seesaw? Maybe he can be convinced to give it a try? Maybe sharing can be even MORE fun than being top dog--er, cat? Sweet and silly, Chicken Soup for the Soul Babies makes lessons easy and fun for the littlest readers.

"A humorous, high-interest package . . . a hit." — The Horn Book (starred review) The endearing and mismatched pals Sparky the turtle and Joe the giraffe accidentally latch on to a big yellow bus and leave the zoo for their first trip to school. There's a lot to learn, and the goal of the day seems to be to get a star. But just when Joe fears that he may have to go home starless, Sparky reminds him of all the ways that his loyal friend already shines.

Ling and Ting are twins. They have the same brown eyes. They have the same pink cheeks. They have the same happy smiles. Ling and Ting are two adorable identical twins, and they stick together, whether they are making dumplings, getting their hair cut, or practicing magic tricks. But looks are deceiving--people can be very different, even if they look exactly the same.

Squirrel is determined to have a very fun day with each of his animal friends.

Joe, You Coulda Made Us Proud

Joe and Sparky, Party Animals!

Sunny Day: A Celebration of the Sesame Street Theme Song

The Tale of Despereaux

The adventures of two friends, a porcupine and a chipmunk, are related in illustrations and simple text.

When Joe the giraffe and his friend Sparky, a turtle, see a television talent show, Joe tries to find Sparky's talent so that they can compete.

The endearingly mismatched duo has their hands full when a party for a friend goes comically awry. One day Joe, an exuberant giraffe, hears a commotion coming from another part of the famous cageless zoo he calls home. Joined by his small, green, slightly more serious turtle friend, Sparky, Joe discovers the source of the hullabaloo: a group of children -- or noisy short people, as Joe and Sparky call them -- having a party. Inspired, Joe decides to throw a party for his pet worm, Wiggy. There's just one problem: Sparky is not entirely sure if Wiggy even exists! What will happen when every animal in the zoo shows up to Wiggy's party with presents and cake? Worm or no worm, this silly, satisfying tale is sure to leave new readers smiling.

The 1975 Cincinnati Reds, also known as the "Big Red Machine," are not just one of the most memorable teams in baseball history—they are unforgettable. While the Reds dominated the National League from 1972 to 1976, it was the '75 team that surpassed them all, winning 108 games and beating the Boston Red Sox in a thrilling 7-game World Series. Led by Hall of Fame manager Sparky Anderson, the team's roster included other legends such as Johnny Bench, Pete Rose, Joe Morgan, Tony Pérez, Ken Griffey Sr., and Dave Concepción. The 1975 Reds were notably disciplined and clean-cut, which distinguished them from the increasingly individualistic players of the day. The Great Eight commemorates the people and events surrounding this outstanding baseball team with essays on team management and key aspects and highlights of the season, including Pete Rose's famous position change. This volume gives Reds fans complete biographies of all the team's players, relives the enthralling 1975 season, and celebrates a team that is consistently ranked as one of the best teams in baseball history.

News from Me, Lucy McGee

Frank and Bean: Food Truck Fiasco

My Friendship with Sparky Anderson and the Lessons He Shared About Baseball and Life

Joe and Sparky Go to School

Ant and Honey Bee

Squirrel's well-meaning attempts to help his forest friends do not always turn out as planned.

Superstar illustrators celebrate the iconic Sesame Street theme song with stunning original art in this one-of-a-kind picture book! To celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Sesame Street, beloved picture-book artists have each created an artwork interpreting a different line from "Sunny Day," the iconic Sesame Street theme song. The range of their pieces demonstrates that Sesame Street can truly be found anywhere. The award-winning and bestselling roster of illustrators includes Christian Robinson, Tom Lichtenheld, Vanessa Brantley-Newton, Leo Espinosa, and Dan Santat, among others. The result is a stunning tribute to Sesame Street and to the generations of children who have loved the show. Anyone who opens this beautiful book will be inspired to imagine their own perfect sunny day. For half a century, Sesame Street has helped kids grow smarter, stronger, and kinder through its messages about inclusiveness, kindness, and, of course, literacy and numeracy.

Looking forward to spending a seaside vacation with her family and sharing an adventure on the open sea as a fierce pirate dog, Poppy the Dalmatian loses her courage in the face of numerous bobbing boats, splashing waves and scary sea creatures.

Damned from Memory, a confidential expose by an ex -narcotics agent traces the links from drug transit zones to the streets of the east coast, with straight lines to the White House, State Department, and the CIA following the truth; however inconvenient it is for a Washington heavyweight photographed at a fundraiser where illegal contributions were amassed from persons with ties to drug trafficking. The revealing, action-laced book shows how drug profits fuel election campaigns on both sides of the U.S. - Dominican Republic border. It's the kind of true story that Hollywood brought to the screen in the real-life of "Serpico," but on an international stage, revealing current administration ties to narco-traffickers. Despite being warned to "take it on the chin" by the Attorney General, and supporting statements by Senator Patrick Leahy (D-Ver.) on the floor in Congress, my testimony at the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence created a thunderstorm. Supporters like Gary Webb of the San Jose Mercury News, and Joe Occhipinti of the National Police Defense Foundation respond; however my reputation and career were destroyed as various agencies, under apparent direction from the CIA, pulled every trick in their effort to punish me. A trusted informant was firebombed. The most audacious was that my police K-9 repelled an intruder, leaving a bloody trail on my kitchen floor after the 'black bagger' broke in searching through my files and attempted to plant a bug. I was forced to file a retaliatory lawsuit. I was censored by the Congreso Nacional de la República Dominicana. Parts of this shocking story were published in various major national magazines, and on the web, but now this suppressed story has come to life in my book - all backed by documentary evidence including web sites, court documents, news clippings, etc.

Monkey and Elephant and the Babysitting Adventure

Squirrel's Fun Day

Damned from Memory

Not Exactly the Same!

Joe and Sparky Get New Wheels

When Doug the Slug accidentally eats all of Sparky's flavor-blasted pizza chips, Doug lies to cover it up, and the hilarious search for the chip thief begins! But when Doug admits the truth, he must apologize to Sparky. Come along as the friends learn that friendship is about forgiveness and trust, along with a good dose of shared laughter. Even when Slugs & Bugs music isn't playing, old and new friends of the fun brand can now enjoy its witty world and biblical wisdom in books too! Using few words but lots of visual storytelling, Are We Still Friends? gets readers laughing while learning a lesson from Ephesians 4:32: "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Also available: Who Will Play with Me?

Everything you ever wanted to know about drawing ponies is brought to life by a sparky pony character called Smoky Joe, and his friends, Trevor and Rosie (all based on real ponies). Jennifer Bell's wonderful illustrations and advice on technique cover just about every form of drawing, from sketching from life, through to portraits, fantasy, and cartoons. She describes how to get the best results with pencils, felt tips, crayons, pen and ink, and pastels, and introduces the basics of anatomy, perspective, and proportion—all simplified and made fun for the younger audience.

The ingenious author of 17 Things I'm Not Allowed to Do Anymore and a brilliant illustrator and production designer of the Coraline movie have created a hilarious, touching picture book perfect for young animal lovers. Like the Caldecott Medal-winning Officer Buckle and Gloria, Sparky stars a pet who has more to offer than meets the eye. When our narrator orders a sloth through the mail, the creature that arrives isn't good at tricks or hide-and-seek . . . or much of anything. Still, there's something about Sparky that is irresistible. Winner of the Charlotte Zolotow Award

Judy Moody is determined to make this the best summer ever by developing the thrill points race, in which she and her friends accumulate thrill points throughout the season by doing daring things.

The Sneeze and Other Stories

The Lean Builder: A Builder's Guide to Applying Lean Tools in the Field

The 1975 Cincinnati Reds

Fairy Goodnight Kisses

Poppy the Pirate Dog

Sam Brooks, a young superintendent with ProCon Builders, has been given responsibility for the largest and most complicated project of his career. He struggles with all of the common difficulties in construction -- lack of communication, coordination issues, and other kinds of wasteful occurrences that rob his project of time and money, while leaving him and his team frustrated and overworked. Luckily, his friend, mentor, and co-worker, Alan Phillips, brings the benefit of his experience and his knowledge of Lean Construction tools and processes to help Sam learn valuable skills for improving the operation of his project. Together, Sam and Alan discuss the merits and explore the practical applications of: Daily Huddles Visual Communication The "Eight Wastes" Managing Constraints Pull Planning The Last Planner System(TM) Percent Plan Complete

In the tradition of Tuesdays With Morrie, Dan Ewald pens a memoir of his friendship with legendary Tigers manager Sparky Anderson, the man who taught him not only the nuances of baseball, but the importance of life's unwritten rules. Few sports figures, regardless of their position, have generated as much good will as Sparky Anderson, the legendary manager for the Cincinnati Reds and the Detroit Tigers. Sparky met author Dan Ewald, in 1979, and thus was born a lifelong friendship not likely ever to be seen again in baseball. Along the way, Dan never took for granted the front row seat he had to watch one of history's most memorable managers' absolute mastery of baseball's nuances and intricacies. But the most important things Sparky taught Dan were the "unwritten rules" of life, which he practiced meticulously. To Sparky, a real professional was as great away from the diamond as he was on it. His goal was for his players to be the best husbands, fathers, and community leaders they could be—he believed that was the mark of a winner, not the box score. Sparky had a gift for taking something as inane as the infield fly rule and turning it into a lecture on how to lead a more meaningful life. In 2010, the old friends had planned a get-together before the end of the year. But Sparky's health was taking a turn for the worse, so Dan arranged a three-day visit as quickly as he could. During their last days together, the friends recalled the memories of a lifetime as each prepared silently for their final good-bye. When that weekend came to a close, Dan had grown to appreciate Sparky more than he ever thought he could. In this heartfelt memoir, Dan imparts to readers his best friend's spirit through his unforgettable life lessons and stories only the two of them shared. "Like a wizard, Sparky Anderson was white-haired and wise, and sitting with him was like visiting with an oracle. Dan Ewald, who spent more time with Sparky than any of us, beautifully captures the magic of Sparky's wit, humor, and humanity in these pages. All baseball fans should read it." -- Mitch Albom, New York Times bestselling author of Tuesdays with Morrie and Have a Little Faith "No one understood Sparky better than Dan Ewald. Managing people in a scope far broader than a pennant race is a rare quality, and Sparky understood people, their insecurities, their motivations. This is a great read, a great understanding of the humanity of playing baseball." –Peter Gammons, MLB Network "For decades, it seemed like everyone in baseball knew Sparky Anderson, and almost all of us considered him a friend. But few knew him as Dan Ewald did. Here, Dan provides a unique look at an endearing man who led a significant life both in and out of the game." –Bob Costas

David Parker's new start in LA isn't going entirely as he had hoped. London feels a million miles away, and even his loving marriage is beginning to look shaky. Drawn, through an alcoholic haze, into the orbit of Astrid and her friends, he spends a night on Malibu Beach that shocks him to the core. With the stakes suddenly raised, David must get his bearings: in love, in the city, and in a new century that seems to be imploding. Funny, deadly, and bristling with energy, this is the story of a man who loses life as he knows it – and sets out to find it again. 'Very funny, sparky and stylish. You won't be putting this book down' Independent on Sunday 'A unique, persuasive voice. His is a name to watch' Time Out 'Scorching. Dark and sad, but equally smart and funny' Elle

Otto the robot builds a spaceship to take him home.

Sparky

The Dastardly Book for Dogs

Judy Moody and the Thrill Points Race

Chicken Soup for the Soul BABIES: Everyone Shares (Except Cat)

Are We Still Friends?

When they see a car sitting unoccupied at the cageless zoo where they live, adventurous Joe the giraffe convinces shy Sparky the turtle to go for a ride and soon the two are tearing up the town--visiting a burger joint, going through a car wash, and having the wildest time of the lives!

When her best friends and her parents are going away for the summer, Judy worries that it will be the worst summer ever spent with little brother Stink and Aunt Opal.

When Monkey and Elephant volunteer to babysit three monkey babies for the afternoon, the two friends don't quite know what to expect from this new experience.

The outspoken major league manager discusses his abrupt dismissal from the Cincinnati Reds in the 1970s, the managers he admires and the players he respects, and his absence from the early 1989 season

A Pair of Friends in Winter

Top Tips, Techniques and Pony Stuff - Straight from the Horse's Mouth!

Dakota Crumb: Tiny Treasure Hunter

Squirrel's World

Sparky!

Traces the life and career of the only manager to win the World Series in both the National and American Leagues

It's time to jump out of the handbag and take control of the lead.

At age seventeen Joe Pepitone signed with the New York Yankees, and soon experts were predicting that he would be the team's next superstar. He could run, throw, and field, and he had a sweet home run swing. But during his twelve years in the major leagues Pepitone devoted most of his energy to swinging off the field. He blew his career, destroyed two marriages, lost custody of three children, and came very close to a nervous breakdown. At the age of thirty-three he quit baseball for good and finally admitted that for most of his life, he'd been living a lie. He'd been acting the carefree clown in order to cover up immense inner pain. In *Joe, You Coulda Made Us Proud*, first published in 1975, Pepitone reveals what was behind his wild behavior. He does so in the most devastatingly honest terms, holding back none of the embarrassment, anguish, and guilt that perpetually haunted him. He tells of the father he loved so much, "Willie Pep" Pepitone, the toughest man in a tough Brooklyn neighborhood. Obsessed with making Joe a baseball star, Willie beat his son when he failed to meet expectations. One night, enraged at his father, Joe said, "Mom? I wish he'd die!" Willie died the next day. Along with pain, the book has plenty of humor. Pepitone tells of partying with Frank Sinatra and Mickey Mantle, carousing with groupies and hookers, and "living the life" of a famous ballplayer in the sixties and seventies. One of the most moving, honest, and hilarious books ever written by an athlete, *Joe, You Coulda Made Us Proud* was selected by *Esquire* magazine as one of the "20 best baseball books ever." Skyhorse Publishing, as well as our Sports Publishing imprint, are proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in sports?books about baseball, pro football, college football, pro and college basketball, hockey, or soccer, we have a book about your sport or your team. Whether you are a New York Yankees fan or hail from Red Sox nation; whether you are a die-hard Green Bay Packers or Dallas Cowboys fan; whether you root for the Kentucky Wildcats, Louisville Cardinals, UCLA Bruins, or Kansas Jayhawks; whether you route for the Boston Bruins, Toronto Maple Leafs, Montreal Canadiens, or Los Angeles Kings; we have a book for you. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to publishing books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked by other publishers and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

In three episodes two friends cool off on a hot day, sing songs, and outsmart some ruffraff wildcats.

Candlewick Sparks

Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread

Smoky Joe's Book of Drawing Ponies

Larry and Rita

Go, Otto, Go!