Spring 2023 Catalog
Celebrating diverse stories by diverse authors
Letter from the Publisher

Every year, our team’s goal is to publish books where diverse readers see themselves reflected on each and every page. As we remain committed to our goal, we are proud and honored to share our upcoming 2023 releases and introduce you to our new adult imprint, Muse Books.

Our upcoming titles include a host of new projects for us, such as three new baby board books, a cookbook for vegans and non-vegans alike, and a meditation deck partnership with Aya Paper Co. We’ve been so fortunate to publish over 30 diverse children’s books, and we’re excited to expand into creating books that are suitable for readers of all ages.

As we continue expanding our catalog, many titles will fall under our new imprint, Muse Books. Muse Books is a celebration of the forgotten stories, publishing culturally-relevant adult fiction and nonfiction literature from BIPOC writers. In many spaces, the lives, and experiences of BIPOC individuals serve as the muse for many projects where, behind the scenes, the diverse voices are nowhere to be found. We’re creating a space where the narratives that are often overlooked have a chance to be shared front and center with the world. Muse Books is dedicated to ensuring our stories have the recognition, the resources, and the platform, that they deserve.

As we approach our 5-year anniversary, we remain committed to uplifting diverse stories written by diverse writers. Thank you for being on this journey with us, and for helping us provide diverse authors with a self-sufficient pathway through publishing. We’re doing our part in closing the diversity gap in literature, and we’re excited to keep you with us for the ride.

We hope you enjoy our new titles and we look forward to connecting with you.

*Leah Hernandez, Founder and CEO*
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Frontlist Titles
Let's Eat: Fruits & Vegetables from A-Z

Written by Jacqueline Brooks
Illustrated by Davide Ortu

Introduce your little readers to their ABCs through the tasty world of fruits!

Simple text and colorful illustrations will keep your early learners engaged and curious to discover new foods and textures. This is a perfect first book for teaching little readers early learning concepts that are cornerstones for early development and sustained imaginations.
Snoh's First Road Trip: A Story of Shapes and Colors

Written by Jacqueline Brooks
Illustrated by Chiara Gobbo

Introduce your little readers to the colorful world of shapes!

Through colorful scenes and imaginative illustrations, help early learners recognize shapes including squares, circles, rectangles, and triangles. This is a perfect first book for teaching little readers early learning concepts that are cornerstones for early development and sustained imagination.
Little Stella, Whose Baby Are You?

Written by Jacqueline Brooks
Illustrated by Manuela Berti

Explore parts of the body with this interactive "mommy and me" early learning book.

With simply rhymes and colorful illustrations, this is a perfect first book for teaching little readers how to identify parts of their body, including their fingers, eyes, noses, and toes!
Welcome to the Kinfolk Meditation Deck.

This deck is split into three key themes: the self, the family, and the world. Each card has an illustration and a prompt to help guide users in a daily meditation practice. Crafted for families, the deck can be used by children, their caregivers, anyone in between.
Take your home cooking to the next level! In their striking debut, sisters Cierra and Esa grew up in the South, cooking in the kitchen. Now, they’re returning to their Southern roots to elevate the flavors they grew up tasting. The catch? One’s vegan, and one’s not.

With recipes for the whole family to enjoy, *Tempted to Taste It* explores dynamic food through simple ingredients that make bold impressions. With over 50 recipes, there’s a dish for everyone with no limit on deliciousness.
Pepper Persley’s on her way to becoming the best young journalist around! However, her journey hasn’t been the smoothest.

School bullies caused her to shy away from doing the things she loved, but that never stopped her from being herself and chasing her dreams. Not Too Anything is an ode to young people everywhere to turn every no into a yes and to pursue their passions, no matter what they are. You never know where your persistence will take you!
50 Nifty Thrifty STEM Activities

Written by Meagan Naraine and Tamir Mickens

Encourage children to become curious about science through 50+ experiments that are $10 or less!

Hands-on activities encourage young learners to ask questions, make mistakes, and learn about new ideas and concepts that are sure to keep them engaged and hungry for more. From forensics and soil erosion to ecosystems and osmosis, there’s an activity for everyone to enjoy!
Backlist Titles
One night after dinner, 12-year-old Amari has a hard time falling asleep. When he finally falls asleep, he finds himself in a nightmare filled with crazy situations! What will it take for Amari to get out of his nightmare?
It’s Maya’s 11th birthday and she wants a sleepover filled with birthday cake, marshmallows, and lots of different sweets and treats! Maya knows she shouldn’t eat so many sweets because of what happened last time. However, they’re so good to her, even a nightmare can’t even stop her fun! Since nightmares didn’t work, what will happen this time when Maya eats too many treats?
With a knack for the arts, Amelia puts her skills to use and creates a wooden frog that plays music! But, after Amelia sells her creation, the new owners never look deep enough to notice the frog’s special talents. Will the wooden frog find a home that recognizes its value?
On Goddess Island, Halo has completely mastered his lightning powers. However, classmate Drake struggles to perfect his fire power and bullies Halo for being more advanced than him! Will Drake learn how to properly master both his powers and his emotions before it’s too late?
It’s time for Aaron to pick his career, but he doesn’t know what he wants to be just yet. There are just too many things to choose from! After a mind-boggling trip with his dad to the Career Museum, Aaron learns that there’s more to these jobs than meets the eye, and he has way more career options than he thinks.
On the first day of school, Justin realizes that all of the students at his school are different, just like him and Noah! He never thinks about it much, until one of the students makes a comment about the differences between Justin’s and Noah’s physical features. This prompts Justin to share his story with his classmates about the racial differences in his family, and the beauty in their differences. After sharing his story, Justin came up with a wonderful idea to bring cultural awareness to his school! Do you think his plan will work?
Angela is going to her first day of kindergarten, and she’s a little scared because she only has one friend, her imaginary friend Gracie. Gracie has been with Angela for as long as she can remember! Now, it’s up to Angela to learn overcome the hardest challenge in kindergarten, making new friends. Even though it’s scary, Gracie is there to help her every step of the way.
Lila and her friends go to the pool to celebrate Lila’s birthday, and the pool is their first stop of the day. Her friend Ashley recently gets a silk press, and after she jumps in, the water makes Ashley’s hair turn into a mini afro! With a fashion show planned for later that day, Ashley becomes discouraged because doesn’t know what to do about her hair. With the help of Lila and Sarah, Ashley learns that, with a little patience, her natural hair is beautiful in any style.
Alex is completely addicted to his video games, and the games are causing him to become distant from his family. But after he and his mom get sucked into one of his favorite games, will Alex learn that family is more valuable than technology?
Jackson loves spending time with his grandpa, “Papa.” After Papa’s leg surgery, Jackson visits him in the hospital, then spends a week with him at Papa’s home doing all kinds of fun activities together! After spending so much time with Papa, Jackson learns how special it can be to take care of your loved ones during tough times.
Sea-Rod: A New Wave

Written by Lance Hammett
Illustrated by Natia Gogiasvili

Lance spends his summer vacation surfing at Mallory Beach until one fateful day when he finds himself trapped underwater! Lance spends seven days underwater until he emerges as Sea-Rod, a crime-fighting superhero! Sea-Rod spends most of his days cleaning up Flame Island and fighting the evil supervillain Inferno who mind-controls the town to litter. Will Sea-Rod be able to save the town, and the ocean, before it’s too late?
Timmy’s classmate has been bullying him for a LONG time, and Timmy doesn’t know how to stop him! After a life-changing dream where Timmy’s game controllers come alive, he figures out how to stop the bullying and make a friend at the same time.
After basketball practice, Trevon and his best friend Ray decide to take an adventure in town. Ray dares Trevon to go into a creepy antique shop, and after he accepts the dare, Trevon learns that this shop isn’t creepy at all! It allows him to travel all around the world by simply touching the artifacts. How many cultures can Trevon experience in one afternoon?
Dwayne is an excellent basketball player, and he’s secretly great at the French horn, too! Because he’s great at both, Dwayne has trouble deciding whether he wants to join the band or continue his reign as the king of basketball. The choice is really hard because he’ll be disappointing his teammates or his newfound band friends either way. Can Dwayne overcome peer pressure and do what makes him happy the most?
Addie Soundland is 11 years old and lives with her mom, dad, and sister. The dinner table is where Addie gets to spend the most time with her family, but now that her parents have started a new business and her sister goes to school, they are all too busy for dinner time. Instead of talking at the dinner table, her parents send emails and her sister plays games on her tablet. Addie comes up with a super secret plan to get her family back at the dinner table like old times.
At Palm Valley Elementary School, the female students are being discriminated against by the other male students. A young girl named Fatima has had enough of this mistreatment, and decides she wants to do something about it! Fatima gathers all of the girl students to host a protest demanding equality. Will the girls finally be treated fairly by the boys?
Kyrah and her best friend Max attend school together. Their teacher, Ms. Porter, is mean to the students and hurts their feelings. One day, Kyrah wakes up and realizes she’s switched places with her teacher! Now it’s her turn to show Ms. Porter how to treat her students the right way.
Juliet and her dad have been moving around a lot due to the gentrification happening in their communities. Moving so frequently has caused Juliet to feel down, and she has a lot of anxiety. With the help of the New Kid Rule Book, she’s able to overcome her anxious feelings and is more comfortable at her new school.
Miles Hightower is a 14-year-old boy who loves art. His mom is his biggest supporter and cherishes all of his paintings! When she becomes ill, it breaks Miles’s heart. Soon, he finds out his mom can’t afford the medical bills, and he doesn’t know what to do! Because he loves to paint, Miles comes up with a plan to use his art to capture his emotions while earning extra money.
About the Publisher

Young Authors Publishing is a children's and young adult book publisher that exists to share diverse stories written by diverse authors.

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