

Backhoe Joe

For as long as Phoebe can remember, she's known the clickety click click of a photographer snapping her picture. Thanks to the "paparazzi" (aka Mom and Dad), she's always been the star of the show . . . until she has to share the spotlight with a tiny newcomer. Will Phoebe learn the role she was born to play: big sister?

New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Brenda Novak brings you a trilogy that Publishers Weekly called "a great read." Every town has its secrets—and Stillwater, Mississippi, has more than most! Starting with a murder almost twenty years ago... **DEAD SILENCE** There's a body buried behind a farmhouse. Grace Montgomery knows who it is and why it happened. She's kept her mouth shut all this time. But now, after thirteen years away, she comes back to Stillwater to confront the past. Widower Kennedy Archer is from a prominent family and he's running for mayor. He needs to stay as far away from the lovely Grace with her toxic history. And yet...he can't. **DEAD GIVEAWAY** The Reverend Lee Barker went missing and is presumed dead. In fact, the townsfolk believe he was murdered by his stepson, Clay Montgomery, although they can't prove it. Meanwhile, Allie McCormick, a cold case detective from Chicago, comes home to Stillwater to start over. Her instincts tell her he didn't kill the reverend. But then she learns more about Barker and she has to wonder whether Clay took justice into his own hands! **DEAD RIGHT** Barker's car has just been found... And there's something in the trunk that proves he didn't just drive away. There're more to this case. So his daughter, Madeline, hires a private investigator—even if the cops don't like it. Even if her family doesn't like it. But then P.I. Hunter Solozano starts to uncover some shocking evidence.... Three compelling connected novels of suspense from award-winning writer Brenda Novak. **DEAD SILENCE, DEAD GIVEAWAY and DEAD RIGHT.** Bet you can't read just one!

Max and Ruby spend so much on emergencies while shopping for Grandma's birthday presents, that they just barely have enough money left for gifts. Reprint.

The enemy is everywhere in war-torn Iraq, and suppliers and construction workers run the same risks as uniformed combatants: guerrilla attacks, suicide bombings, rocket bombardments, and road mines. This is the compelling story of Carter Andress and the unique methods his multinational team used to deliver vital supplies to coalition forces and help rebuild the devastated country. Armed to the teeth with AK-47s, sidearms, and bags full of grenades, these "contractor combatants" engaged in deadly firefights with the enemy while attempting to fulfill their mission and defend their own lives. Some gunned down insurgents. Others were themselves killed. This riveting war story is the first to define the role of this new breed of private warrior and to do so in a gripping and highly graphic narrative.

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In 1976 two seventh graders died in a tragic accident. A community service was held. A memorial was erected. And rumors poured through the school like flood water, dirtying the halls and staining everyone connected to the classmates. Twenty-four years later, three friends reunite on the eve of the school's demolition to reassemble their past and heal their lives. Joe has returned to resolve his recurring nightmares. Lisa has come to learn the secrets behind the tragedy that took the lives of two of her best friends. And David eagerly awaits the demise of a building that he learned to hate. But once rejoined, they discover they each remember different pieces of the grim story, and they decide to finally reconstruct the painful events preceding their friends' deaths. Together, they learn about truth, love, and loss as they relive the school year, while rekindling past relationships, and realizing that Deep River was not a community of tolerance, but one with appalling secrets.

Sixteen-year-old Hattie and eighteen-year-old Delores set off on a road trip that takes unexpected turns as they discover the healing power of friendship and learn to deal with their personal issues from home.

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Whoever said life would be easy...was a liar. A car wreck took away his father and his leg. But a year later, thirteen-year-old Joseph McKinnon has a mission and it begins with an underground construction project in the woods. Joe's relying on dad's buddy Fred to get the supplies he needs...and to keep things secret from mom. Aside from that, Joe plans to complete the project alone. But help keeps knocking and interference creates big problems. Soon, the situation gets dangerous. To make matters worse, Joe must deliver two speeches in his language arts class—the only thing he fears more than public speaking is death. But there's no way out of it. Or is there? Accepting help from others and telling a few harmless fibs seem like reasonable temporary solutions to Joe's problems. And while there's no telling how deep his lies will go, he's definitely dug himself a hole...twelve feet down.

*Explores the larger significance of disability in cultural, political, and religious venues * Novel aspects of Christian theological tradition emerge in this light * Highly original and thought-provoking

Froggy has a rollicking good time at his first Winter Carnival! It's Winter Carnival day, and Froggy can't wait to build a snowman. But school principal Mr. Mugwort says there is a lot to do first. Skating! Sledding! A snow fort! Finally it's time to build a snowman, but Froggy builds a snow dinosaur instead. And of course the day wouldn't be complete without a wild snowball fight. "That was my best winter carnival ever!" says Froggy. "That was your only winter carnival ever!" says his friend Max.

When Dozer's buried treasure is stolen by the "beast" next door, it is up to his sandbox friends, Jane the Crane, Backhoe Joe, and Betsy the Bucket Loader, to save the day. Telling the inspiring human story behind the creation of the Paralympics, this young readers biography artfully combines archival photos, full-color illustrations, and a riveting narrative to honor the life of Ludwig Guttmann, whose work profoundly changed so many lives. Dedicating his life to helping patients labeled "incurables," Ludwig Guttmann fought for the rights of paraplegics to live a full life. The young doctor believed—and eventually proved—that physical movement is key to healing, a discovery that led him to create the first Paralympic Games. Told with moving text and lively illustrations, and featuring the life stories of athletes from the Paralympic Games Ludwig helped create, this story of the man who saved lives through sports will inspire readers of all backgrounds.

A modern classic that no child should miss. Since it was first published in 1939, Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel has delighted generations of children. Mike and his trusty steam shovel, Mary Anne, dig deep canals for boats to travel through, cut mountain passes for trains, and hollow out cellars for city skyscrapers -- the very symbol of industrial America. But with progress come new machines, and soon the inseparable duo are out of work. Mike believes that Mary Anne can dig as much in a day as one hundred men can dig in a week, and the two have one last chance to prove it and save Mary Anne from the scrap heap. What happens next in the small town of Popperville is a testament to their friendship, and to old-fashioned hard work and ingenuity.

In the midst of the 1960s, the clandestine wing of the government intelligence service is busy overseas eliminating persons whose opposing views thwart our national interests. The problem: How to get rid of the bodies. The solution: Get creative. This is a tongue-in-cheek tale of one of the formulated options that involves intrigue, eccentric characters, harebrained plots, and cookies.

For fans of the "Who Was" series, this lively, accessible, and full-color chapter book

biography shows how a self-taught scientist was the first to observe the microbial life in and around us. By building his own microscope, Antony van Leeuwenhoek advanced humanity's understanding of our oft-invisible world around us. Microbes are everywhere: in the soil and oceans, in snow, and inside our bodies. But in Antony van Leeuwenhoek's time, people believed that what they saw with their own eyes was all that existed in the world. How did a simple tradesman—who didn't go to college or speak English or Latin like all the other scientists—change everyone's minds? Proving that remarkable discoveries can come from the most unexpected people and places, this eye-opening chapter book, illustrated with lively full-color art, celebrates the power of curiosity, ingenuity, and persistence.

When Baby speaks, people listen. Could Baby be president? Find out in this leadership-themed addition to the Future Baby series! The president is the leader of our country. Baby was born to lead! Does Baby have what it takes to become president? Baby has our vote! Discover all the incredible ways that prove Baby already has what it takes to become the leader of our country! Includes lots of fun presidential facts to help foster curiosity and empower little ones to keep the peace, make a change . . . and lead the world! Future Baby is an adorable board book series that takes a playful peek into an assortment of powerful careers and shows little ones how their current skills match up with the job at hand. With Future Baby, babies can be anything!

Ana Howland is at a crisis point. As a constrained yet passionate woman, she finds few outlets for her desires in her role as mother and wife. She is subsumed by a controlling husband, but is craving her own fulfillment. Her frustrations find outlets through a friendship with an eccentric neighbor and an affair with a man who respects her and nurtures her spirit and independence. Through hardship and grim determination, she learns to look with her own eyes, to feel with her own heart. She discovers a deep well of resilience and compassion, with room for growth and freedom. Her story is one of a leap of faith, away from despair and toward life at its fullest. Despite all odds, she navigates herself, through small but profound changes, into new ways of living, of relating to her friends, her daughter, herself. SHEILA ORTEGO is president of Santa Fe Community College in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Born in New Orleans and of Acadian ancestry, Dr. Ortego received her doctorate in American Studies at the University of New Mexico, and since has taught Southwest Literature, Women's Literature, and Women's Studies at several colleges and universities. Her poetry has been published by the "Santa Fe Literary Review," and she is a member of the "Live Poets Society" in Santa Fe. "The Road from La Cueva" was a first place winner in the 2008 New Mexico Book Awards.

"Simple nonfiction text and full-color photographs present backhoes"--

Chilling discoveries unearthed at a dig for Navajo clay pots bring Lt. Joe Leaphorn and Officer Jim Chee of the Navajo Police to the site and put them on the trail of stolen artifacts, a missing woman, and bizarre and mystifying murders. Reissue.

Don't miss this charming picture book about a tiny cleaning machine with a mighty heart. Perfect for fans of Sherri Duskey Rinker's *Mighty, Mighty Construction Site*, and *Three Cheers for Kid McGear*. Sweeps is a mini and mighty cleaning machine! She's eager to get to work, but the other trucks don't leave any jobs for her. Big jobs are only for the big trucks, they say. But when a storm strikes, can Sweeps flex her brushes and step up to save the day? This heartwarming story from Lori Alexander, with inviting

illustrations by Jeff Harter, reminds us that heroes come in all shapes and sizes.

Sweeps will win the heart of all young fans of construction vehicles.

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There's a body buried behind a Mississippi farmhouse Grace Montgomery knows who it is, and she knows why it happened. She was only thirteen the night it all went wrong.

And now, like then, she has no choice but to keep her mouth shut. Grace left the town of Stillwater thirteen years ago, trying to forget, trying to make good. As an assistant

D.A. in Jackson, she's finally achieved the success that was supposed to change her life. But it hasn't—so she's come back to confront her own history. Which means

returning to the farmhouse now owned by her brother and facing the people of

Stillwater, a number of whom suspect the truth. Widower Kennedy Archer is one of

those people. He's running for mayor and needs to stay as far away from Grace as

possible. And yet...she's an enigma he can't resist. Even though her enemies are close to finding out what really happened—and that could ruin them both.

Rebecca Bennett, the estranged stepdaughter of a well-to-do Las Vegas businessman, is hounding the Las Vegas Police Department to reopen the investigation into her

mother Rita's death -- alleging that, despite appearances to the contrary, Rebecca's

greedy stepfather actually played a hand in Rita Bennett's untimely end. But no one is

prepared for the news that CSIs Gil Grissom, Sara Sidle, and Nick Stokes report -- their investigation is inconclusive...because the disinterred deceased is not Rita Bennett.

Meanwhile, at the Sunny Day Continuing Care Facility, Catherine Willows and Warrick

Brown must investigate the sudden demise of Vivian Elliot -- a patient whose death may be the result of unnatural causes....

Flip a switch. Turn a gear. Could Baby be an engineer? Find out in this STEM-themed

addition to the Future Baby series! Engineers want to know how things work. And so

does Baby! Does Baby have what it takes to become an engineer? That's a positive!

Discover all the incredible ways that prove Baby already has what it takes to become

an engineer in whatever field they choose, be it electrical, mechanical, civil, or more!

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current skills match up with the job at hand. With Future Baby, babies can be anything!

Wyoming game warden Joe Pickett's hunt for a fugitive reveals a conspiracy in this

taut thriller in the #1 New York Times bestselling series. Joe Pickett always liked Butch Roberson—a hardworking local business-owner whose daughter is friends with his own.

Little does he know that when Butch says he is heading into the mountains to scout elk, he is actually going on the run. Two EPA employees have been murdered, and all signs

point to Butch as the killer. Soon, Joe hears of the land Butch and his wife had bought

to retire on—until they are told the EPA declared it a wetland—and the penalties they

charged Butch until the family was torn apart by debt. Finally, it seems, the man just

cracked. It's an awful story. But is it the whole story? The more Joe investigates, the

more he begins to wonder—and the more he finds himself in the middle of a war in

which he must choose sides.

From the creator of Ruby Finds a Worry, the perfect picture book for helping children navigate

social situations and connect with peers. Meesha loves making things, but she finds it hard to make friends. She doesn't know quite what to do, what to say, or when to say it, and she struggles with responding to social cues. But one day, she discovers that she has a special talent that will help her navigate challenging social situations and make friends. A warm and affectionate story about the joys and difficulties of building and maintaining friendships and relating to others, *Meesha Makes Friends* helps young readers find their place in the world. The Big Bright Feelings picture book series provides kid-friendly entry points into emotional intelligence topics -- from being true to yourself to dealing with worries, managing anger, and making friends. These topics can be difficult to talk about. But these books act as sensitive and reassuring springboards for conversations about mental and emotional health, positive self-image, building self-confidence, and managing feelings. Read all the books in the Big Bright Feelings series! *Ruby Finds a Worry Perfectly* *Norman Ravi's Roar* *Meesha Makes Friends* *Tilda Tries Again*

In debut author Lori Alexander's picture book *Backhoe Joe*, a young boy tries to adopt a backhoe. When Nolan finds a stray backhoe in the street, he can't wait to adopt it. But this backhoe is not very well behaved. As Nolan tries to train his new pet, he learns that maybe this backhoe already has a home. This delightful story of a boy and his construction vehicle is brought to life with Craig Cameron's vibrant illustrations, making this the perfect addition to every young reader's library. Fans of *Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site* by Sherri Duskey Rinker will be thrilled by this endearing picture book about a runaway backhoe. The seventies are over. All across America, the overgrown kids of the middle class are getting their acts together--and getting older. The once-tight Chicano community of Chamisaville is long gone, and the Anglo power brokers control almost everything. Joe Miniver--faithful husband, loving father, and all-around good guy—is about to sink roots. To buy the land he wants, he dreams up a coke scam that will net him the necessary bread. Joe is also about to embark on a series of erotic adventures with three headstrong women, bringing him face-to-face with the terrors (and absurdity) of the modern man-woman scene. This final volume in the New Mexico trilogy, like its predecessors, is a lusty, visionary novel that blends comedy and tragedy, reality and fantasy, tenderness and bite, to illuminate some very troubling truths about America--truths no less pointed and accurate today than they were twenty years ago. John Nichols is the author of nine novels and six works of nonfiction. He lives in Northern New Mexico.

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Three children go on a leaf hunt, climbing a mountain, traveling through a forest, going around a waterfall, and crossing a lake in search of leaves from different trees before an unexpected peril makes them turn back.

New York Times Bestseller Rosie may seem quiet during the day, but at night she's a brilliant inventor of gizmos and gadgets who dreams of becoming a great engineer. When her great-great-aunt Rose (Rosie the Riveter) comes for a visit and mentions her one unfinished goal—to fly—Rosie sets to work building a contraption to make her aunt's dream come true. But when her contraption doesn't fly but rather hovers for a moment and then crashes, Rosie deems the invention a failure. On the contrary, Aunt Rose insists that Rosie's contraption was a raging success: you can only truly fail, she explains, if you quit. From the powerhouse author-illustrator team of Iggy Peck, *Architect* comes *Rosie Revere, Engineer*, another charming, witty picture book about believing in yourself and pursuing your passion. *Ada Twist, Scientist*, the

companion picture book featuring the next kid from Iggy Peck's class, is available in September 2016.!--?xml:namespace prefix = o ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office" /-- Praise for Rosie Revere, Engineer"Comically detailed mixed-media illustrations that keep the mood light and emphasize Rosie's creativity at every turn."—Publishers Weekly "The detritus of Rosie's collections is fascinating, from broken dolls and stuffed animals to nails, tools, pencils, old lamps and possibly an erector set. And cheddar-cheese spray." —Kirkus Reviews "This celebration of creativity and perseverance is told through rhyming text, which gives momentum and steady pacing to a story, consistent with the celebration of its heroine, Rosie. She's an imaginative thinker who hides her light under a bushel (well, really, the bed) after being laughed at for one of her inventions." —Booklist Award 2013 Parents' Choice Award - GOLD 2014 Amelia Bloomer Project List ReadBoston's Best Read Aloud Book

In *The Lorelei*, an aging and decrepit riverboat refuses to release its bizarre hold on an entire community. Author Ron Schmidt spins a suspenseful and chilling tale of the supernatural. The Lorelei, a once-elegant river hotel and gambling boat, has fallen on hard times and is turned into a freight hauler. In August of 1933, the Lorelei is on her final run. But before heading to the salvage yard, a mysterious fire is detected deep in her cargo hold. The crew tries to extinguish the blaze, but the area is inaccessible. Rather than allow the Lorelei to sink and become a navigational hazard, the captain chooses a remote section of shoreline to run the Lorelei aground, permanently beaching her for years to come. This once-pristine example of European craftsmanship slowly decays, sinking deeper and deeper into the sand and mud as a result of the river's swift currents, constant sun, and harsh weather. Over time, the community surrounding the boat becomes anxious for her removal to make way for residential and industrial development. Soon after hiring a firm to remove the ship, the town's citizens discover that the Lorelei has disturbing qualities. Those hired to destroy her quickly realize that their very lives are in jeopardy. For one such worker, the discovery of a past life enjoyed decades before aboard the ship holds the key to the mystery behind the Lorelei. An absorbing novel, *The Lorelei* demonstrates a world in which things are not as they seem and powers of destruction are wielded by terrible and unseen forces.

Read Along or Enhanced eBook: Smash! Crash! Ka-boom! A is for Aerial lift. B is for Backhoe. C is for Cement Mixer. Readers explore construction equipment in this noisy alphabet book. Jerry Pallotta's trademark humor punctuates the informative text.

Vibrant oil paintings bring to life a busy construction site.

Haiku poetry describes small animals found in nature, such as snails, butterflies, squirrels, and tree frogs.

Darlyne A. Murawski is a biologist, writer, and award-winning nature photographer. *Doctors help people in need. Baby is ready to lend a hand!* An aspirational, inspirational celebration of future careers for babies who can be ANYTHING! *Paging Doctor Baby -- we have a cuteness emergency!* Read along to learn how Baby already has what it takes to become a medical professional. Includes lots of fun doctor facts to help foster curiosity and empower little ones to listen, problem-solve, and take care of others! *Future Baby* is an adorable board book series that takes a playful peek into an assortment of amazing careers and shows little ones how their current skills match up with the job at hand. With *Future Baby*, babies can be anything!

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