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## KPL Children's Books February 2017

### Greyhound, a Groundhog

by Emily Jenkins

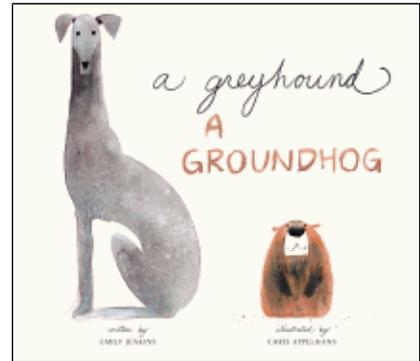
Published 2017 by Schwartz & Wade Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780553498059

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#### Jacket Notes:

"This delightful story is a feast for the eyes and ears, and it will hold up well to repeated demands from eager young listeners." *Kirkus*, starred review



**From a heavyweight author and illustrator duo comes a delicious tongue twister of a picture book that features a little round greyhound and a little round groundhog.**

**With very spare, incredibly lively language, this is an entertaining read-aloud, with two amazing and oh-so-adorable characters at its heart.**

When a greyhound meets a groundhog, wordplay and crazy antics ensue. The two animals, much like kids, work themselves into a frenzy as they whirl around and around one another. (*Around, round hound. Around, groundhog!*) The pace picks up (*Around and around and astound and astound!*), until they ultimately wear themselves out.

**Jenkins's masterful text is deceptively simple.** NPR on *Toys Meet Snow* by Emily Jenkins

**Appelhans, whose career up to now has been in animated films such as *Coraline*, is a revelation.** *Booklist*, Starred, on *Sparky!*, illustrated by Chris Appelhans

Appelhans makes an auspicious picture book debut with **strikingly beautiful watercolor and pencil illustrations.** His style, **reminiscent of Jon Klassen's**, incorporates a muted color palette, but with a slightly softer, rounder quality, while also weaving in visual deadpan humor. *The Horn Book*"

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Publishers Weekly 10/17/2016

Dedicated to picture book icon Ruth Krauss, this elegant pas de deux between two unlikely creatures recalls the sense of uninhibited play that Krauss brought to her own work. aA hound./ A round hound./ A greyhound, a Jenkins (*Toys Meet Snow* starts, accompanied by Appelhans's watercolor of a curled-up dog, its abstract form captured in a few graceful strokes. aA hog./ A round hog./ A groundhog, a she continues, as Appelhans (*Sparky!* paints a fat, furry fellow with tiny ears and a shy smile poking its head up aboveground. For aa greyhound, a groundhog, / a found little/ roundhog, a the artist shows the dog approaching the startled rodent, and the two soon make friends: aAround, round hound./ Around, groundhog!a The animals play, the words play, and the faster the creatures circle, scamper, and bound, the more mixed up the words get (aA greyhog, / a ground dog, / a hog little hound dog). Appelhans paints the dog and hog cavorting through an idyllic world (aAstound!a Jenkins exclaims, as they surprise a group of butterflies), and their adventure celebrates the sounds of words, the lure of rhythm, and the joy of movement. Ages 3a 7. Illustratoras agent: Judith Hansen, Hansen Literary. (Jan.) Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

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## Hockey Song

by Stompin' Tom Connors

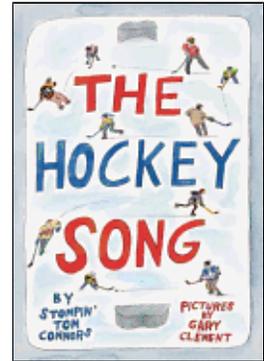
Published 2016 by Greystone Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781771641890

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### Jacket Notes:

As Stompin Tom Connors sings, It s the good old hockey game, the best game you can name. And in this charmingly illustrated book for all ages, the classic song played at hockey games around the world is imagined as a shinny game on an outdoor rink in the middle of the city that starts with two players and soon grows to include the whole community. The puck is in! The hometown wins! The good ol hockey game. "



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## Fish Tricks: The Wild and Wacky World of Fish

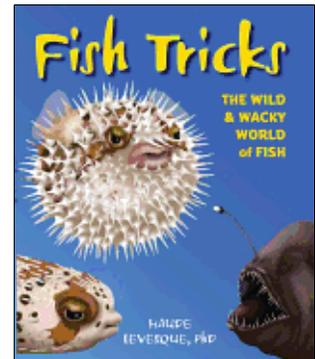
by Haude Levesque

Published 2016 by Moondance Press

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9781633221147

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### Jacket Notes:



### Fish do the wildest things! (And you thought all they did was swim...)

In *Fish Tricks*, learn how fish use sound, color, and chemicals to talk to each other and camouflage and toxins to discourage predators. Many have cool body adaptations that help them find food and take care of their young.

Meet sea dragons and flatfish that use camouflage to hide from predators. Learn about archerfish that can knock land insects into the water with streams of spit, and anglerfish that grow glow-in-the-dark fishing lines from their heads to lure prey. Laugh at toadfish that make grunting and whistling sounds to attract mates and remora fish with suction cups on their fins that help them stick onto sharks and turtles. Read about fish parents such as cichlids that feed their young with mucus secreted onto their scales and cardinal fish that protect their eggs in their mouths.

Under the sea, a whole world of wonder exists that will fascinate the inquisitive mind of every child. *Fish Tricks* includes a glossary, an index, and fun learn-more adventures.

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## Let's Clap, Jump, Sing & Shout; Dance, Spin & Turn It Out!: Games, Songs, and Stories from an African American Childhood

by Patricia C McKissack

Published 2017 by Schwartz & Wade Books

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780375870880

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### Jacket Notes:

"Part songbook, part research text, this work is perfect for families to share together or for young scholars who seek to discover an important piece of cultural history." *School Library Journal*, starred review

**From Newbery Honor winner Patricia C. McKissack and two-time Caldecott Honor winner Brian Pinkney comes an extraordinary must-have collection of classic playtime favorites.**

**This very special book is sure to become a treasured keepsake for African American families and will inspire joy in all who read it.**

Parents and grandparents will delight in sharing this exuberant book with the children in their lives. Here is a songbook, a storybook, a poetry collection, and much more, all rolled into one. Find a partner for hand claps such as Eenie, Meenie, Sassafreeny, or form a circle for games like Little Sally Walker. Gather as a family to sing well-loved songs like Amazing Grace and Oh, Freedom, or to read aloud the poetry of such African American luminaries as Langston Hughes, James Weldon Johnson, and Paul Laurence Dunbar. And snuggle down to enjoy classic stories retold by the author, including Aesop's fables and tales featuring Br'er Rabbit and Anansi the Spider.

**"A rich compilation to stand beside Rollins's *Christmas Gif* and Hamilton's *The People Could Fly*." *The Horn Book***

**"An ebullient collection.... There is an undeniable warmth and sense of belonging to these tales." *Kirkus Reviews*, Starred"**

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Publishers Weekly 11/14/2016

Over nine chapters, McKissack celebrates oral traditions in African-American communities through a vibrant assemblage of rhymes, proverbs, folktales, and songs, drawing on memories of her own upbringing. Movement is central to many offerings, particularly in opening chapters that share clapping, rope-jumping, and ring games such as Eenie-Meenie-Sassafreeny and Hot, Hot Peppera and Itas, ably reflected in Pinkney's swoopy watercolor-and-ink illustrations (not all seen by *PW*, which frequently feature dancing and singing children, as well as familiar folk figures such as Anansi, Braer Rabbit, and John Henry in later sections. McKissack often addresses how slavery and discrimination shaped many of these tales and songs, including the coded messages of Follow the Drinking Gourda or a hand-clapping song, a Shame, a that she sung as a child in a segregated Nashville to poke fun at the stores whose rules restricted us. It is a collection valuable both for its rich assembly of songs and stories that have delighted, comforted, and inspired generations of black families and for the illuminating historical context that McKissack brings to each selection. All ages. *Author's agent: Elizabeth Harding, Curtis Brown. Illustrator's agent: Rebecca Sherman, Writers House. (Jan.)* Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

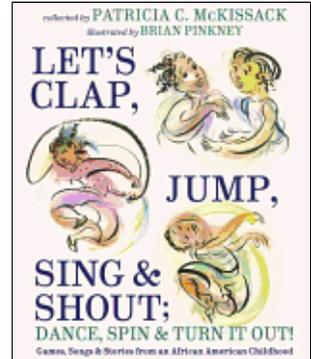
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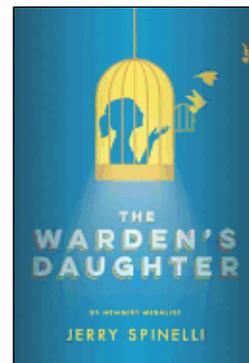
## Warden's Daughter

by Jerry Spinelli

Published 2017 by Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 9780375831997





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**Jacket Notes:**

**From Newbery Medalist Jerry Spinelli (*Maniac Magee*, *Stargirl*) comes the "moving and memorable" (*Kirkus Reviews*, starred) story of a girl searching for happiness inside the walls of a prison.**

Cammie O'Reilly lives at the Hancock County Prison--not as a prisoner, she's the warden's daughter. She spends the mornings hanging out with shoplifters and reformed arsonists in the women's exercise yard, which gives Cammie a certain cache with her school friends.

But even though Cammie's free to leave the prison, she's still stuck. And sad, and really mad. Her mother died saving her from harm when she was just a baby. You wouldn't think you could miss something you never had, but on the eve of her thirteenth birthday, the thing Cammie most wants is a mom. A prison might not be the best place to search for a mother, but Cammie is determined and she's willing to work with what she's got.

"Jerry Spinelli again proves why he's the king of storytellers" (*Shelf Awareness*, starred) in this tale of a girl who learns that heroes can come in surprising disguises, and that even if we don't always get what we want, sometimes we really do get what we need.

Praise for the works of Jerry Spinelli:

Spinelli is a poet of the prepubescent. . . . No writer guides his young characters, and his readers, past these pitfalls and challenges and toward their futures with more compassion. *The New York Times*

It's almost unreal how much the children's book still resonates. *Bustle.com* on *Maniac Magee*"

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In this poignant coming-of-age story, Newbery Medalist Spinelli invites readers to revisit Two Mills, Pa. (last seen in *Maniac Magee*), during the 1950s to meet the 12-year-old daughter of a prison warden. When Cammie was a baby, her mother saved her life and was killed in the process. Still feeling her mother's absence, Cammie lives a lonely existence with her father above the town prison. During the summer, she fills the hours by visiting the women inmates, playing records with her 12-going-on-17 best friend, and trying to turn her caregiver, Eloda Pupko, into a replacement mother. But Cammie's failing schemes, coupled with another painful loss, cause her to lash out at everyone in her path. Spinelli again shows his mastery at evoking a particular time and place while delving into the heart of a troubled adolescent, creating an evocative backdrop through the sounds of early rock and roll, the smell of frying scrapple, and the sights of children freely roaming their neighborhoods. Like Cammie's quietly wise housekeeper, readers will understand Cammie's frustrations and cheer her on as she confronts her deepest emotions. Ages 9a-12. (*Jan.*) Copyright 2016 Publishers Weekly Used with permission.

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