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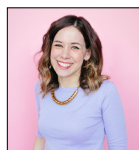
Based on the series created by Arlene Klasky, Gábor Csupó, and Paul Germain

Illustrated by Kim Smith

The first ever Chanukah episode of a children's TV series appeared in *Rugrats*, the iconic Nickelodeon cartoon about the world seen through kids' eyes. It was an instant critical and commercial success upon airing in 1996 and has since become a cherished part of many families' Chanukah celebrations. On the occasion of *Rugrats*' 30th anniversary, the beloved holiday episode is now a delightful picture book for children!

On the eighth night of Chanukah, Grandma Minka reads aloud a story about the meaning of the holiday to Tommy, Chuckie, Lil, Phil, and Angelica. The babies imagine themselves as the characters in the story, but then Grandma stops reading to make latkes, and the ending is left unknown. Soon they're all off to the synagogue, where Grandpa Boris is acting in the Chanukah play opposite his old friend Shlomo. The children, misunderstanding the phrase "the meaning of Chanukah," believe that Shlomo is the "meanie of Chanukah" and storm the stage in a bid to help Grandpa. How will the rugrats get out of trouble this time? And will they ever learn the true meaning of Chanukah?

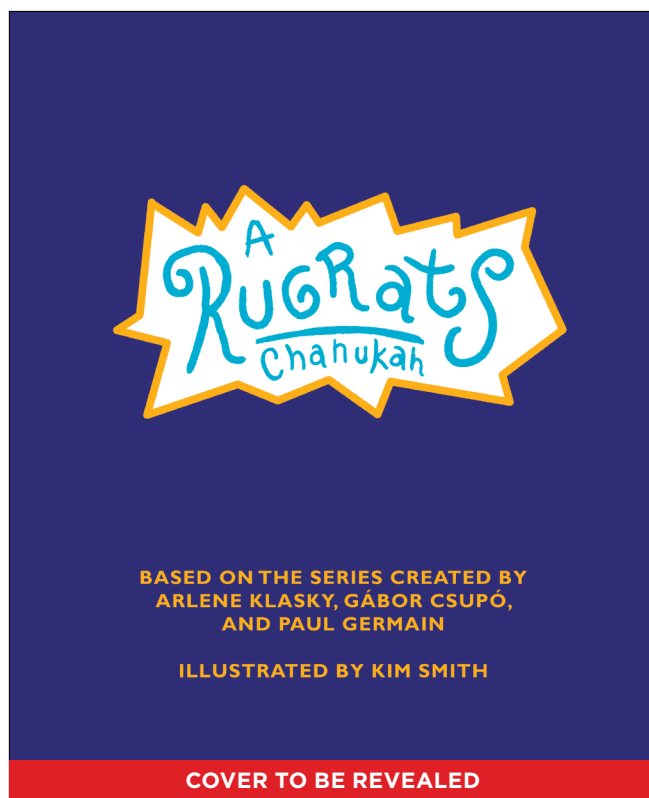
This storybook is a perfect blend of silly, sweet, and educational and will make a cherished gift for children, nostalgic millennials, and anyone who's ever wondered about the true meaning of the holiday.



**KIM SMITH** is the *New York Times* best-selling illustrator of over 30 picture books, including Quirk's Pop Classics series, *Boxitects*, and *Builder Brothers: Big Plans*. She graduated from the Alberta College of Art and Design and lives in Canada.

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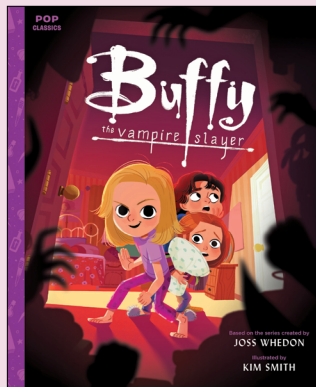
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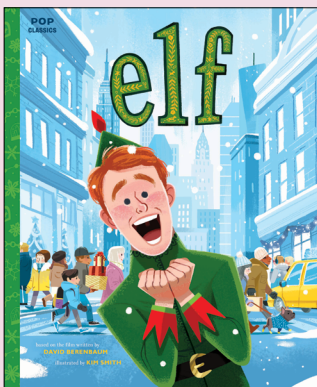
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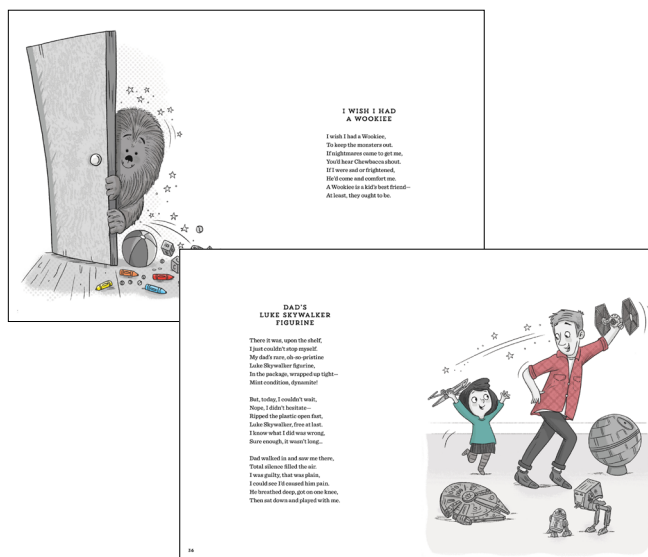
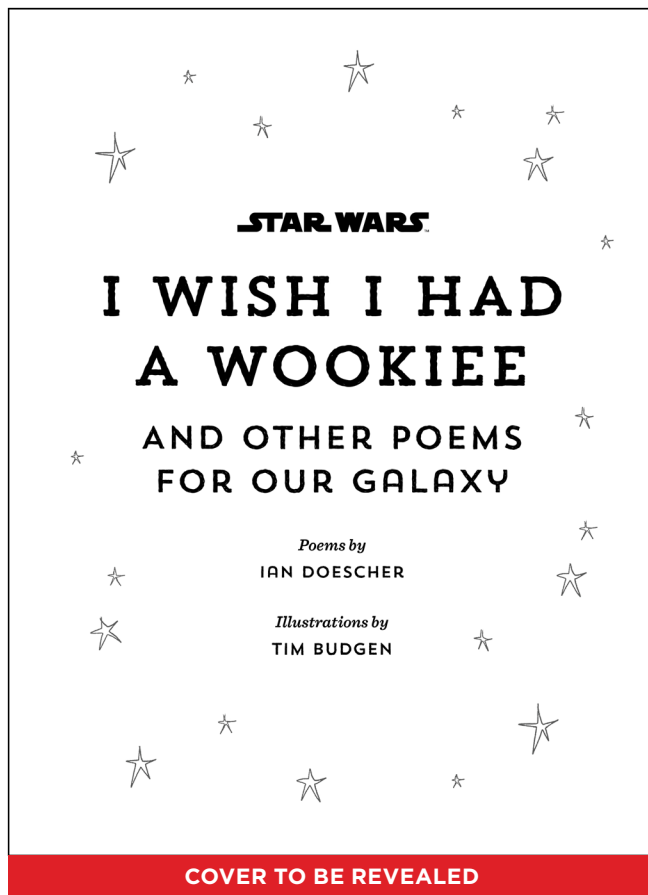


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By **Natalie Nelson**

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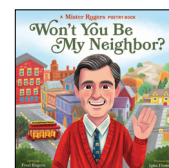
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By **Andrea Debbink**

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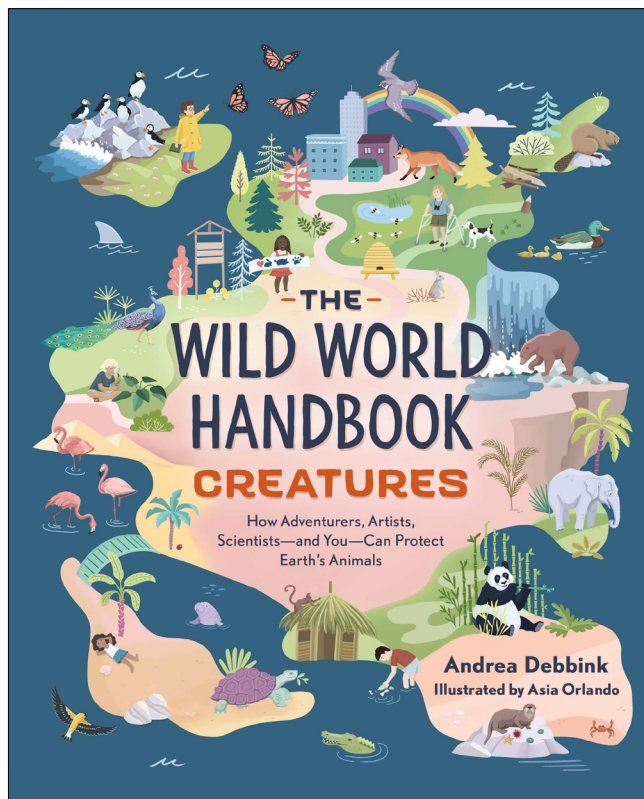
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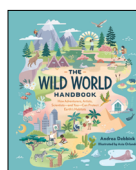
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Jess is resigned to her humdrum life until the day she discovers a mysterious device with an apple logo on it, but no one will tell her what it is. As her friends and family act stranger and stranger, and more and more cracks appear in her world, Jess starts to question everything and everyone she's ever known. Soon she must choose: live the rest of her life knowing it's a lie or risk everything for the truth.

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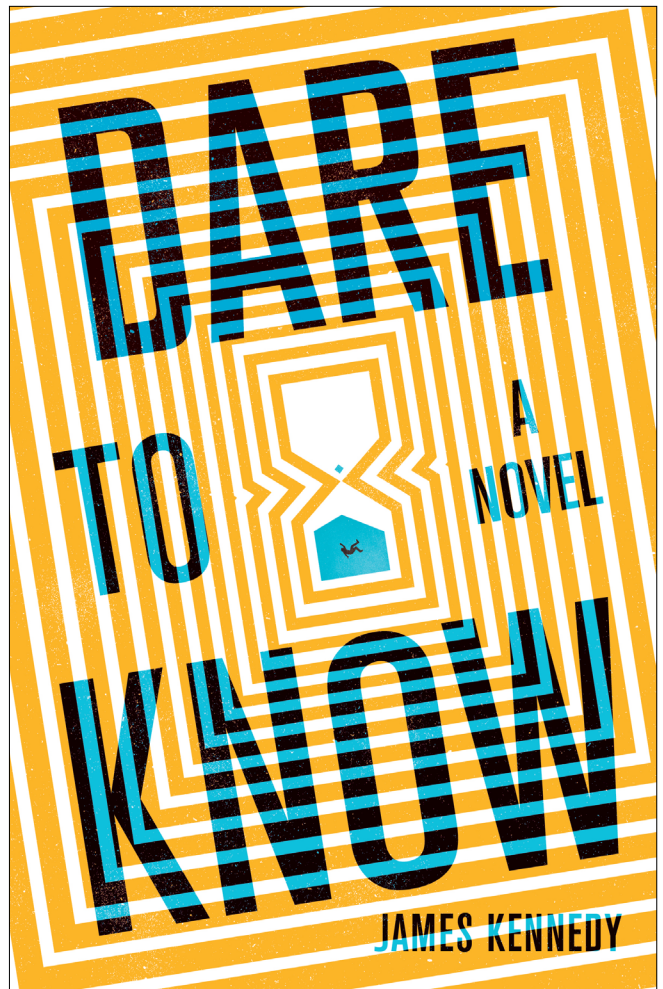
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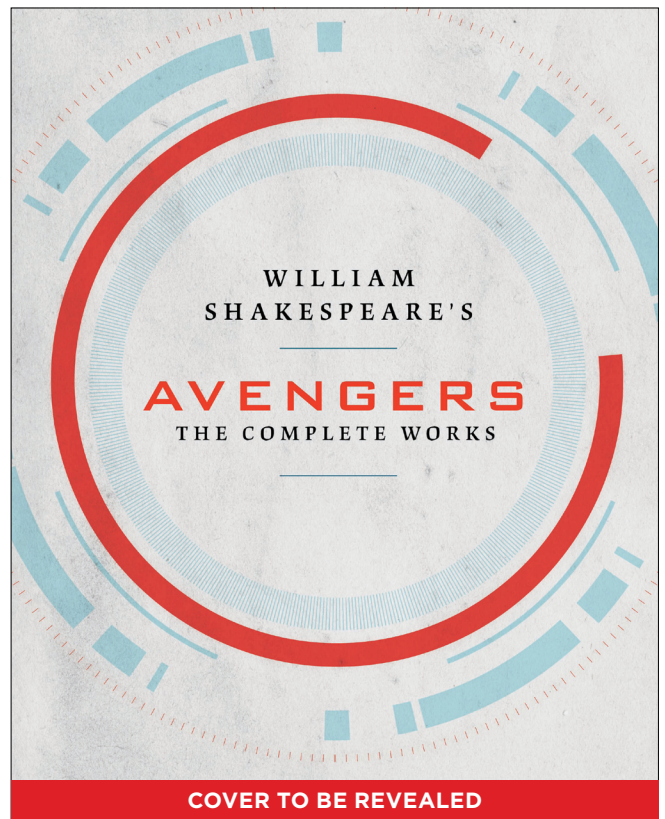
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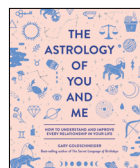


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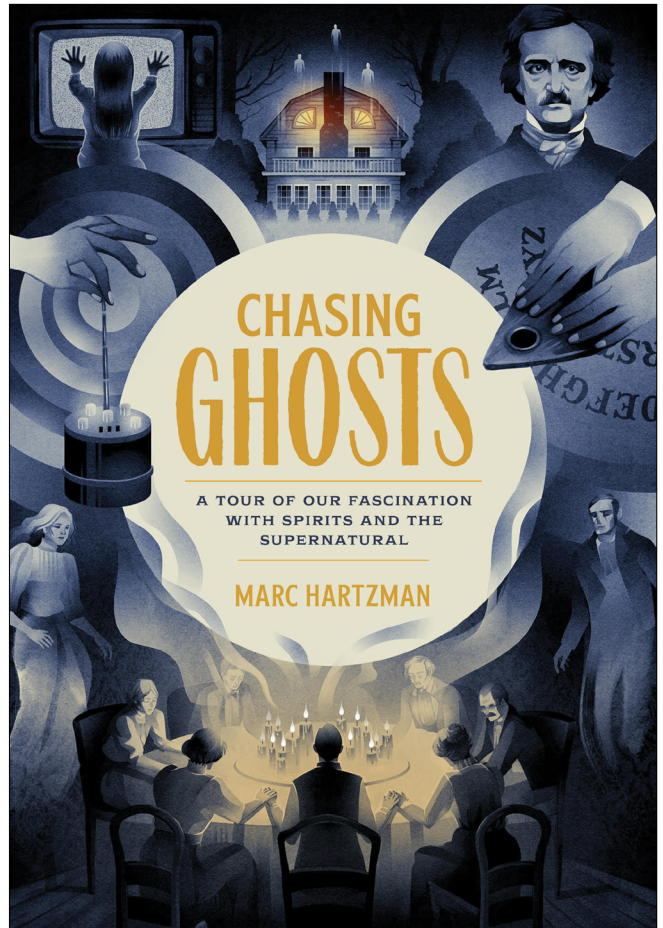
By Marc Hartzman

The concept of spirits has haunted cultures around the world since ancient times. Typically, ghosts have been a source of thrills and chills, but they've also provided a sense of hope and comfort that death isn't necessarily the end of life. Today, they are treated more like a superstition, incompatible with our trust in science and technology. Yet a recent Gallup poll suggests that more than a third of Americans continue to believe in ghosts—and some are using science to prove their existence. Despite all reason, we just can't seem to let ghosts die, as seen in our fascination with the Fox Sisters, *Amityville Horror*, Ed and Lorraine Warren, and A&E's *Ghosthunters*. Featuring a compelling text, rarely seen documents, and atmospheric illustrations, *Chasing Ghosts* explores our obsession with famous phantoms, haunted houses, the science of ghost-hunting, and the tantalizing promise that, one day, modern technology will allow us to prove the existence of ghosts—once and for all.



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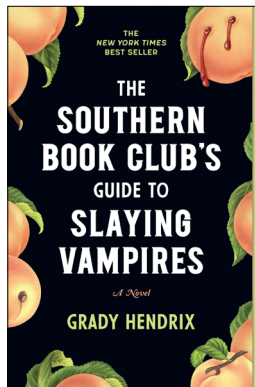
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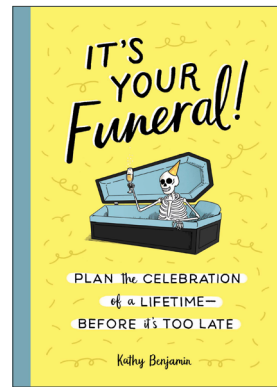
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