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About Me

Janet Fox writes fiction and non-fiction for children and young adults. Her nine published works include the middle school guide GET ORGANIZED WITHOUT LOSING IT, and four YA novels. Her middle grade debut novel, THE CHARMED CHILDREN OF ROOKSKILL CASTLE (Viking, 2016), received multiple starred reviews and awards and is on numerous lists, and was followed by a companion novel, THE ARTIFACT HUNTERS (Viking, 2020).

Her award-winning contemporary middle grade novel CARRY ME HOME (Simon & Schuster, 2021) centers on a homeless family. VOLCANO DREAMS: A STORY OF YELLOWSTONE was her debut picture book and a second picture book, WINTERGARDEN (Neal Porter Books), is out in 2023.

Janet is a former high school teacher and a 2010 graduate of Vermont College of Fine Arts.

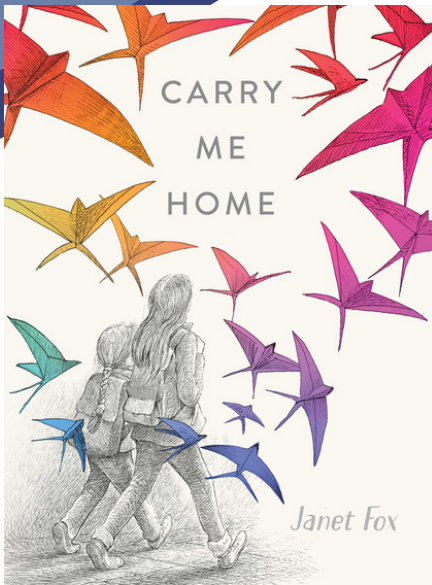


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Middle Grade Novels



Simon & Schuster Books
for Young Readers, 2021

ISBN 978-1534485082

Ages 8 - 12

Awards

Finalist, Children's Fiction &
Nonfiction, Women Writing
the West Willa Award 2022

Shortlisted for Reading the West
Book Awards 2022, Mountains &
Plains Indep. Booksellers
Association

Finalist: TX Institute of Letters
Deirdre Siobhan FlynnBass
Award for Best Middle Grade
Book 2021

Selected for the 2022-2023 Maine
Student Book Award List.

CARRY ME HOME

Two sisters struggle to keep their father's disappearance a secret in this tender middle grade novel that's perfect for fans of Katherine Applegate and Lynda Mullaly Hunt.

Twelve-year-old Lulu and her younger sister, Serena, have a secret. As Daddy always says, "it's best if we keep it to ourselves," and so they have. But hiding your past is one thing. Hiding where you live—and that your Daddy has gone missing—is harder.

At first Lulu isn't worried. Daddy has gone away once before and he came back. But as the days add up, with no sign of Daddy, Lulu struggles to take care of all the responsibilities they used to manage as a family.

Lulu knows that all it takes is one slip-up for their secret to come spilling out, for Lulu and Serena to be separated, and for all the good things that have been happening in school to be lost.

But family is all around us, and Lulu must learn to trust her new friends and community to save those she loves and to finally find her true home.

"Fox offers a message via Jack when he learns about Lulu's life: "No one should have to live in a car." Cranes—paper ones that Lulu and Selena fold, inspired by both the story of Hiroshima survivor Sadako Sasaki and the sandhill cranes migration—represent wishes granted and a kind of grace, leading to a satisfying, redemptive conclusion nicely pitched to a young audience." **-Kirkus**

"Fox's moving story is told in flashes of the "Now," "Before," and "Way Before," slowly and affectingly filling in the family's history, as well as a detailed explanation of their situation. A reassuring but realistic ending encourages readers to ask for help when needed and emphasizes that there is always someone who will care. A compassionate and empathetic examination of being unhoused."

- Booklist





Viking 2020

ISBN 978-0-451-47869-6

Ages 10+

Awards

Junior Library Guild Selection



THE ARTIFACT HUNTERS

Twelve year old Isaac Wolf is Jewish and abnormally tall for his age, and at the height of World War II, standing out for any reason often leads to trouble. When tensions in Prague rise, Isaac's parents make the quick decision to send him to Scotland alone with a small backpack and a pendant in the shape of an eternity knot. They assure him that he will be safe if he can track down this symbol.

This clue leads him to Rookskill Castle, home of the gifted children of the Special Alternative Intelligence Unit who are learning to harness their magical powers to support the Allies' cause. With the help of his new friends and an antique watch that allows him to travel through time, Isaac must unlock his own powers and uncover the meaning of the eternity knot by hunting for a series of magical artifacts that are scattered through the past. But Isaac is not the only artifact hunter, and soon he finds himself in a race against an even deadlier threat than the war itself—one that his parents had been trying to shield him from all along.

A companion novel to *The Charmed Children of Rookskill Castle*.

"Potent, otherworldly, evil magic seeks domination, feeding on terror and upheaval in a time of war, while a Jewish refugee must find a way to counter it with some good magic of his own... Episodes are detailed and fast-paced, each one moving the tale forward, and there are lots of unexpected twists, turns, and revelations. Isaac and his magical teammates...are steadfast, brave, earnest, and altogether engaging. Inventive and exciting, with strong hints of more to follow."

-Kirkus

"Grabbed my attention from page one and would not let go."

-Jennifer A. Nielsen, New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of *The False Prince*

"An intricately woven tale full of action, menace and historical twists, Janet Fox reminds readers that friendship can overcome even the most powerful of evils."

-Kim Ventrella, author of *Skeleton Tree*



Viking 2016

ISBN 978-0-451-47633-3

Ages 10+

Awards

Winner of SCBWI's Crystal Kite Award, Western States Division

2016 Junior Library Guild selection

ALA Notable Books Nominee 2016

2017 Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association Shortlist Honor Book

2017 Texas SPOT (Spirit of Texas Award) selection

2017 Wisconsin State Reading Association selection

2017 Maine Student Book Awards list

Booklist Top 10 Books For Youth Fantasy/Horror 2016

THE CHARMED CHILDREN OF ROOKSKILL CASTLE

"Keep calm and carry on."

That's what Katherine Bateson's father told her, and that's what she's trying to do: when her father goes off to the war, when her mother sends Kat and her brother and sister away from London to escape the incessant bombing, even when the children arrive at Rookskill Castle, an ancient, crumbling manor on the misty Scottish highlands.

But it's hard to keep calm in the strange castle that seems haunted by ghosts or worse. What's making those terrifying screeches and groans at night? Why do the castle's walls seem to have a mind of their own? And why do people seem to mysteriously appear and disappear?

Kat believes she knows the answer: Lady Eleanor, who rules Rookskill Castle, is harboring a Nazi spy. But when her classmates begin to vanish, one by one, Kat must uncover the truth about what the castle actually harbors—and who Lady Eleanor really is—before it's too late.

"Witchy magic, Nazi menace, and clockwork all come into play, along with an Enigma machine and spies for both the Allies and the Nazis seeking occult sources of power or protection. After the breathtaking climax, various threads of the story are tied up in a drawing-room denouement in which the characters decide to dispose of toxic magical artifacts rather carelessly—though in a way that invites anticipation (and fortuitously leaves room for sequels). An original, clever, page-turning adventure."

-Kirkus, *Starred Review*



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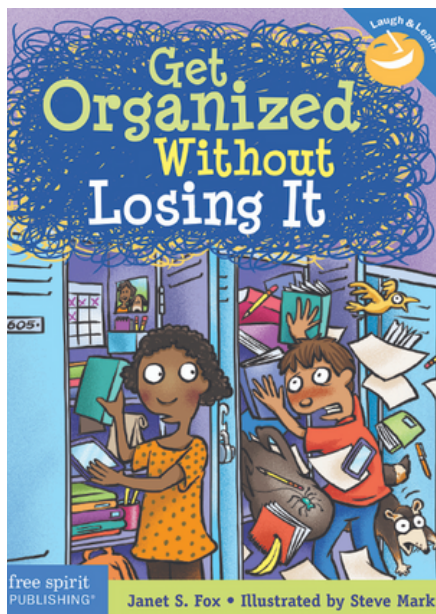


Booklist



Shelf **AWARENESS**
enlightenment for readers

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Free Spirit Publishing 2017

ISBN 978-1-631-98173-9

Ages 8+

Awards

National Association of Parent Publications Awards (NAPPA):
2006 award- winner.

Midwest Independent
Publisher's Association (MIPA)
Midwest Book Awards: 2007
merit award.

GET ORGANIZED WITHOUT LOSING IT

Kids: If your desk is a disaster, and your locker is a shocker, this book is for you! Full of you-can-do-it ways to manage the major messes in your life, "Get Organized" will help you put your stuff in order, manage your time, plan your work and work your plan. It's a sure-fire way to turn stress into more free time!

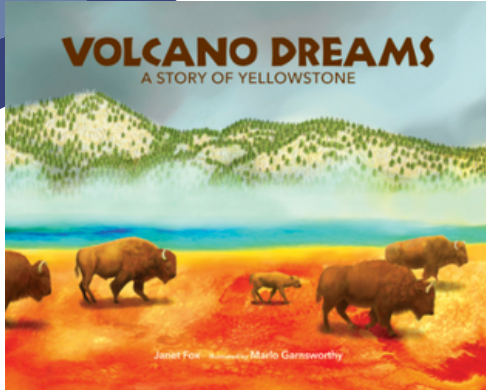
Parents and teachers: One of the books in Free Spirit's Laugh and Learn series, "Get Organized" will help the kids you know who have issues with their stuff, or with time management.

"Fox uses humor to provide practical, easy-to-follow ideas for organizing desks, backpacks, and lockers; managing time for homework and after school activities; planning long-term projects; and taking better notes...a great book for middle school and junior high teens when they have more subjects and activities to manage."

-Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA) Magazine



Picture Books



VOLCANO DREAMS: A STORY OF YELLOWSTONE

Lyrical prose and luminous paintings lead readers on a tour of the Yellowstone supervolcano, from the wolves, elk, bears, and mountain goats that roam its surface to the fiery depths of its magma chamber. Volcano Dreams knits together the vibrancy of the Yellowstone ecosystem with its explosive history, placing the everyday lives of its creatures within the context of geological time. Janet Fox's poetic text takes us to the root of it all – the 'sleeping giant' of magma responsible for the Yellowstone landscape – and Marlo Garnsworthy's evocative paintings capture the awe of natural forces at work in our nation's oldest national park.

Web of Life Children's
Books 2018

ISBN 978-0-988-33038-2

Ages 5 - 9

Awards

Reading The West Award
shortlist 2018 – from M&PIBA
(Mountains and Plains)

2020 Treasure State Award
Nominee, Montana State
Literacy Association

2021 Beehive Book Award
Nominee, Children's Literature
Association of Utah

Illustrated by Marlo Garnsworthy

"The author's first picture book reflects her own appreciation for this national treasure, which could inspire family visits. An unusual and appealing addition to the sense-of-wonder shelf."

-Kirkus

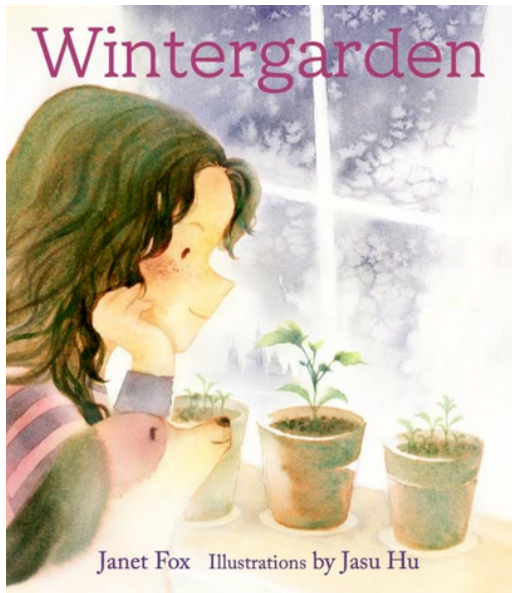
"Janet Fox warmly harnesses the rhythms and sensations of wakefulness and sleep in this insightful exploration of the geological past and (hopefully quite distant) future of an American treasure."

**-Chris Barton, author of the 2018 Orbis Pictus
Honor Book Dazzle Ships**

"Entertaining, informative, and thoroughly 'kid friendly' from first page to last, "Volcano Dreams: A Story of Yellowstone" is unreservedly recommended for family, school, and community library collections."

-Midwest Book review





WINTERGARDEN

Even in a city apartment in the heart of winter, love and care can grow a vibrant garden. Together, a young girl and her mother tend to the pots nestled on their windowsill, oregano and parsley and baby greens all springing to life while snow falls just outside the window. Multiple harvests of fresh greens keep potatoes spiced and soup tasting like summer through the coldest and darkest season. When spring finally arrives, there's one thing on the girl's mind: more seeds!

Author Janet Fox's text entwines with acclaimed illustrator Jasu Hu's watercolors in this cozy tale of urban ingenuity.

Neal Porter Books, Holiday House, 2023

COMING SOON



Young Adult Novels



FAITHFUL

Penguin Group, 2010

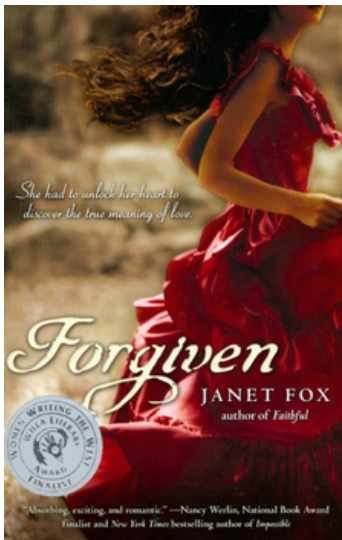
ISBN 978-0-14-241413-2

Ages 12+

Awards

Amelia Bloomer List Selection for 2011 YALSA

2011 Nominee: Best Fiction for Young Adults



FORGIVEN

Penguin Group, 2011

ISBN 978-0-14-241414-9

Ages 12+

Awards

2011 Junior Library Guild Selection

2012 Finalist of the WILLA Literary Awards for Children's and Young Adult Fiction and Nonfiction, Women Writing the West



SIRENS

Penguin Group, 2012

ISBN 978-0-14-242430-8

Ages 12+

"Yes, there's a mystery here. It involves Jo's supposedly dead brother, Lou's gangster boyfriend, bootlegging, a bombing, missing pages from a journal, and more than a few Dark Secrets. All of which was quite fun, though it's not why Sirens was a stand-out for me....Sirens is a celebration of girl power, sisterhood, and hope for the future."

-Kirkus

Janet can also help you master the craft of story-telling.

Fox Tales, Big Picture Story Coach LLC

Fox Tales offers services in multiple children's genres, in age ranges from middle grade through young adult. My specialties include fantasy, science fiction, contemporary, and historical fiction.

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