

## Runt Marion Dane Bauer

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One very long night, a crow, a moose, and a fox all claim they can bring back the sun, but the wind knows that only one little creature has what is needed to end the darkness.

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Tim is distressed to learn that his mom, new stepfather, and grandmother are sure Granddad has Alzheimer's disease. Refusing to accept the possibility that they may be right, Tim persuades Granddad to run away with him on a fishing trip, convinced this will prove that Granddad is still capable of taking care of himself. But on the way to the lake, Granddad keeps forgetting things: their equipment, the soft drinks, even how to make change at the roadside store. When Granddad can't get them out of a dangerous situation on the water but instead makes the problem worse, Tim finally realizes his grandfather has changed . . . but his awareness may have come too late. Well-developed characters and page-turning suspense ensure that this riveting yet poignant novel will hold readers captive.

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The award-winning author “provides mentoring and practical and technical advice in this handy how-to book . . . as useful to teachers as to young writers” (School Library Journal, starred review). Storytelling is a universal experience. From an early age, we begin to shape our own world by crafting tales. But learning to tell—and write—a good story isn’t easy. It takes dedication and practice, just like for a musician or an athlete, and it can be just as rewarding to accomplish as winning a game or mastering an instrument. It’s the kind of work that feeds our souls and makes us glad to be alive. In *What’s Your Story?*, Newbery Medal-winning author Marion Dane Bauer discusses how to write fiction from beginning to end, including creating a story plan, choosing the best idea, bringing characters to life, deciding on a point of view,

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creating realistic dialogue, keeping readers hooked, and revising and polishing the finished product. “Her last comment is telling: ‘Knowing your craft can help you tell a story. But only by taking risks can you make art.’ After many pages of provocative information and straightforward counsel, that sentence may be the one to launch youngsters to the challenge. The book speaks directly to young writers, but many adults (teachers, librarians, reviewers, editors, would-be writers) will also find this sensible dissection of the storytelling process invaluable.”—Kirkus Reviews (starred review) “A pragmatic, organized approach to story writing . . . the exercises and thought processes introduced as groundwork come across as stimulating rather than tedious and may serve to hone analytical skills as well as inspire even

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the most reluctant writers to try their hand.”—Publishers Weekly

The Animals Speak

Earthquake!

Coming Out from the Silence

Turk and Runt

Sheep

The sheep closed in around him like a big, woolly blanket. The puppy had never been so scared or so excited in his life. Soon he was racing, fainting, dodging – learning what it means to be one of the proud breed of Border collies, the finest shepherders in the world. Then, almost overnight, his life is turned upside down. He finds himself in a series of strange places, with no sheep, his

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family gone. With nothing but the courage he was born with and a dream, he searches for the life he once knew, gathering names and adventures as he goes. For a short time, he's called Blackie. To the Goat Man, he's Shep. To Hollerin, he's Spot. There's one name that threatens to forever haunt him — Sparky, the name Billy the circus man calls him when he reaches for the whip. But there's another name that he is given, one that finally makes him feel at home . . . Known for her rich character development, the author brings all her skills to delving into the mind of a clever, philosophical, and hopeful dog searching for a home. Brannon is afraid of thunder until his older brother compares thunder to one of Brannon's favorite subjects--dinosaurs.

RuntYearling Books

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A young child ruminates on the favorite weather of ten different animals.

Clouds

When I Go Camping with Grandma

A Day No Pigs Would Die

Frog's Best Friend

Presents a simple biography of the sixteenth president of the United States.

Newbery Honor recipient and New York Times bestselling author Marion Dane Bauer teaches beginning readers about the sun in this shining Level 1 Ready-to-Read. There are no clouds in the sky. The sun is shining! How does the sun bring

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us such warm, bright days? Just open this book and read about the wonders of the sun...

When twelve-year-old Stacy gets fed up with her pregnant stepmother and leaves her Oklahoma panhandle home, she is led by a pair of dogs, one about to whelp, to the home of Old Ella, who gives her a new perspective on life.

A boy who has been raised by wolves from a young age unexpectedly finds himself back in human society, trying to figure out how to fit in.

A Mama for Owen

A Thanksgiving Comedy

Little Dog Lost

Little Dog, Lost

The Very Best Daddy of All

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*A little cat named Patches manages to push out a window screen and leave her house, chasing a falling leaf, and sets out to find a special place to call her own.*

*Illustrations and simple text explain three types of clouds--stratus, cumulus, and cirrus--as well as what clouds are made of and what clouds can bring. Simultaneous.*

*Level 1: Starting to Read • Simple stories • Increased vocabulary • Longer sentences Everyone loves snow! It's fun to play in and makes wonderful snowmen. But where does snow come from? The answer is at your fingertips. Just open this book and read about the wonders of snow....*

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*Cat bones, rat bones, and bat bones illustrate this spooky Halloween adventure, written by newbery-Honor-winning author Marion Dane Bauer. If you take your trick-or-treat sack and venture into the dark woods on Halloween night, you'll find cat bones, rat bones, and bat bones--and all are looking at YOU! "Take care! Beware! Despair!" the bone creatures will cry. "You can bet you've just met your worst nightmare!" What will you do? Cry? Sigh? NO! Because you're too tough / to worry about stuff / like the rattle / and prattle / of bones! Told in unmetered rhymed verse, this Halloween adventure is a real treat.*

*The Christmas Baby*

*A Bear Named Trouble*

*Runt*

*The Boy Who Howled*

*Cutest Critter*

Baby critters are soft and cuddly, but which is the cutest? Award-winning author Marion Dane Bauer poses this question, leading readers on a heartwarming journey to find *The Cutest Critter*. Stan Tekiela's adorable photographs provide plenty of choices, but by story's end there is just one answer. Stan and Marion's other collaborations both won Mom's Choice Awards. *The Cutest Critter* is sure to become another

family favorite. Share it with someone you love, and introduce them to the wonders of nature. Liz and Tom move to the country and finally make new friends while looking for their lost dog Pip.

Nine-year-old Sarah is excited about summer vacation, but she faces unexpected crises when her best friend Paige becomes old enough to join a local girls' clique, and when she makes choices which affect her relationship with an elderly blind neighbor. This summer nine-year-old Sarah is dreading the first day of summer vacation. It will be her best friend's birthday, and stuck-up

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Valerie Miller will ask Paige to join her silly Double-Digit Club, a group that ignores girls who are not ten yet. If Paige says yes, Sarah will have no friends for the whole summer because her birthday isn't until the end of August. Even though Sarah and Paige have promised to be "last, best, and only friends," Sarah is not sure Paige will be able to pass up the chance to be accepted by the most popular girls in school. In this heartfelt novel, a girl discovers the meaning of true and honest friendship and learns to face the future as a wiser and more open person. Joel dares his best friend, Tony, to a swimming

race in a dangerous river. Both boys jump in, but when Joel reaches the sandbar, he finds Tony has vanished. How can he face their parents and the terrible truth?

Abraham Lincoln

Thank You for Me!

The Stuff of Stars

An Early Winter

Dinosaur Thunder

In a classic storyteller's voice, Newbery Honor recipient Marion Dane Bauer tells a tale of friendship, family, and fitting in that recalls *The Doll People*, Rumer Godden, and *Hitty, Her First Hundred Years*. Rose is a wild child. She

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doesn't care what her mother or teacher or schoolmates say—she does what she wants. When she finds a delicate china doll in the attic, she takes it. Then the doll comes to life in her hand. She's loud, obnoxious, selfishly bossy, and claims that she's a princess and Rose is her servant. But she's also tiny and fragile. She needs Rose to keep her safe. And maybe Rose needs Princess Regina, too. From all of the daddies, tall or small, mine is the best, the very best... Some animal daddies comfort their babies or hold them tight, or face every danger for them. But the narrator of this loving picture book knows his daddy does all of that -- and more -- for him. In this sweet companion to the New York Times best-selling *My Mother Is Mine*, Marion Dane Bauer and Leslie Wu

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celebrate fathers. A Father's Day card is attached to the back of the book, but this is a book to share all year long. the very best daddy of all.

A boy, a dog and an old man are all lonely before the boy plans a rally, the dog looks for a boy, and all the townspeople run to the old man's aid when lightning strikes his home. By the Newbery Honor-winning author of *On My Honor*. Reprint.

I have two feet that dart, that dash, that sprint, that splash. Thank you for my feet. In this lyrical text, a young child lists body parts from nose to toes, giving thanks for each along the way. Cherished author Marion Dane Bauer's bouncy rhymes are wonderful for reading aloud, and Kristina Stephenson's soft illustrations highlight

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what's special in the everyday. A subtle reminder of our deepest core values, Thank You for Me! is a delightful celebration of gratitude that belongs on every bookshelf.

Little Cat's Luck

Dog Lost

LLI Gold System

The Very Little Princess: Rose's Story

The Longest Night

**Ten-year-old Jonathan practically lives at the Anchorage Zoo, where his father is a keeper. He loves animals, and even imagines himself inside their bodies, seeing what they see, feeling what they feel. Meanwhile, a young brown bear is wandering**

through the woods near Anchorage, alone and hungry. One night, while searching for food, the bear crosses paths with Jonathan, who eagerly follows him onto the zoo grounds. But when the bear accidentally kills Mama Goose, Jonathan's favorite zoo creature, the boy loses the empathy he had felt earlier. He wishes that the bear—now nicknamed Trouble—would meet the same fate as his beloved goose, and he impulsively takes steps to make sure that happens. Based on an actual incident, and told in alternating chapters from the bear's and Jonathan's points of view, this is both an involving animal story and a thought-provoking investigation

**into the consequences of one's actions.**

**'Absolutely magical ... Always intriguing' Richard Adams author of Watership Down. Behind the realm of man lie the wild roads. Weaving through time and space, these hidden pathways carry the natural energies – the spirits, the dreams – of the world. No creature can slip into the shadows and travel the wild roads better than the cat. For millennia, cats have patrolled the tangled paths, maintaining balance and order, guarding against corruption and chaos. It is dangerous territory: for those who control the wild roads hold the keys to the world. Amid a struggle between the purest good and the**

**darkest evil, here are tales of duty and destiny, of courage and comradeship among the extraordinary creatures who brave the wild roads... Secure in a world of privilege and safety, Tag is happy with life as a house cat – until the dreams begin. Hazy dreams of strange pathways, of a mission he must undertake and of a terrible responsibility he will bear. Armed with the cryptic message, Tag must bring the King and Queen of cats to Tintagel before the spring equinox. Meanwhile, a man known only as the Alchemist doggedly hunts the Queen for his own ghastly ends. And if the Alchemist captures her, the world will never be safe again...**

**Relates how, since the first Christmas, animals around the world have been able to speak at midnight on Christmas Eve to rejoice and proclaim, "The Child is here!"**

**In an astonishing unfurling of our universe, Newbery Honor winner Marion Dane Bauer and Caldecott Honor winner Ekua Holmes celebrate the birth of every child. Before the universe was formed, before time and space existed, there was . . . nothing. But then . . . BANG! Stars caught fire and burned so long that they exploded, flinging stardust everywhere. And the ash of those stars turned into planets. Into our Earth. And into us. In a poetic text, Marion Dane**

**Bauer takes readers from the trillionth of a second when our universe was born to the singularities that became each one of us, while vivid illustrations by Ekua Holmes capture the void before the Big Bang and the ensuing life that burst across galaxies. A seamless blend of science and art, this picture book reveals the composition of our world and beyond — and how we are all the stuff of stars.**

**Shelter from the Wind**

**Halloween Forest**

**Winter Dance**

**Sunshine**

**The Double-digit Club**

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In a beginner's book about friendship that features large type and simple vocabulary, Frog learns how to share his best friend, Turtle, with the other animals.

You can't judge a dog by its cover: The heroic story of a sweet, loyal pit bull pup that defies expectations and her breed's reputation to save the day--and the boy she loves! 11-year-old Mackenzie has got one friend in the whole world: Cash, his brown-eyed pit bull. His dad won the runt after a long night of gambling--ever since Mack's mom died, that's all he seems to do, and soon he erupts in a rage at the innocent pup, takes her away in the trunk of his car, and dumps her in the middle of nowhere. Mack

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vows to find Cash and bring her back home--he has to!  
All strays are about to be outlawed and put down. Little  
does Mack know that while he searches for Cash, she's  
surviving her own adventures and proving in the process  
that all dogs--even pit bulls--are born good

Describes how Mt. Rusmore was made.

Owen the baby hippo and his mama were best friends.  
They loved to play hide-and-seek on the banks of the  
Sabaki River in Africa. That was all before the tsunami  
came and washed Owen's world away. But after the rain  
stops, Owen befriends Mzee, a grayish brown tortoise. He  
plays with him, snuggles with him, and decides he just

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might turn out to be his best friend and a brand-new mama. Inspired by the tsunami of 2004, acclaimed storyteller Marion Dane Bauer and celebrated illustrator John Butler depict this heartwarming true tale of healing, adoption, and rebirth -- with splendid illustrations and oodles of love.

A Young Person's Guide to Writing Fiction

On My Honor

Am I Blue?

What's Your Story?

System Guide

*Newbery Honor recipient and New York Times bestselling author*

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*Marion Dane Bauer explains what causes earthquakes in this Level 1 Ready-to-Read. What causes an earthquake is a mystery—until you go deep beneath the Earth's surface. Find out the answers in this informative Ready-to-Read!*

*Originally published in hardcover in 1972, A Day No Pigs Would Die was one of the first young adult books, along with titles like The Outsiders and The Chocolate War. In it, author Robert Newton Peck weaves a story of a Vermont boyhood that is part fiction, part memoir. The result is a moving coming-of-age story that still resonates with teens today.*

*Runt, the smallest wolf pup, desperately trying to please his father, the leader of the wolf pack, stumbles into the forbidden human territory and learns a valuable lesson in self-worth, in a*

*powerful novel of courage. Reprint.*

*This beautiful retelling of the Nativity story that celebrates the timeless joy of Christmas and of welcoming a new baby into the world is now available as a Classic Board Book! Have you heard? A baby is coming! Our baby is here? When Mary and Joseph's child was born, the good tidings spread from the animals in the manger, to the shepherds in the fields, to the kings in distant lands, and even to the angels in the heavens! Now every time a baby is born, we celebrate and people travel from far and wide to greet the new baby—because every new baby is a small miracle. Filled with lyrical text and lush illustrations, this Classic Board Book is the perfect gift for baby's first Christmas!*

*Sun*

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*If Frogs Made the Weather*

*Mount Rushmore*

*The Wild Road*

*with audio recording*

A fox wonders how he should prepare for the coming winter, but what other animals advise will not work for him until another fox comes to his aid.

Set in the northern Minnesota wilderness, a timeless novel about a boy and his imaginary dog explores the legacy of guilt and blame—and what really constitutes a family.

Newbery Honoree Marion Dane Bauer evokes the “summer that changed everything” in the life of a boy

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growing up without a mother. Since as far back as Ben can remember, it's been him, his devoted dad, and Sunshine—Ben's little dog, who rarely leaves Ben's side. It was Mom who did the leaving, and Ben's about to spend a whole week with his suddenly present mother in the wilds of northern Minnesota. On the remote island she calls home, Ben will learn to canoe, weather the elements, and weigh a burning question: when will she come back to where she belongs? A must-read for dog lovers, children of divorce, and the imaginative and outdoorsy, Sunshine is a poignant, ultimately hopeful story about self-discovery, facing big realities, and finally, forgiving the

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things—and people—you can't forget.

A child enjoys a camping trip with Grandma that includes hiking, canoeing, fishing, and cooking out.

Turk's parents are proud of him, the biggest, strongest, most graceful bird at Wishbone Farm. "He's a dancer," says his mother. "He's an athlete," says his father. "He's a goner," says his little brother, Runt. But no one ever listens to Runt -- even after people with seasonal plans and roasting pans begin showing up at Wishbone Farm, or even after the juiciest turkeys are chosen, one by one.

"Chosen for what?" Turk asks. No one wants to hear Runt's answer. But you will laugh at what he has to do to

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get his family's attention. They are, after all, turkeys.  
Snow