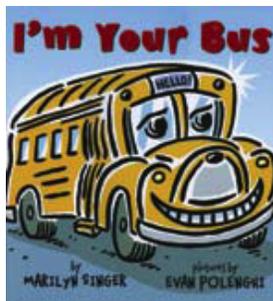


***Higher! Higher!* by Leslie Patricelli. 2009. Somerville, MA: Candlewick. 32 pp. ISBN 9780763632410. Ages 2 to 6.**

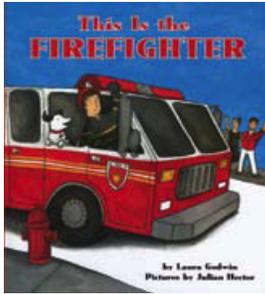
An ordinary day on the swings is the stage for this inventive book in which a father pushes his daughter higher and higher. As she soars, she imagines herself flying over the tree line, above the buildings, past the clouds, and into outer space. Patricelli, who was inspired by a day at the swing set with her own daughter, narrates the journey with creative wordplay. Her illustrations capture the magic of taking flight, in the context of a safe and carefree afternoon with Dad. It's quite a feat for a child to soar to outer space, but when the young astronaut on the swing comes back down to Earth, she exclaims, as any young child is apt to, "Again!" We agree.



***I'm Your Bus*, by Marilyn Singer. Illus. by Evan Polenghi. 2009. New York: Scholastic. 32 pp. ISBN 9780545089180. Ages 2 to 7.**

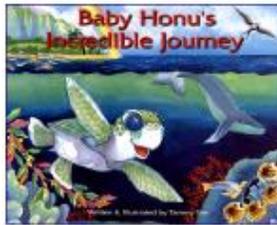
Who knew a school bus could have so much personality? Join this school bus and its fleet for the day, and learn all of the ways they prepare and care for schoolchildren. The narrator begins the rhyming story with, "Howdy, you can count on us. Morning, evening, I'm your bus." The friendly bus wakes up at dawn to start the route, greets the riders by name, and delivers them safely home. Children will enjoy discovering the life a school bus leads when they are not aboard. It collects lost and found items, lingers patiently outside the zoo while the children have a field trip, drives the streets with other friendly vehicles to meet the children on time, and settles into the bus yard at night.

This book is particularly welcome because of the upbeat way it handles a sometimes intimidating part of a young child's daily routine. Children can point out various signs in the bold and colorful illustrations, like the bus stop marker, the stop sign that swings out when the bus door opens, and a traffic sign. As the sun sets on the bus yard, the reader can't help but look forward to the bus's return the next morning.



***This Is the Firefighter*, by Laura Godwin. Illus. by Julian Hector. 2009. New York: Hyperion. 24 pp. ISBN 9781423108009. Ages 3 to 7.**

While there are many firefighter books to choose from, this new title rises to the top. With well-crafted text, Godwin tells the story of a group of firefighters who rescue two families, including a child and a cat, from a burning building in the middle of a big city. Because Godwin’s writing is rhythmic and concise, interesting words and phrases seem to bounce playfully from the page: “This is the firefighter. / These are his clothes. / This is his truck, / and this is its hose. / This is the station. / This is the bell. / And this is the signal / that all is not well.” When danger strikes, Godwin’s rhyme lends reassurance as the firefighters get to work. The earnestness of the city helpers—firefighters, a medical crew, newscasters, and concerned bystanders (including a neighbor in hair rollers)—is reminiscent of the classic *Policeman Small*. Hector renders most of the artwork boldly in red, yellow, blue, and grey. He includes rescuers of both genders and bystanders of various ethnicities. This will be a successful story time read-aloud as well as a popular browsing book.



***Baby Honu's Incredible Journey*, Written and Illustrated by Tammy Yee  
Island Heritage, 1997, 32 pp. ISBN No. 0-89610-285-8**

Baby Honu has just hatched from his egg. Will he find the courage to face sand crabs and sea birds on his perilous journey to the sea? And what wondrous creatures will he encounter in the ocean?

This classic tale of a turtle hatchling has been a favorite of island children for the past three years. It also features a glossary that teaches children about Hawaiian marine life.

***Baby Honu Saves the Day***  
Written and Illustrated by Tammy Yee  
[Island Heritage](#), 1999  
ISBN: 0-89610-327-7

Baby Honu is a tiny green sea turtle who thinks he's too small to make a difference. But a beached baby dolphin inspires him to persuade a moray eel, a porcupinefish, a shark and even a humpback whale to help him in his quest. Follow the continuing adventures of Baby Honu as he teaches young children that even the smallest efforts can cascade into meaningful consequences.

[More information...](#)

### **Educational and interactive lift-a-flap**

**Swimming with Humuhumu: A Young Snorkeler's First Guide to Hawaiian Sea Life** By [Ron Hirschi](#) Illustrated by Tammy Yee [Island Heritage](#), 2004 ISBN: 0-93154-867-5

The award-winning author of 50 books (and counting), Fisheries Biologist Ron Hirschi takes Maddie and Cole on an adventure exploring Hawaii's marine life. "Little Books within the Book" fold out to reveal details about coral reefs, sea turtles, and other ocean life, while postcards to Maddie and Cole's Gramma share their discoveries with the reader. A fun way to learn about Hawaiian sea life!

[More information...](#)

### **2003 Ka Palapala Po'okela Award Winner**

#### **Excellence in Children's Books**

**Lullaby Moon** By Elaine Masters Illustrated by Tammy Yee Music by Malia Elliot [Island Heritage](#), 2002 ISBN: 0-89610-495-8

A dreamy adventure about Koa, a little Hawaiian boy who would rather play outside than fall asleep. Koa soon finds himself befriended by an owl, or Pueo, who takes him on a magical exploration of the island's wildlife. Under the watchful gaze of Lullaby Moon, Koa learns how bats, bees and green sea turtles spend their night. With boldly illustrated lift-a-flaps and a musical CD by Malia Elliot, of the popular performing and songwriting duo, Leon & Malia.

[More information...](#)

### **Iki, The Littlest 'Opihi**

Written and Illustrated by Tammy Yee

[Island Heritage](#), 1998

ISBN: 0-89610-019-7

Little Iki lives in the rough surge zone of Hawaii's rocky shore. Like the other 'opihis, Iki must learn to cling tightly to the rocks, or risk being swept away by the waves. But Iki wants to see the world. Will this tiny limpet settle down and learn to "stick to it?" Inspired by the author's willful son, who clung to her legs like a little 'opihis when he was young.

[More information...](#)

### **The Boy Who Tricked the Ghosts**

Written by Ellie Crowe

Illustrated by Tammy Yee

[Island Heritage](#), 2003

ISBN: 0-89610-769-8

Award-winning writer Ellie Crowe recounts the harrowing tale of Kaulula'au, a real-life mischiefmaker who is banished to Lana'i, the "island of ghosts," more than five centuries ago. Through bravery and determination, he tricks the ghosts, chases a sorceress away, and wins the hearts of those he loves. A page-turner for older readers.

[More information...](#)

### **Hide and Seek Alphabet Book and matching Workbook**

**Island Style Alphabet** Written and Illustrated by Tammy Yee [Island Heritage](#), 2000 ISBN: 0-89610-442-7

Where else in the world is A for A'ama, B for Bon dance, and C for Chinese lion? Only in Hawai'i nei!  
[More information...](#)

Dedicated to the keiki of Hawai'i, *Island-Style Alphabet* celebrates Hawai'i's unique local culture with familiar island sights such as spam musubi, vanda orchid lei, and an 'ukulele-strumming 'uku. A helpful addendum encourages children to search for alphabet objects hidden on every page.

### **Island-Style Alphabet Coloring and Activity Book**

Written and Illustrated by Tammy Yee

[Island Heritage](#), 1999

ISBN: 0-89610-454-0

Stickers, puzzles, crosswords, dot-to-dot, hidden alphabet objects and more.

[More information...](#)

### **Lift-a-flap**

**Peekaboo Shapes** Written and Illustrated by Tammy Yee

Yee [Island Heritage](#), 2001 ISBN: 0-89610-360-9

Keiki will delight in finding a star hidden in a tide pool (sea star) and a triangle in a lunchbox (musubi). Written in child pleasing rhyme, this fun filled lift-the-flap book introduces basic shapes through familiar Hawaiian scenes: at the beach, in the park and Iolani Palace, too.

[More information...](#)

### **Board Books**

**Mo'o's Colors** Written and Illustrated by Tammy Yee [Island Heritage](#), 2002 ISBN: 0-89610-477-X

Follow Mo'o and his ladybug friend as they discover the colors of the islands.

### **Island Opposites**

Written and Illustrated by Tammy Yee

[Island Heritage](#), 2001

ISBN: 0-89610-465-6

Learning opposites has never been more fun. Written in a rhyming fashion to help keiki develop a tune that will aid in sustaining long term memory.

### **Leilani's Hula**

Written and Illustrated by Tammy Yee

[Island Heritage](#), 2001

ISBN: 0-89610-379-X

Tutu teaches Leilani the hula in this precious little board book. Includes Hawaiian translations.

### **Keiki Counting**

Written and Illustrated by Tammy Yee

[Island Heritage](#), 1999

ISBN: 0-89610-438-9

Keiki learn the numbers 1-10 using Hawaiian animals and

plants, and more. Written in both Hawaiian and English. A matching wooden puzzle is also available, reinforcing counting skills.

### **Read-a-long Rebus**

**The Castle That Kai Built** Written and Illustrated by Tammy Yee  
Island Heritage, 2001 ISBN: 0-89610-360-9

A fresh and silly Hawaiian adaptation of "The House That Jack Built," done in fun-filled rebus form so that young children can "read" along. What's a rebus? It's a puzzle where words or phrases are replaced by pictures of letters, objects or signs. Who doesn't love a rebus?

[More information...](#)

### **The Hawaiian Wildlife Coloring and Activity Book**

Written and Illustrated by Tammy Yee

The Bess Press, 1997

ISBN: 1-57306-059-3

Make a wetland diorama, a pueo (Hawaiian owl) puppet and a Hawaiian Hawk flier in this fun-filled activity book! Children will learn about Hawai'i's unique ecosystems through coloring, puzzles and activities.

[More information...](#)

### **Goldie and the Three Geckos**

Written by Debra Ryll

Illustrated by Tammy Yee

Island Heritage, 2000

ISBN: 0-89610-357-9

What happens when little Miss Goldie Locke from Tucson, Arizona decides to explore a tropical island beach? Goldilocks goes Hawaiian in Debra Ryll's "Goldie and the Three Geckos."

[More information...](#)

### **The Ugly 'Elepaio**

Written and Illustrated by Tammy Yee

Island Heritage, 1998

ISBN: 0-89610-002-2

In the misty rain forests that skirt Kilauea Volcano lives an unsightly chick named Liko. With his orange skin and sparse feathers, Liko is taunted by the other forest birds. This adaptation of the classic Ugly Duckling tale follows Liko as he blossoms into a scarlet i'iwi, a beautiful honeycreeper. Also included is a glossary that teaches children about the birds of the Hawaiian rain forest.

[More information...](#)

### **Elizabeth Root Hawaiian Quilting Books**

**Menehune Quilts...the Hawaiian Way Pillows to Patch Quilt...the Hawaiian Way Quilting Days...the Hawaiian Way Keeping in Touch...the Hawaiian Way** Written by Elizabeth Root Illustrated by Tammy Yee

Whether you're an experienced quilter, a novice or an admirer of Hawaiian quilts, Elizabeth Root's designs are sure to be a wonderful addition to your Hawaiian quilt library. [More information...](#)

### **Flavors of Paradise**

Pearl City Community Church

Illustrated by Tammy Yee

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### **Books by Tammy Yee**

From Hawaii Wit...

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Baby Honu Save...

Tammy Yee (Hardco...

**\$11.95**

Baby Honu thinks he's too small to make a difference....

Li'l Ohana Baby ...

Island Heritage

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U'ilani Goldsberry (H...

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