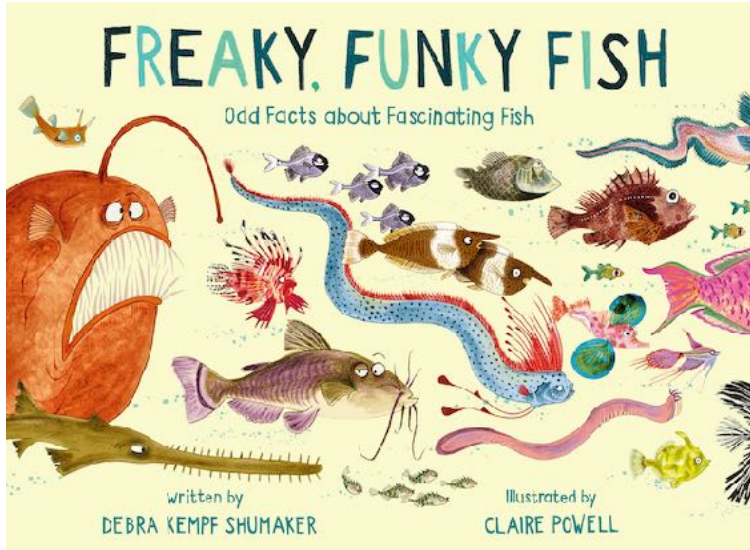


Freaky, Funky Fish



"Simultaneously enlightening and enthralling."
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Freaky, Funky Fish: Odd Facts About Fascinating Fish
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Illustrated by Claire Powell

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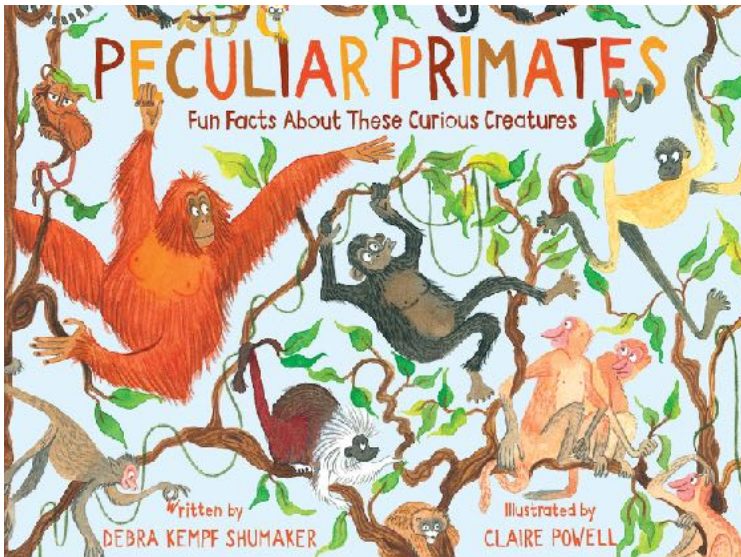
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Peculiar Primates



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Peculiar Primates: Fun Facts About These Curious Creatures

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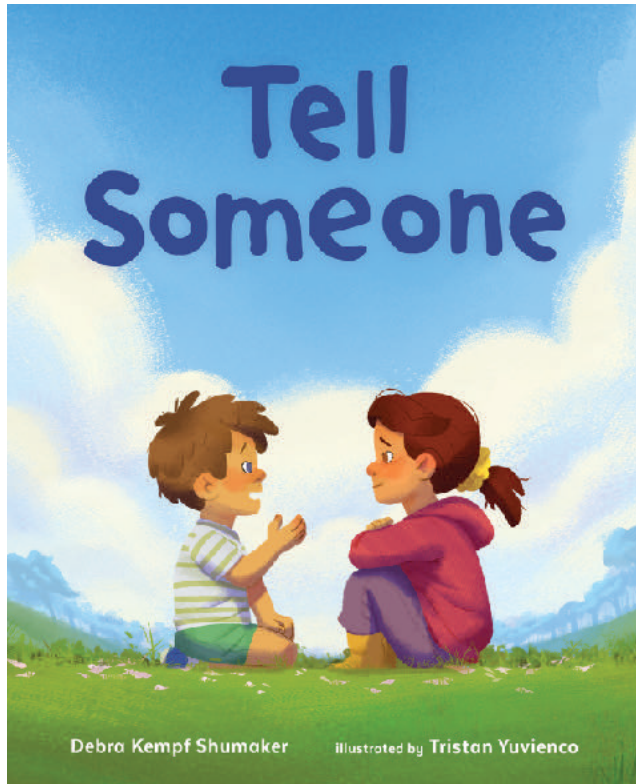
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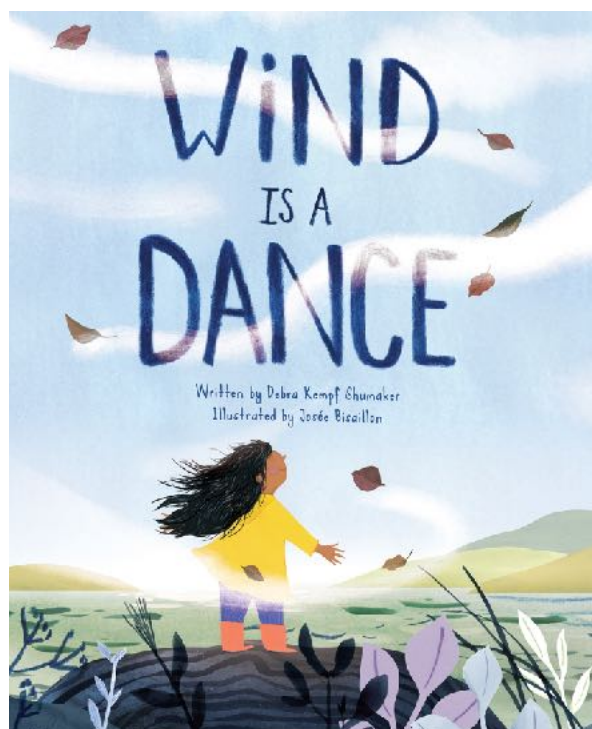
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