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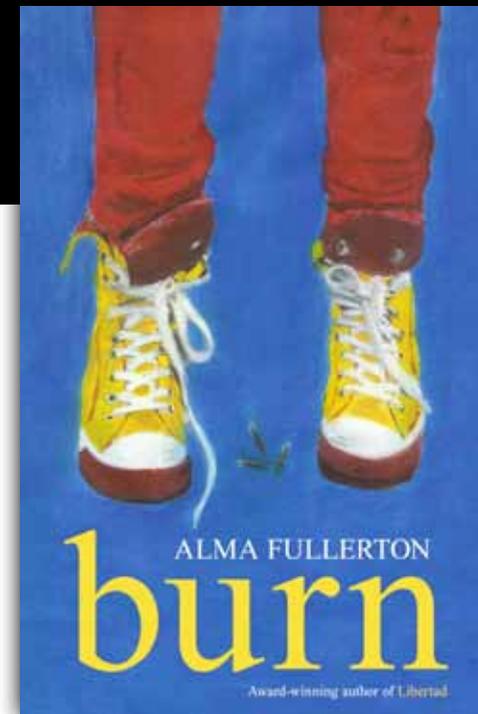
New Release • Young Adult

BURN

Whenever Casey's famous mom went on tour, she took her daughter along. But since settling down with a new husband and baby, things have changed. After years of domestic life, Casey's mom is anxious to go back to her old life—without Casey. Devastated, Casey is left to keep the house running and care for Ginny, her autistic sister, while her step dad withdraws into his own private grief. Who is there to notice when Casey needs attention? To find comfort, Casey begins building fires to send smoke signals to her mother, hoping her mother will see her message.

Casey has been hiding her anger behind a wall of house chores and the impossible job of keeping her sister calm. Soon the ritual fires won't be able to relieve her growing resentment. One day she won't be able to build a fire big enough to contain it all.

A powerful free verse novel by the author of *Libertad*, *Burn* explores a girl's desperate attempt to keep her family together, even as her own growing obsessions threaten to destroy them.



ISBN: 978-1-897151-95-2

Release Date: September 2010

5" x 7.625" | TPB

Age: 9-12 | 180 pp | \$12.95

JUV013070 Juvenile Fiction/Family/
Siblings

JUV039050 Juvenile Fiction/Social
Issues/Emotions & Feelings

JUV039140 Juvenile Fiction/Social
Issues/Self-Esteem & Self-Reliance

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



ALMA FULLERTON was born in Ottawa, Ontario. She is the author of *In the Garage*; *Walking on Glass*, 2008 YALSA Quick Pick list); and *Libertad*, 2008 Governor General's Literary Award for Children's Literature (finalist), 2009 TD Canadian Children's Literature Award (finalist), 2009 Ruth & Sylvia Schwartz Children's Book Award (winner), 2009 CLA Children's Book of the Year Honor Book, 2009 Golden Oak Award (winner), 2009 Once Upon a World Children's Book Award (winner), and the 2010 Silver Birch Award (Honour Book).

MARKETING

- Active touring author (schools, bookstores)
- BFE, WOTS selections
- Pitched to Harbourfront Authors Festival, Vancouver Writers' Festival
- Author applied for CCBC Book Week Tour

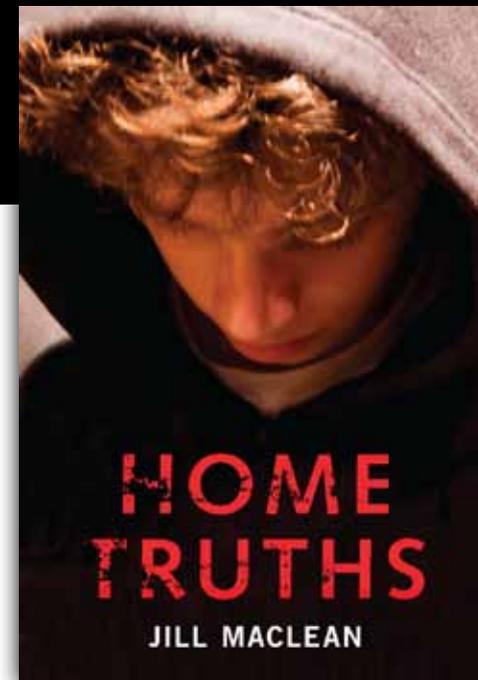
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New Release • Young Adult

HOME TRUTHS

Brick's dad has a temper; you never know when he's going to blow. His mom's self-absorbed and leaves the care of his little sister to Brick. It's no wonder Brick has to let off a little steam of his own once in a while. This summer Brick's going to take up Mr. Larkin's offer of work, even though he's been forbidden to "fraternize with the neighbours." He's going to earn enough money to escape — on the day of his sixteenth birthday. But ... who will his dad turn to when he doesn't have a son to kick around anymore?

Home Truths is a revealing portrait of a bully-in-the-making and his journey to redemption.



ISBN: 978-1-897151-96-9

Release Date: September 2010

5.5" x 8" | TPB

Age: 12+ | 224 pp | \$14.95

JUV039010 Juvenile Fiction/Social
Issues/Physical and Emotional Abuse

JUV039230 Juvenile Fiction/Social
Issues/Bullying

JUV039140 Juvenile Fiction/Social
Issues/Self-Esteem & Self-Reliance

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



JILL MACLEAN first novel, *The Nine Lives of Travis Keating* (2008), won the 2009 Ann Connor Brimer Award, was an Honour Book for the 2010 Silver Birch, shortlisted for the Canadian Library Association Book of the Year, and the Hackmatack and Diamond Willow awards, and was a KIND Children's Honorable Mention Book for the Humane Society of the United States. Its 2009 sequel, *The Present Tense of Prinnie Murphy*, won the 2010 Ann Connor Brimer Award and was shortlisted for the Ruth and Sylvia Schwartz Children's Book Award. Formerly from Newfoundland, Jill now makes her home in Nova Scotia, which is the setting for *Home Truths*.

MARKETING

- Comprehensive review & award submissions
- Active touring author (schools, book-stores)
- BFE, WOTS selection
- Pitched to Vancouver Writers' Festival
- CCBC Book Week Tour

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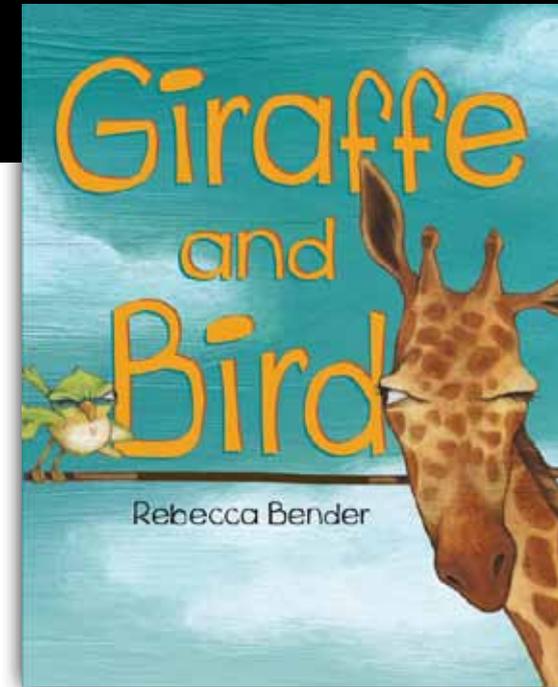
New Release • Children's Illustrated

GIRAFFE AND BIRD

It's true that getting along can be difficult, but Giraffe and Bird don't even try. When Bird makes a face, Giraffe sticks out his tongue; when Bird tweets in his ear, Giraffe invades Bird's personal space. Bird can't put up with Giraffe's bad breath; Giraffe can't abide it when Bird eats too much fiber and then ... well, you know.

If you ask them, Giraffe and Bird will tell you: they can't stand each other. One day Giraffe loses his patience and Bird is fed up. "Scram!" says Giraffe. "Get lost!" says Bird. And so they do. You would think they'd be happy now, but you might be wrong. Without each other, how will Bird and Giraffe weather the coming storm?

A hilarious debut by author and artist Rebecca Bender, *Giraffe and Bird* combines a clever text introducing synonyms with bright, expressive art to tell the funny and slightly tender story of two enemies who eventually realize they are much better off together.



ISBN: 978-1-897151-84-6

Release Date: September 2010

10" x 12" | HC w/ dust jackets

Full colour illustrations

Age: 3-6 | 32 pp | \$18.95

JUV039060 Juvenile Fiction/Social

Issues/Friendship

JUV019000 Juvenile Fiction/

Humorous Stories

JUV009080 Juvenile Fiction/

Concepts/Words

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



REBECCA BENDER attended the Ontario College of Art and Design, and was awarded an OCAD medallion for illustration. She has worked in greeting cards, publishing, and graphic novels. *Giraffe and Bird* is her first book published as an author/illustrator.

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