

# "Firefly Moments"

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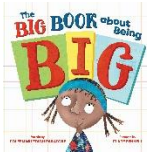
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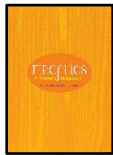
"Catch ideas like fireflies on a summer night, and write what only YOU can write."

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Award-winning author of 20+ books, whether I'm writing, teaching, or public speaking, my goal is to *inspire*.



**The BIG Book about Being BIG**, Sourcebooks, 2019. A beautifully illustrated picture book with a "BIG" message, BIG is the perfect gift to celebrate all the biggest milestones in life, in the spirit of Dr. Seuss's Oh, the Places You'll Go! \*Gelett Burgess Award \*Nautilus "Better Books for a Better World" Award \*Mom's Choice GOLD Award \*Amazon "Top 10 Picture Book"



**Fireflies: A Writer's Notebook for All Ages**, Sourcebooks, 2018. Encouraging advice, inspiring "spark-starters" and colorful blank journal pages for "writing without rules." The perfect gift for any writer. Order from: [sales@sourcebooks.com](mailto:sales@sourcebooks.com) Allow 2-3 weeks for delivery.

## The "Willa Books" (Ages 10 to adult)

A voracious *reader*, *journal-keeper*, *community rent-payer*, and *candy eater*, Willa wants to be an author someday.



**#1: The Wedding Planner's Daughter**, Simon & Schuster, 2004. Moving to Cape Cod with her famous wedding-planner Mom, Willa wishes for a hometown, a best friend, and a Dad.

**More than 1/2 million copies sold! Movie/TV rights available**

**"Made me laugh out loud!" Meg Cabot, author of Princess Diaries**



**#2 The Cupid Chronicles** (S&S)  
Willa host dances at her family's Cape Cod inn to try and save the Bramble library ☺ "Willa has been my best friend ever since I read that first page of the first book in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. I'm in 8<sup>th</sup> grade now ..." (Jenna, age 13)



**#3 Willa by Heart** (S&S)  
A new girl threatens to steal Willa's lead in "Our Town," and JFK's as well. "I just wanted to say THANK YOU! You and your books were a big part of how my daughter developed a love for reading." (Kelly, Mother of Avery)



**#4 Forget Me Not** (Scholastic Press)  
Summer romance, a dog, a startling surprise, and Willa plans a **wedding!** "I am from South Australia and have to wait SIX WEEKS for the next Willa book. I just cannot wait that long! (Madeleine, age 14)



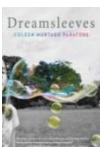
**#5 Wish I Might** (Scholastic Press)  
Is that a **mermaid** on Popponeset Beach?!? "I have read every one of the Willa books at least 3 times. I feel like I am really there in Bramble!" (Caroline, age 12)



**#6 From Willa, With Love** (Scholastic Press)  
While JFK is away, another Bramble boy tries to win Willa's heart. "Because of your books, I started to love reading again." (Laura, age 11)



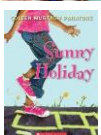
**#7 Roar Like a Girl** (Sourcebooks)  
After a triple tragedy upends her happy world, 15-year-old Willa must leave her beloved Cape Cod, and start fresh in a river city in upstate NY. **Read the ★★★★★ on Amazon.com!**



**DREAMSLEEVES** (ages 10 to adult), Scholastic Press. **What if you wore your dream on your sleeve?** "Every library and bookstore should stock this book and help kids find it." Carol Chittenden, Eight Cousins Bookstore "Dreamsleeves reminds us of the pain of innocence lost, the strength of love, and the power of hope." New York Times bestselling-author, Laurie Halse Anderson "I loved it!" Newbery Author, Jerry Spinelli



**WRITING IT RIGHT** An inspiring memoir about the *transformative power of writing*, co-authored with Peg Spain Murtagh. To support each other through difficult times, we formed a "self-help writing club," meeting every week for a year to share short essays and poems we'd written about the **good things in life**. Order direct from Amazon. "The pen is mightier than the sword, perhaps mightier than medicine, too."



**SUNNY HOLIDAY** and **SWEET AND SUNNY** (age 8+), Scholastic Press. As she and her Mom attempt to stay positive after Sunny's Dad is sent to prison, Sunny – a poet and blossoming community activist – begins a campaign to create a **national holiday for kids**. \* New York Public Library "Best Books for Reading and Sharing" \*Bank Street College "Best Children's Books of the Year"\* \*American Library Association Notables List

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