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## About:

CHARLOTTE OFFSAY was born in England, grew up in Boston, and currently lives in Los Angeles with her husband and two small children. Through her work, Charlotte hopes to make children laugh, to inspire curiosity, and to create a magical world her readers can lose themselves in time and time again.

Charlotte is the author of **The Quiet Forest**, illustrated by Abi Cushman (Paula Wiseman Books, 2024), **Challah Day**, illustrated by Jason Kirschner (Holiday House, 2023), **A Grandma's Magic**, illustrated by Asa Gilland (Doubleday Books for Young Readers, April 2022), **The Big Beach Cleanup**, illustrated by Kate Rewse (Albert Whitman, 2021), and **How to Return a Monster**, illustrated by Rea Zhai (Beaming Books, 2021).

Learn more about Charlotte's work at [charlotteoffsay.com](http://charlotteoffsay.com) and follow her on Twitter and Tiktok at [@COffsay](https://twitter.com/COffsay) and on Instagram at [@picturebookrecommendations](https://www.instagram.com/picturebookrecommendations). Charlotte is represented by Nicole Geiger at Full Circle Literary.

## Picture Books:



### **The Quiet Forest**

Illustrated by Abi Cushman

Paula Wiseman Books/Simon & Schuster

Fall, 2024

ISBN:

Ages: 3-7

## Description:

Deep in the woods,  
a mouse wanders alone.

*A mischievous mouse*  
in a quiet, nothing-to-do forest.  
Until...

One small mishap quickly snowballs into a chain of outrageous events, causing the whole forest full of animals to have a *very* loud day indeed!

Can the animals now find a way to bring calm and quiet back to their home?



### **Challah Day**

Illustrated by Jason Kirschner

Holiday House

July 18, 2023

ISBN: 978-0823454112

Ages: 3-5

Description: It's Challah Day! A family mixes, kneads, and braids bread in this joyful, rhyming story about a Jewish holiday food that's baked with love.

From kneading sticky dough to gathering with family around the table, Challah Day celebrates family, food, heritage, and tradition! Join this happy family as they bake delicious braided egg bread for their Friday night Shabbat dinner.

*Yeast and sugar - water's warm,  
mix and watch those bubbles form!  
Crack the eggs - one... two... three... four  
Extra if some hit the floor.*

Messy flour and laughter abound. The scent of warm bread fills the house. Grandma and Grandpa bring the candles and hugs. Parents, kids, and baby too, can read this kid-friendly, rhyming recipe together.

Inspired by memories author Charlotte Offsay and illustrator Jason Kirschner have of baking Challah with their children, Challah Day celebrates the sweetness of sharing homemade food as a family.

In the back of the book, read about the cultural importance of Challah and Jewish traditions. This read aloud can be a joyful introduction to a new culture or a cozy way to celebrate a familiar one. Perfect for any occasion as a holiday gift or the start of a new weekly tradition.

A Challah recipe is included.



### **A Grandma's Magic**

Illustrated by Asa Gilland

Doubleday Books for Young Readers/Penguin Random House

April 5, 2022

ISBN: 978-0593376003

Ages: 3-7

Description: *"When a child is born, a grandma is born too. Grandmas aren't like regular grown-ups. Grandmas are filled with magic."*

In this charming picture book tribute to grandmas, a grandma's magic bursts through the door as soon as she comes to visit and can be seen in every wonderful thing she does: playing, exploring, baking, gardening, and in all the many ways a grandma and grandchild connect.

Filled with adorable scenes featuring a diversity of grandmas and their grandkids, this is a book that families can enjoy together. Grandmas will love snuggling with their grandchildren as they share their love and "magic" through cuddles, kisses, and many repeat readings.



### **How to Return a Monster**

Illustrated by Rea Zhai

Beaming Books, September 14, 2021.

ISBN: 978-1506464695

Ages: 3-7

Description: If your grown-ups bring home a small monster, er, baby, don't panic. Just send it back!

In this hilarious and heartfelt book about sibling relationships, a girl can't believe it when her parents bring home a fussy, stinky, attention-stealing monster. She hatches a plan to send it back to where it came from, with hilarious results . . . and along the way, she learns that maybe monsters--and baby siblings--aren't so bad after all.



### **The Big Beach Cleanup**

Illustrated by Kate Rewse

Albert Whitman, March 1, 2021.

ISBN: 978-0807508015

Ages: 4-8

Description: Cora plans to be a sandcastle-building champion, but when the contest is canceled due to litter at the beach, her plans come to a halt. Cora and Mama pull on gloves and get to work, but soon Cora realizes it will take more than two pairs of hands to solve a big problem.

In a hopeful and relevant story, The Big Beach Cleanup introduces young readers to the impact of human trash on the environment. With practical solutions for tackling the plastic problem, this heartfelt story demonstrates that a person is never too young or too small to inspire big change.

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