

## October Picture Book Discussion at the CCBC

Since 1981 the Cooperative Children's Book Center has offered hands-on discussions of newly published trade books for children and young adults. CCBC discussions are for adults, including preservice and practicing teachers and librarians and any others with an interest in literature for youth.

Join us for our discussion on **Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 4-5:30 p.m.**, in the Elizabeth Burr Room of the Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC), Room 401 Teacher Education, 225 N. Mills Street, Madison. **Registration is not required but participants should read at least one or two books on the list.**

Books on our monthly discussion lists are new titles selected for discussion; they aren't CCBC book recommendations. Our book recommendations can be found in the annual [CCBC Choices](#) list and included in our [CCBC-Recommended Books database](#). We also feature a new book weekly in our [Book of the Week](#) reviews.

Future CCBC Book Discussion: Middle Grade and YA Fiction on **November 8**

[CCBC Book Discussion guidelines](#)

### Books for October 11 Discussion

**Afterward, Everything Was Different** by Rafael Yockteng. Illustrated by Jairo Buitrago. Translated from the Spanish by Elisa Amado. Aldana Libros / Greystone, 2023. 54 pages

**Big** by Vashti Harrison. Little, Brown, 2023. 60 pages

**Maribel's Year** by Michelle Sterling. Illustrated by Sarah Gonzales. Katherine Tegen Books / HarperCollins, 2023. 40 pages

**My Baba's Garden** by Jordan Scott. Illustrated by Sydney Smith. Neal Porter Books / Holiday House, 2023. 40 pages.

**Our Pool** by Lucy Ruth Cummins. Atheneum, 2023. 48 pages

**Sorry, Snail** by Tracy Subisak. Little, Brown, 2023. 32 pages

**Tadpoles** by Matt James. Neal Porter Books / Holiday House, 2023. 40 pages

**The Tree and the River** by Aaron Becker. Candlewick Press, 2023. 32 pages

**When You Can Swim** by Jack Wong. Orchard / Scholastic, 2023. 40 pages

**Yenebi's Drive to School** by Sendy Santamaria. Chronicle, 2023. 32 pages

You may read the books in the CCBC while the library is open. Books can also be checked out after 3pm for overnight use; they must be returned within a half hour of CCBC opening (see below for hours).

#### CCBC Public Service Hours Fall 2023

**September 6 – December 13:** Monday-Thursday, 9am-7pm; Friday, 9am-4pm; Sunday, 12:30-4pm

**October 19: Closing at 6pm** for the Charlotte Zolotow Lecture

## **Guidelines for Book Discussion**

Cooperative Children's Book Center  
School of Education  
University of Wisconsin-Madison

©1989 Kathleen T. Horning and Ginny Moore Kruse  
Cooperative Children's Book Center

### **Look at each book for what it is, rather than what it is not.**

- Make positive comments first. Try to express what you liked about the book and why. (e.g. "The illustrations are a perfect match for the story because....")
- After everyone has had the opportunity to say what they appreciated about the book, you may talk about difficulties you had with a particular aspect of the book. Try to express difficulties as questions, rather than declarative judgments on the book as a whole. (e.g. "Would Max's dinner really have still been warm?" rather than "That would never happen.")
- Avoid recapping the story or book-talking the book. There is not time for a summary.
- Refrain from relating personal anecdotes. The discussion must focus on the book at hand.
- Try to compare the book with others on the discussion list, rather than other books by the same author or other books in your experience.

### **All perspectives and vocabularies are correct. There is no "right" answer or single correct response.**

- Listen openly to what is said, rather than who says it.
- Respond to the comments of others, rather than merely waiting for an opportunity to share your comments.
- Talk with each other, rather than to the discussion facilitator.
- Comment to the group as a whole, rather than to someone seated near you.