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— — *Educational Books for Children and Teens* — —

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# ABOUT THUNDERSTONE BOOKS



ThunderStone Books is dedicated to making education fun for children through books. Our current focus is on books for language learning, mental health education, and science education, although we are always looking for new areas and ways to expand our list.

We are a small, independent publisher that enjoys producing content that gives kids a thirst for learning about the wide world around them. While our books are not designed to be textbooks, they are often appropriate for the classroom. Additionally, we have classroom materials and activity books to engage students with the educational stories.

ThunderStone Books was born out of an initial interest in Chinese language and culture and a skillset in Chinese language education. For these books we take culturally authentic stories, such as the sixteenth century tale of Journey to the West, and combine those stories with bilingual text to facilitate language growth. We believe in the power of exposure to language, especially at a young age.

From the language learning books, we have branched into mental health education, with a wordless picture book about depression. As a prevalent topic of discussion in schools and in the media as well as a highly stigmatised issue, we see the necessity of discussing mental health with children.

Finally, our science books use secret codes, elaborate pranks, and quirky characters to engage kids in learning more about the natural world. We are especially eager to empower girls in their quest to learn more about science!

## Contact Information

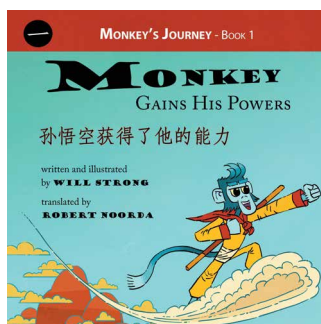
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# Monkey Gains His Powers

by Will Strong

In this first book of Sun Wukong's adventures, join him as he becomes king of the monkeys and goes on a quest to gain his magical powers. Will he be able to master his skills so he can conquer death?

Based on the traditional Chinese story of *Journey to the West*, this bilingual children's book in Mandarin Chinese and English uses simple language and beautiful illustrations to help young learners further their language skills.



August 1, 2014 · 978-1-63411-002-0 · 8" x 8" paperback · 34pp · \$9.99 · picture book

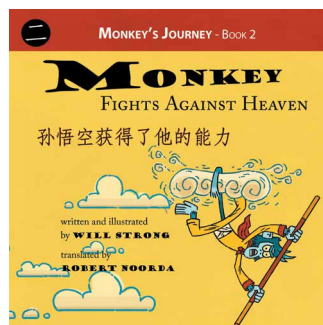
*“This stylish and energetic bilingual picture book is an eye-catching, upbeat, dazzling way to introduce Sun Wukong — the main character from one of the four great classical Chinese novels, Journey to the West — and reinforce Chinese and English!”*

— The Picture Book Review

# Monkey Fights Against Heaven

by Will Strong

In this second book of Sun Wukong's adventures, join him as he fights against heaven. Does he stand a chance against Death and the Jade Emperor?



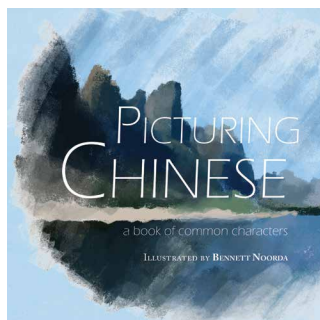
January 1, 2017 · 978-1-63411-007-5 · 8" x 8" paperback · 32pp · \$9.99 · picture book

# Picturing Chinese

Illustrated by Bennett Noorda

Many Chinese characters are pictographic and therefore look like the objects they represent. These characters are among some of the oldest and most common characters in Chinese and can often be used together with other characters to form new characters.

Whether you are learning to write Chinese or simply want a better understanding of Chinese characters, *Picturing Chinese* is a great resource. *Picturing Chinese* gives information about twelve of the most common pictographic Chinese characters and uses pictures to aid in remembering them.

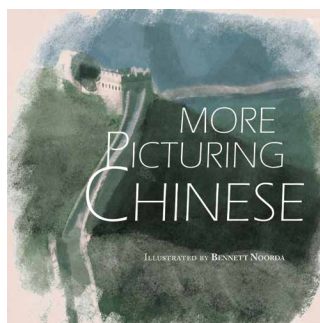


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# More Picturing Chinese

Illustrated by Bennett Noorda

*More Picturing Chinese* continues the educational journey through the history, components and pictographic devices for remembering some of the most common Chinese characters. Vividly illustrated and simply explained, this book is a practical tool for learning more about this beautiful language.

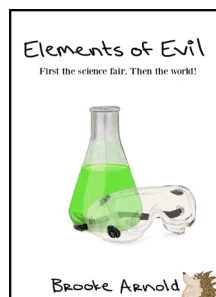


May 1, 2016 · 978-1-63411-004-4 · 8" x 8" paperback · 32pp · \$9.99 · picture book

# Elements of Evil

by Brooke Arnold

Compared to her sister, Edith, Bernice feels like she can do nothing right. Science is the one thing she's good at, but when Edith decides to enter the science fair, Bernice decides it is time to take drastic action to distinguish herself from her sister. There is only one way to do this ... become a supervillan!



October 1, 2015 · 978-1-63411-005-1 · 5" x 7" paperback · 112pp · \$9.99 · middle grade

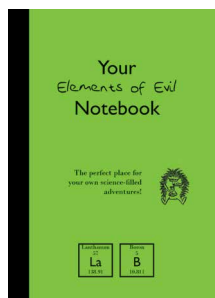
Featured at Utah Stemfest, Thanksgiving Point camps, Tech Savvy

*"A fun book for a teen or clever tween. Part of the book is written in code which makes it interesting and engaging. It's filled with science experiments and fun for youth. A great gift - the 12 year old boy I gifted it to this Christmas loves it!" — Amazon Reviewer*

## Your Elements of Evil Notebook

by Brooke Arnold

Are you looking for a place to document your science experiments? Look no further than *Your Elements of Evil Notebook*, a notebook fashioned after Bernice's lab book from *Elements of Evil*. The perfect place for your science-filled adventures!



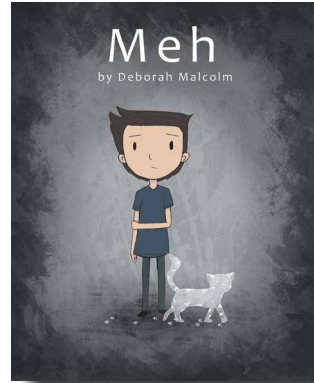
October 1, 2015 · 978-1-63411-005-1 · 5" x 7" paperback · 112pp · \$6.99 · middle grade

# Meh

by Deborah Malcolm

*Meh* is a wordless picture book that shows one boy's journey through depression. The book begins in brightly coloured images and gradually illustrates the boy falling into a dark world. He finds his way out of the darkness by following the light in the form of a bright cat that leads him into the colorful world again.

*Meh* is a wordless, beautifully illustrated story that includes discussion questions at the back of the book for parents and teachers to have conversations about emotions and mental health with children.



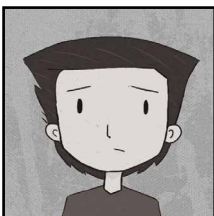
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*"Shedding light on life's darkness" —The Big Issue*

*"A wonderful, wordless, thought-provoking book" —Waterstones Bookseller*

*"Meh uses visual metaphors and symbolism to try and explain how people living with depression can feel — highlighting that it is often a quite personal illness" — STV Dundee*

Featured in *Konect Magazine*, *The Big Issue*, STV Dundee, Wave 102FM, Radio Tay, Janice Forsyth Show on BBC Radio, Dundee Courier, STV News, Care Appointments, *Deseret News*, Missus B's Reviews, at the Mental Health Foundation conference, and at Edinburgh International Book Festival



**Check out the app for Android! Just search for "Meh: A Visual Storybook"**

# Chemystery

by Christopher Preece

When Suzie and Diego gain super powers, they must learn the science behind their powers in order to use them. They set out to solve the world's problems, but does solving major problems blindly only create more problems?

This graphic novel is not only a compelling science fiction story, but also an educational tool for learning and teaching science concepts such as nuclear chemistry, pH and chemical equilibrium to young adults.



Spring 2017 · 978-1-63411-008-2 · 7" x 10" paperback · 112pp · \$17.99 · graphic novel



See the world up close with a small, portable USB microscope. Plug the microscope into your computer and see the images projected on the screen! The microscope comes with a stand, instructions, and an installation CD (which can be used if you do not have any webcam-using software).

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