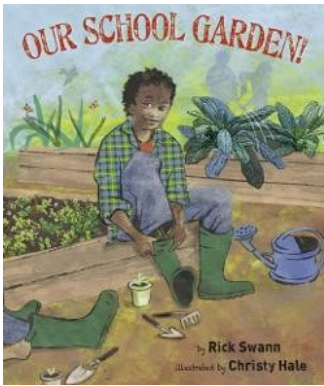


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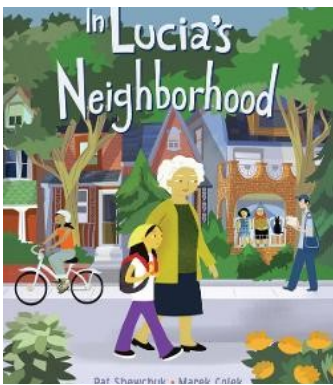
## Picture Books



### Our School Garden

by Rick Swann, c2012 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.8)

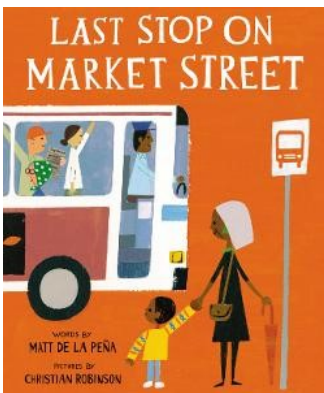
"New city. New school. Michael is feeling all alone—until he discovers the school garden! There's so many ways to learn, and so much work to do...But the garden is much more than activities outdoors...Each season creates a new way to learn, explore and make friends."  
- Pub.



### In Lucia's Neighborhood

by Pat Shewchuk, c2013 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.5)

"Seven-year-old Lucia takes readers on a daylong tour of her own bustling city neighborhood, commenting on all the people and their activities that she encounters along the way. Intergenerational and multicultural, her busy neighbors are seen going to school, tending their gardens, opening their shops..." - Pub.



### Last Stop On Market Street

by Matt de la Pena, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.3)

"Every Sunday after church, CJ and his grandma ride the bus across town. But today, CJ wonders why they don't own a car like his friend Colby. Why doesn't he have an iPod like the boys on the bus? How come they always have to get off in the dirty part of town? Each question is met with an encouraging answer from grandma, who helps him see the beauty—and fun—in their routine and the world around them." - Follett



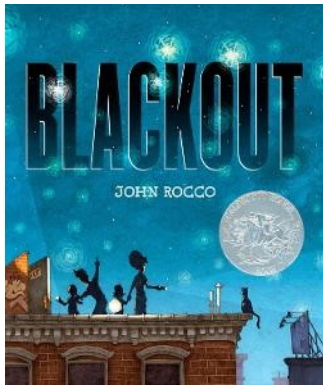
### The Night Gardener

by The Fan Brothers, c2016 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.2)

"One day, William discovers that the tree outside his window has been sculpted into a wise owl. In the following days, more topiaries appear, and each one is more beautiful than the last. Soon, William's gray little town is full of color and life. And though the mysterious night gardener disappears as suddenly as he appeared, William—and his town—are changed forever." - Follett

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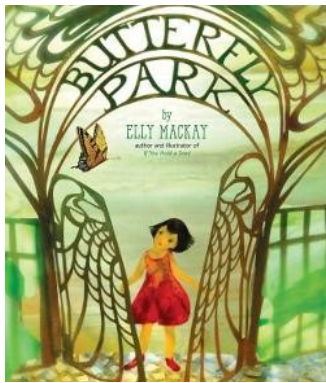
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## **Blackout**

by John Rocco, c2011 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.4)

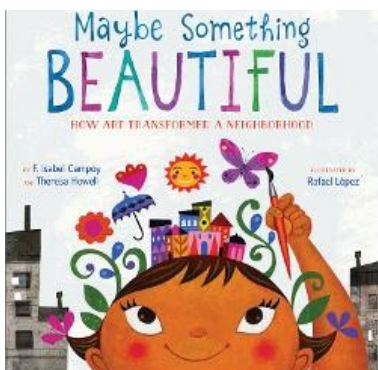
"One hot summer night in the city, all the power goes out. The TV shuts off and a boy wails, "Momm!" What's a family to do? When they go up to the roof to escape the heat, they find the lights—in stars that can be seen for a change—and so many neighbors it's like a block party in the sky!" - Pub.



## **Butterfly Park**

by Elly Mackay, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.3)

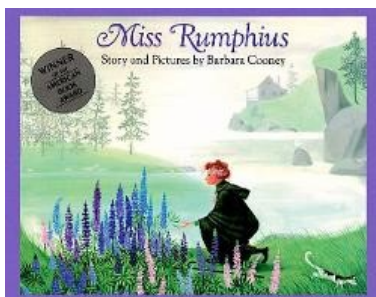
"When a little girl moves to a new town, she finds a place called Butterfly Park. But when she opens the gate, there are no butterflies. Determined to lure the butterflies in, the girl inspires her entire town to help her. And with their combined efforts, soon the butterflies—and the girl—feel right at home." - Pub.



## **Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood**

by F. Isabel Campoy, c2016 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.3)

"What good can a splash of color do in a community of gray? As Mira and her neighbors discover, more than you might ever imagine! Based on a true story, *Maybe Something Beautiful* reveals how art can inspire transformation—and how even the smallest artists can accomplish something big." - Pub.



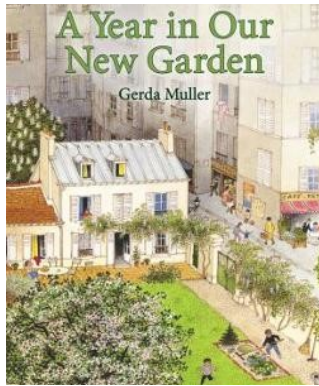
## **Miss Rumphius**

by Barbara Cooney, c1982 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.9)

"Miss Rumphius has three things that she wants to achieve in her life: travel to far away places, live by the sea, and make the world a more beautiful place. These three things are beautifully simple, and Miss Rumphius accomplishes all three wishes. It's the story behind the words that adds depth to the author's message." - Pub.

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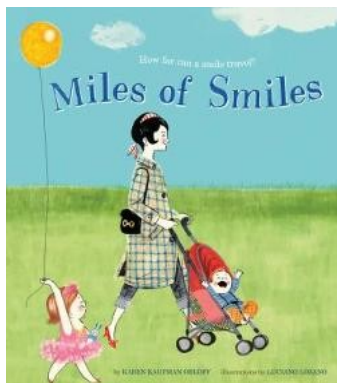


## **A Year in Our New Garden**

by Gerda Muller, c2016 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.5)

"Anna and Benjamin's family has just moved into their new house and even though it's in the middle of a busy town, it has a beautiful big garden for them all to enjoy. Helpful gardening tips, delicious recipes, and other related information accompany this tale."

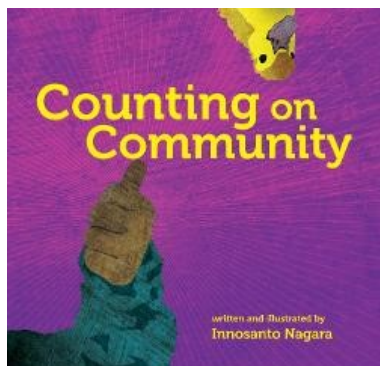
- *School Library Journal*



## **Miles of Smiles**

by Karen Kaufman Orloff, c2016 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.7)

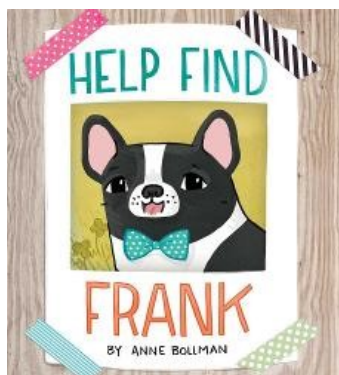
"When someone smiles, who knows where it goes? Baby smiles at Mommy, Mom keeps it for a while...and then passes it on. As the smile begins its joyful journey—moving from a first-grade class to a soccer team, from Gran to a garbage man, even to a puppy—it spreads happiness throughout the community, bringing everyone together." - *Pub.*



## **Counting on Community**

by Innosanto Nagara, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.9)

"Counting up from one stuffed pinata to ten hefty hens—and always counting on each other—children are encouraged to recognize the value of their community, the joys inherent in healthy eco-friendly activities, and the agency they possess to make change. A broad and inspiring vision of diversity is told through stories in words and pictures. And of course, there is a duck to find on every page!" - *OCLC*



## **Help Find Frank**

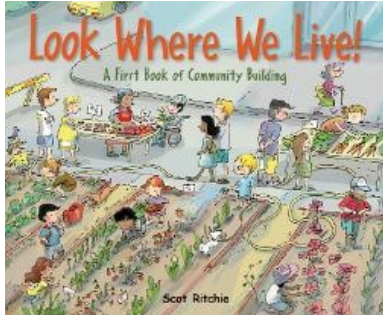
by Anne Bollman, c2018 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.9)

"Frank loves to run, play, and give slobbery kisses. (He also loves to eat cheese, but DON'T FEED HIM ANY! You've been warned.) Then he gets lost—and it's up to readers to find him. Is he at the park? The baseball field? Filled with detective-style evidence exhibits, maps, and detailed seek-and-find pages, this engaging story entices young adventurers to discover clues that Frank leaves behind—and eventually locate the little guy himself." - *Pub.*

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## Look Where We Live: A First Book of Community Building

by Scot Ritchie, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.5)

"A rich resource for social studies lessons on places, roles and jobs within a community, and what it takes to be a responsible citizen. But there is also the potential here for even broader classroom discussions, including about the economy of a community, geography and mapping, and character education concepts." - OCLC

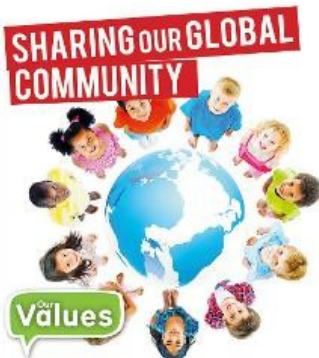


## Series: Be the Change!

pub. by Crabtree, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.2-3.5)

"This inspiring series helps children identify areas for change, learning about & communicating for a cause, creating an action plan, & overcoming challenges." - Follett

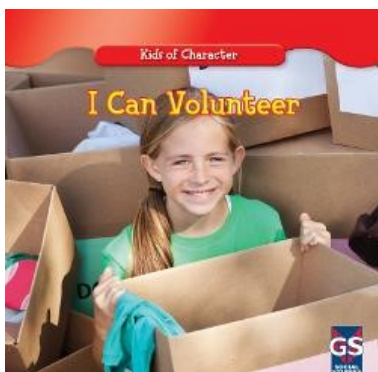
**Titles:** *Be the Change in Your Community, Be the Change in Your School, Be the Change in Your World, Be the Change for the Environment*



## Sharing Our Global Community: Our Values

by Steffi Cavell-Clarke, c2017 (IL: K-3, RL: 6.7)  
(Series: Sharing Our Global Community, Crabtree)

"A person can be part of one or many different communities, or even one big world community. Being part of a community allows us to make friendships and to work together to solve problems at home, at school, and in our cultures." - Pub.



## I Can Volunteer (Series: Kids of Character)

by Maria Nelson, c2014 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.9)

"There are so many ways to help around the community. Clothing drives, soup kitchens, and hospitals are always looking for volunteers to give their time and energy to a good cause. Readers will be introduced to many ways they can give back to the world around them." Pub.

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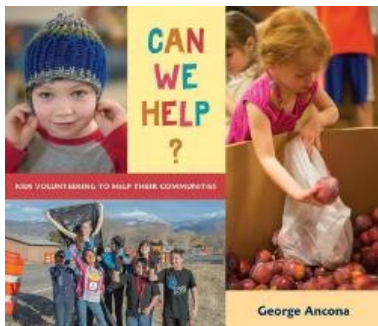
**Serving Your Community (Series: Doing Your Part)**  
by Kelly Rodgers, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.5)

"We live in communities to have better lives. In a community, people help one another. There are many ways to help someone in need. You can volunteer your time, donate things, and recycle. It feels good to help other people!" - Pub.



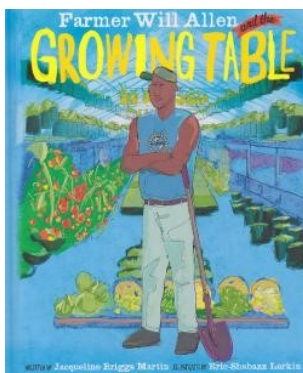
**Do Something For Others: The Kids' Book of Citizenship (Series: What We Stand For)**  
by Anders Hanson, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.4)

"Learn how to support your community! *Do Something for Others* will teach kids to follow the rules, be respectful and tolerant, take care of the environment and help others. This book will show kids how to use compassion, respect, responsibility, and honesty with those around them." - Pub.



**Can We Help? Kids Volunteering to Help Their Communities**  
by George Ancona, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.5)

"Describes how children can help their communities in different ways, from tending a community garden and training service dogs to volunteering to help people with disabilities and mentoring younger students." - Follett



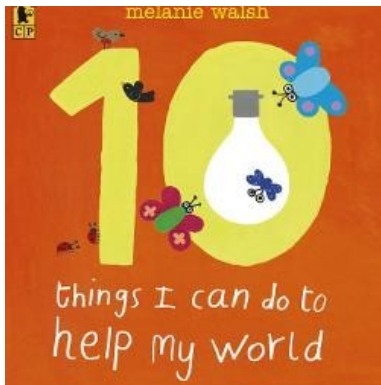
**Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table**  
by Jacqueline Briggs Martin, c2013 (IL: K-3, RL: 4.2)

"Follows the life of urban farmer Will Allen, who grew up on a dairy farm and had a career in professional basketball, but decided to return to growing food in Milwaukee." - Follett

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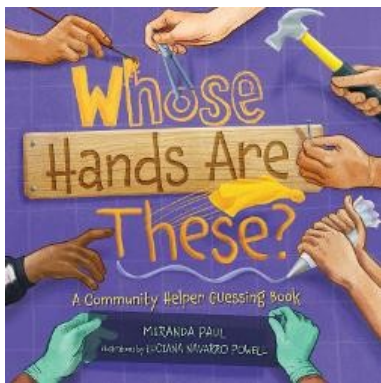
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**10 things I Can Do to Help My World**  
by Melanie Walsh, c2012 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.3)

"Simple text and lift-the-flap pages illustrations describe ten ways children can help the environment, such as turning the water off when they brush their teeth and using both sides of a piece of paper."

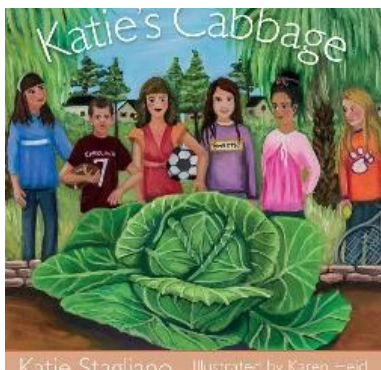
- Follett



**Whose Hands Are These?: A Community Helper Guessing book**

by Miranda Paul, c2016 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.7)

"If your hands can mix and mash, what job might you have? What if your hands reach, wrench, yank, and crank? The hands in this book-and the people attached to them-do all sorts of helpful work. And together, these helpers make their community a safe and fun place to live." - Pub.



**Katie's Cabbage**

by Katie Stagliano, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.6)

"Describes the real life story of Katie Stagliano's aspirations to end world hunger by starting her own vegetable farm, eventually raising a forty-pound cabbage and donating it to a local soup kitchen."

- Follett