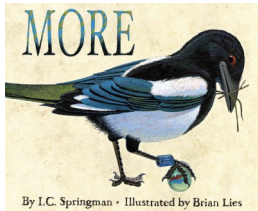


# Oh, the Thinks You Can Think

## A Magpie's Dilemma



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Sometimes the simplest of stories convey complex ideas most beautifully. **More** by I.C.

Springman has just a few words on each page, but the illustrations vividly depict the hazards of collecting too much "stuff." The story features a magpie - a crow-like bird that folklore recognizes for its attraction to shiny objects -- and which commonly describes someone who collects odds and ends of little value. (I do believe I am parent to a couple of magpies!)

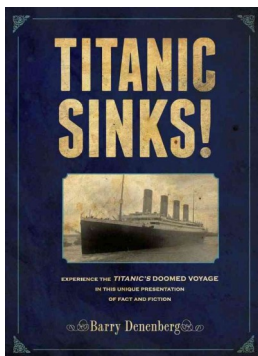
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## Titanic Sinks!



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As a young child, my older sister taught me a version of a [song](#) about the doomed ship Titanic that was so jolly in tone, it belied the sober meaning of the lyrics. I merrily sang/yelled, "Husbands and wives, little children lost their lives, it was sad when the great ship went down...to the bottom of the sea! Glug glug glug glug!" having no idea I was singing about a true tragedy. Author [Barry Denenberg](#), using the conceit of a fictional newspaper and reporter, brings the historical event roaring back to life in [Titanic Sinks!](#) Since we are just weeks away from the 100th anniversary of the sinking on April 15, 1912, I immersed myself (sorry!) in the make-believe

correspondent's excited dispatches to his newspaper.

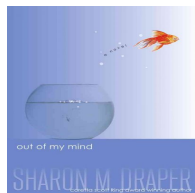
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## **Through Another's Eyes**



One of the great things about good books is that they can reveal life through another person's eyes. That revelation is especially engaging when the character has some barrier to ordinary self expression. I recently read two fine books that offer fresh perspectives on school and life in general from characters who have trouble communicating with the world.

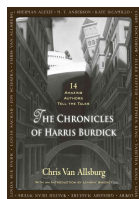
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## **The Chronicles of Harris Burdick**



In 1984, *Jumanji* author Chris Van Allsburg compiled a storybook made up only of images with captions that hint at the fantastical and the scary, the strange and the beautiful. These mysterious illustrations were said to come straight from a man named Harris Burdick and, in the years since the pictures reached the public, the illustrations in [The Mysteries of Harris Burdick](#) have been used as a storytelling guide and even a jumping off point to help kids to their own fiction.

More recently, Van Allsburg hired a list of favorite children's authors to interpret the images from Van Allsburg's popular work. The result is [The Chronicles of Harris Burdick](#), a 221 page compilation of short stories that flesh out the weird and fantastical elements present in Van Allsburg's original images. Authors ranging from Sherman Alexie to Stephen King, from Walter Dean Myers to Kate DiCamillo and many, many more all lend their voices to very different types of stories. The compilation also features an introduction from favorite, but oddball, author Lemony Snicket.

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