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**Auntie's Bookstore and Spokane Public Library present *Twenty Questions* book release with New York Times best-selling author Mac Barnett and Caldecott Honor recipient Christian Robinson**

(SPOKANE, WASH) – Auntie's Bookstore and Spokane Public Library will host New York Times best-selling author Mac Barnett and Caldecott Honor recipient Christian Robinson on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at Central Library for their brand-new book release, *Twenty Questions*.

"It is such a gift to have this duo visit Spokane! These are two of the most revered voices in children's literature. As a library staffer and indie bookseller, I've been an enormous Christian Robinson fan for years now, and never imagined I'd get to meet him at an event. I'm overjoyed, both for myself and the children and caregivers of Spokane," said published author and Writing Education Specialist for Spokane Public Library, Sharma Shields.

Auntie's Bookstore will be selling copies of *Twenty Questions* at the event as well as other books by Barnett and Robinson. In order to join the signing line, *Twenty Questions* must be purchased from Auntie's Bookstore, but attendance at the event is free and open to the public.

See the attachment for information about *Twenty Questions*, Mac Barnett, and Christian Robinson.

**About Spokane Public Library**

Spokane Public Library aims to inspire a thriving city through cultural and educational opportunities. An award-winning library that spans seven locations and houses nearly half-a million items, Spokane Public Library circulates nearly two million items and welcomes one million visitors annually. Customers can enjoy traditional library media and can also access digital downloads, databases, historical collections, art exhibits and interesting free programming.

For general information about the library, please visit [spokanelibrary.org](http://spokanelibrary.org) or call 509.444.5300.

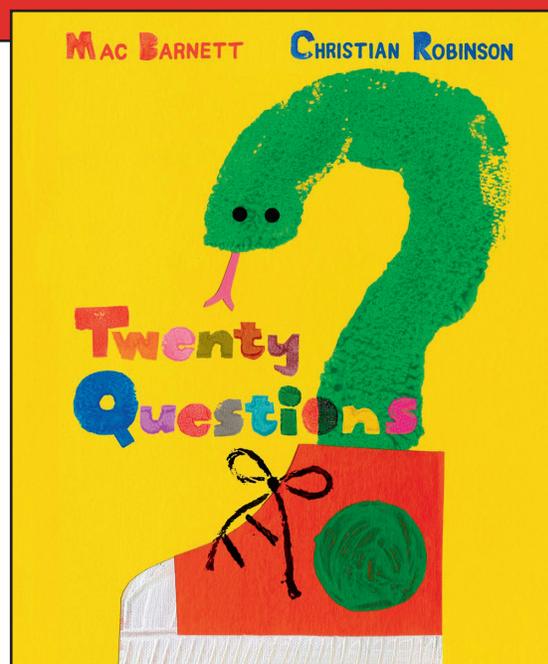
**About Auntie's Bookstore**

Auntie's Bookstore was founded in 1978 and is Spokane's literary landmark. We are a full-service independent bookstore that carries both new and used books, greeting cards, t-shirts, Spokane specialty items and other gifts to bring home for yourself or your favorite bibliophile. We offer bookstore credit for your gently used books. We hold events, signings, and so much more! Our booksellers love books and are looking forward to helping you find your next great read.

# Twenty Questions

by New York Times best-selling author  
MAC BARNETT  
and Caldecott Honor recipient  
CHRISTIAN ROBINSON

Award-winning creators Mac Barnett  
and Christian Robinson tap deep  
into childhood curiosity with a mind-tickling  
ode to the open-ended.



NOT ALL QUESTIONS HAVE ANSWERS. Some have more than one answer. And others have endless answers, unfolding out to the edges of the world. In this spare yet expansive narrative, acclaimed author Mac Barnett poses twenty questions both playful and profound. Some make us giggle. Others challenge our assumptions. The result is a quirky, wandering exploration of where the best questions lead—to stories.

Intriguing, richly interactive, and brought to vivid life by Caldecott Honor recipient Christian Robinson's bright and whimsical illustrations, *Twenty Questions* is a charming invitation to speculate without limits and know no bounds. Brimming with creativity and inspiration, it is appealing for readers of all ages and a perfect read-aloud for families or the classroom.



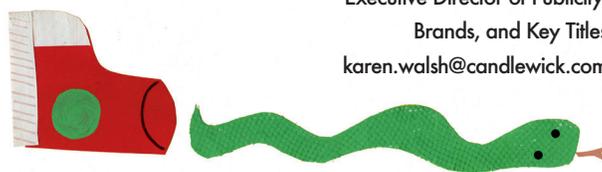
**MAC BARNETT** is the author of many beloved picture books, including *A Polar Bear in the Snow*, illustrated by Shawn Harris; *Just Because*, illustrated by Isabelle Arsenault; *John's Turn*, illustrated by Kate Berube; and *President Taft Is Stuck in the Bath*, illustrated by Chris Van Dusen. He is also the author of several books illustrated by Jon Klassen, including *Sam and Dave Dig a Hole*, a Caldecott Honor Book and an E. B. White Read-Aloud Award winner; the *Shapes* trilogy; and *The Wolf, the Duck, and the Mouse*, an E. B. White Read-Aloud Award winner. Mac Barnett lives in California.



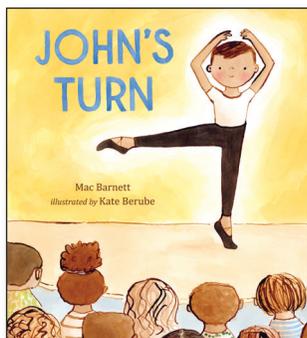
**CHRISTIAN ROBINSON** is the best-selling illustrator of several books for children, including *Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Peña, a Caldecott Honor Book and a Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Book; *Leo: A Ghost Story* by Mac Barnett; *Josephine: The Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker* by Patricia Hruby Powell, a Robert F. Sibert Honor Book; *The Bench* by Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex; and *Nina: A Story of Nina Simone* by Traci N. Todd, a Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Book. Christian Robinson lives in California.

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HC: 978-1-5362-1513-7  
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Ages 4–8 • 40 pages  
Also available as an e-book

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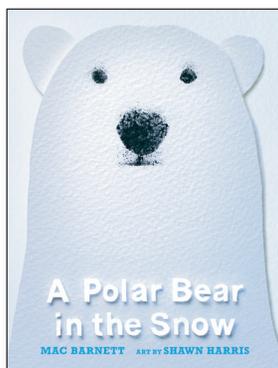


## OTHER TITLES BY MAC BARNETT



### *John's Turn*

illustrated by Kate Berube  
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★ "An engaging, easy-to-read tale, perfect for winter story hours."  
 —*School Library Journal* (starred review)



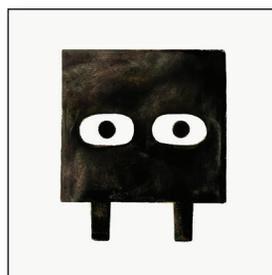
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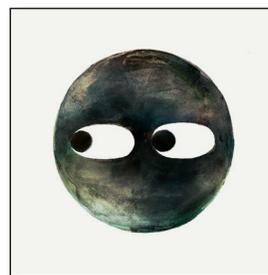


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illustrated by Jon Klassen

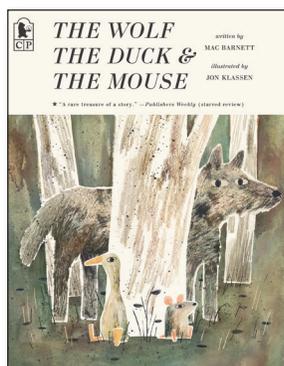
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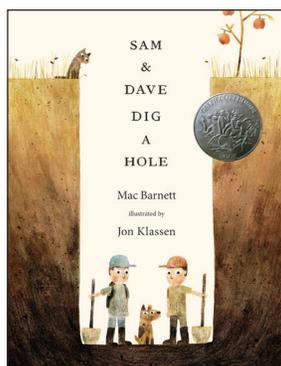
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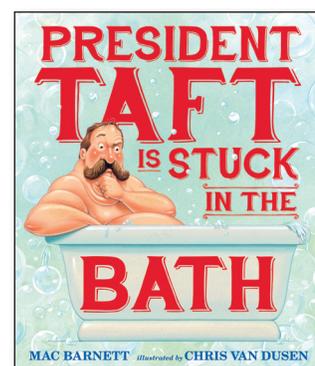
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