

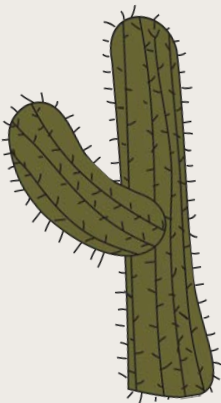
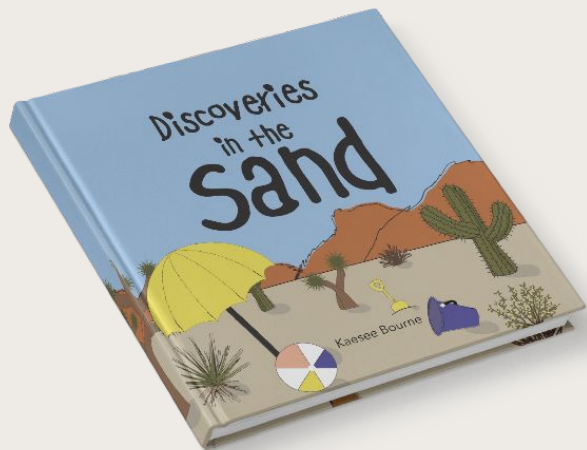
Mojave Desert Children's Picture Book

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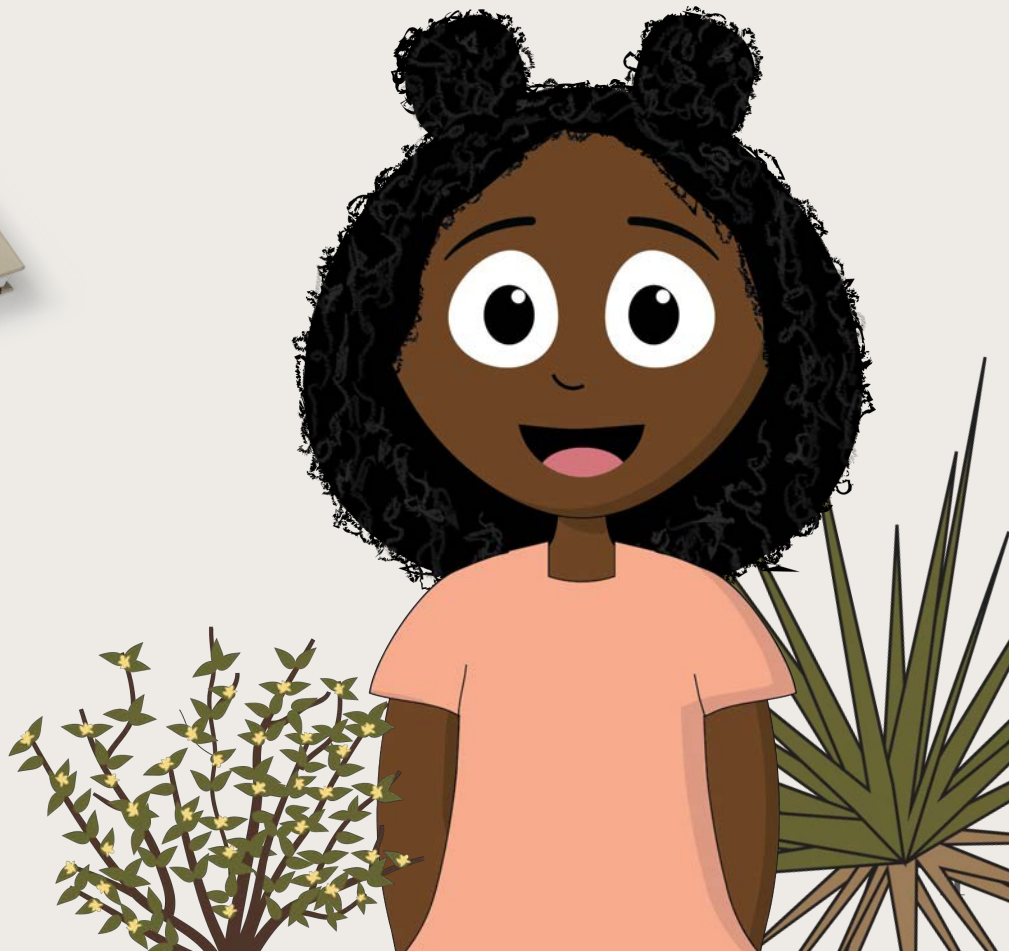


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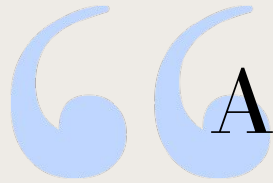
Nyla



Rationale

Why the Mojave?

- Climate Change in the Mojave
- Animals reaching thresholds
- Current picture books available



A species whose
conservation confers
protection to a large
number of naturally
co-occurring species.

-Roberge & Angelstam, p. 77, 2004

Why Child Target Audience?

- Neural plasticity & malleability
- The future



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Why a Picture Book?

- Introduce new topics
 - Fun & understandable
- Visual Literacy
- Morals & values

(Condon et al., 2020; Paul, 2021; Ganee et al., 2008; Lain, 2017)

Why a Black Main Character?

- Mirrors, Windows, & Sliding Glass Doors
- Lack of mirrors

(Cristiano & Neimand, 2018; Sweeny et al., 2010; Clayton, 2020)



DIVERSITY IN CHILDREN'S BOOKS 2018

Percentage of books depicting characters from diverse backgrounds based on the 2018 publishing statistics compiled by the Cooperative Children's Book Center, School of Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison:
ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/pcstats.asp

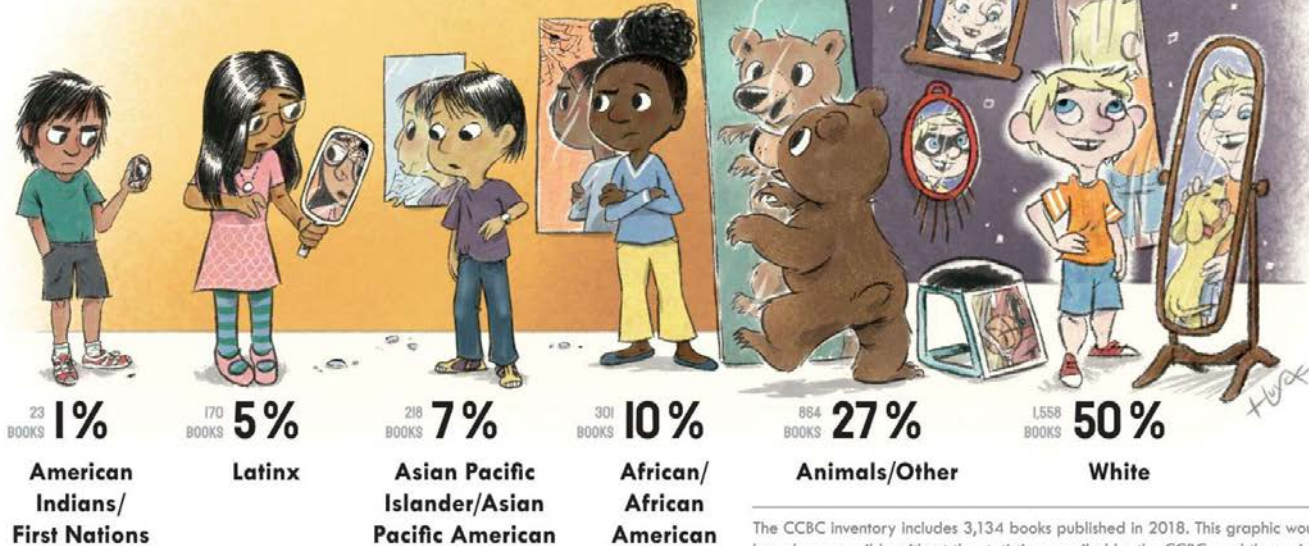


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The CCBC inventory includes 3,134 books published in 2018. This graphic would not have been possible without the statistics compiled by the CCBC, and the review and feedback we received from Edith Campbell, Molly Beth Griffin, K. T. Horning, Debbie Reese, Ebony Elizabeth Thomas, and Madeline Tyner. Many thanks.

Overall Importance

- Representation
- Encourage care for nature
 - Umbrella species
- Add to books about the Mojave
 - Not just a barren land

Literature Review

1985

If You Give a Mouse

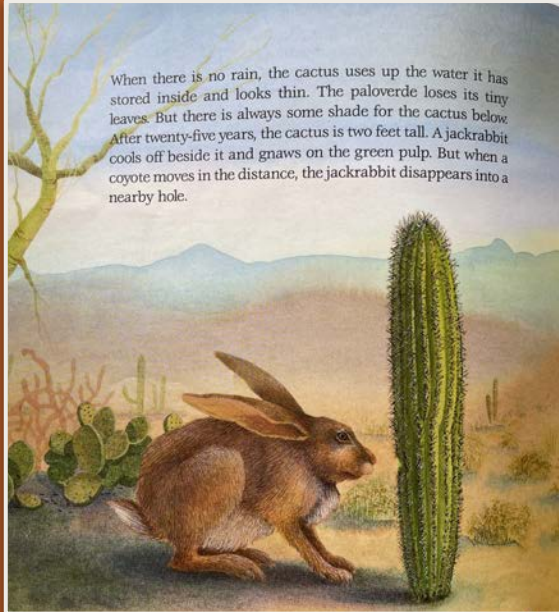
You'll have to fix up a little box for him with a blanket and a pillow.



1991

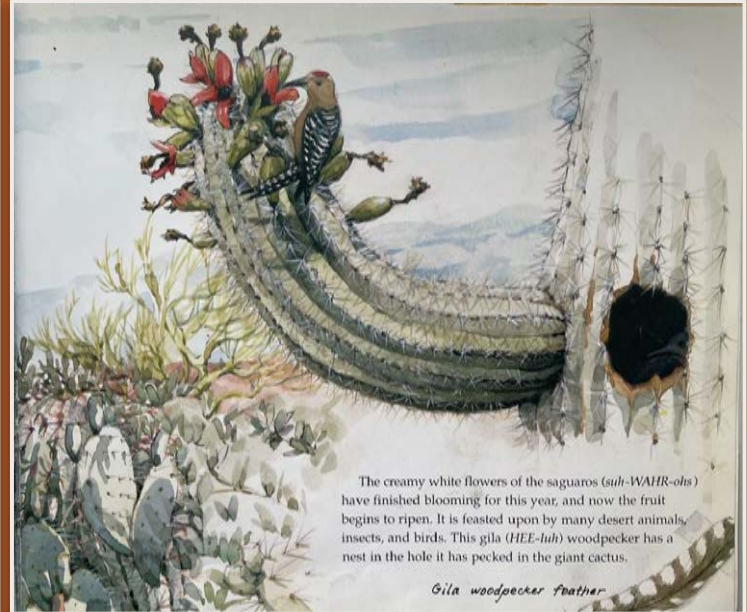
Cactus Hotel

When there is no rain, the cactus uses up the water it has stored inside and looks thin. The paloverde loses its tiny leaves. But there is always some shade for the cactus below. After twenty-five years, the cactus is two feet tall. A jackrabbit cools off beside it and gnaws on the green pulp. But when a coyote moves in the distance, the jackrabbit disappears into a nearby hole.



1996

A Desert Scrapbook



The creamy white flowers of the saguaros (*suh-WAHR-ohs*) have finished blooming for this year, and now the fruit begins to ripen. It is feasted upon by many desert animals, insects, and birds. This gila (*HEE-luh*) woodpecker has a nest in the hole it has pecked in the giant cactus.

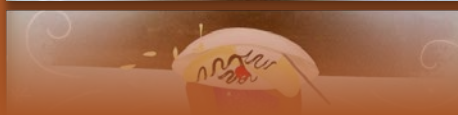
Gila woodpecker feather

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used in the book it was located in the first edition
middle and page 176 for (1985-1991) woodpecker pen

2018

Cece Loves Science



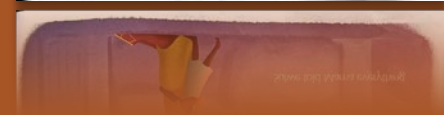
2018

The World is Awake

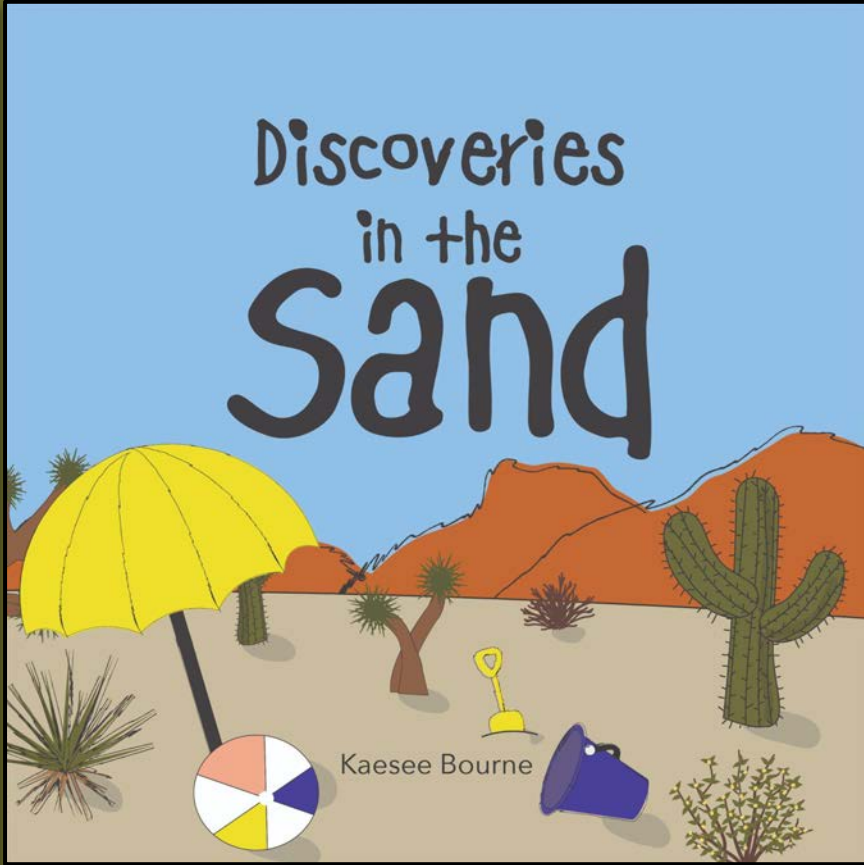
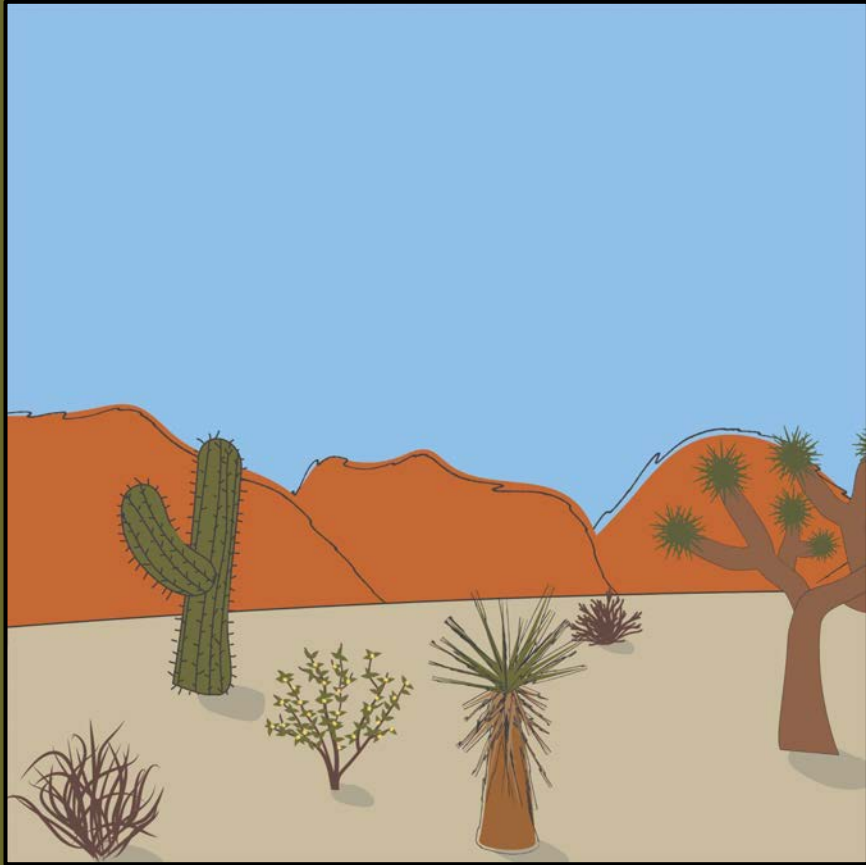


2019

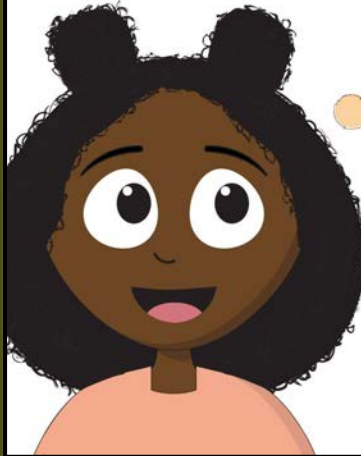
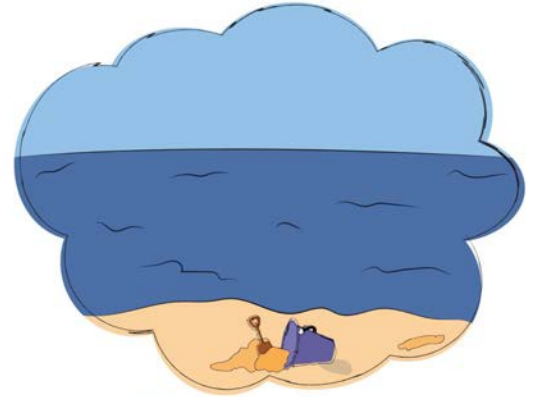
Sulwe



Final Product



Nyla looked everywhere in her room. But her goggles were nowhere to be found. She was packing for her family's beach trip, and needed her goggles to swim in the ocean.



She remembered all of the fun times she and her family had each year.

Nyla loved to go under the water and spot her favorite animal. Sea turtles!

There was a butterfly sitting right on top of her head!

“Oh, how pretty!” Nyla’s mom exclaimed. “It looks like a western tiger swallowtail.”



Nyla’s frown changed to a smile. She tried not to move so she wouldn’t scare away her new friend.

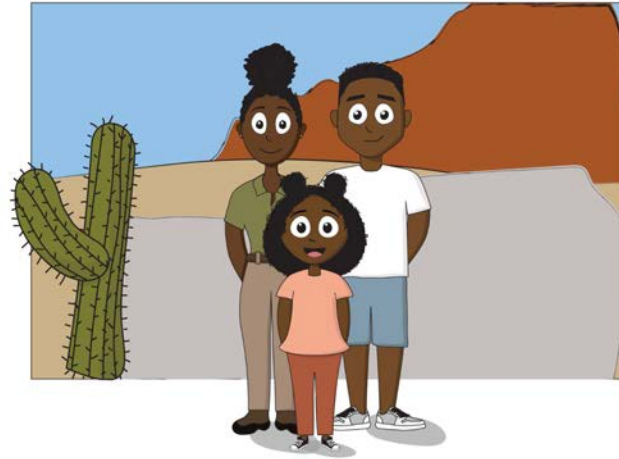
From that point on, Nyla decided that she would be the new trip guide. She grabbed the scavenger hunt checklist from her dad and began to lead the way.



A look of disappointment returned to Nyla's face; she wasn't ready to go back home yet. There was still so much to see!

"We can come back soon to finish the rest of the scavenger hunt," suggested Nyla's Dad.

Having enjoyed the day, they took one last picture and piled back into the car.



Who would have thought there was so much to discover out in the sands of the desert?

**Thank
You!**



Questions?