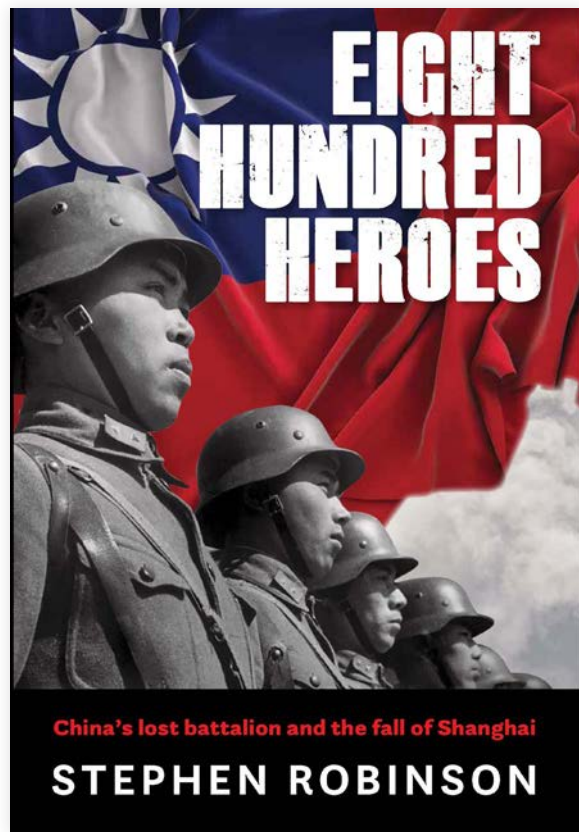


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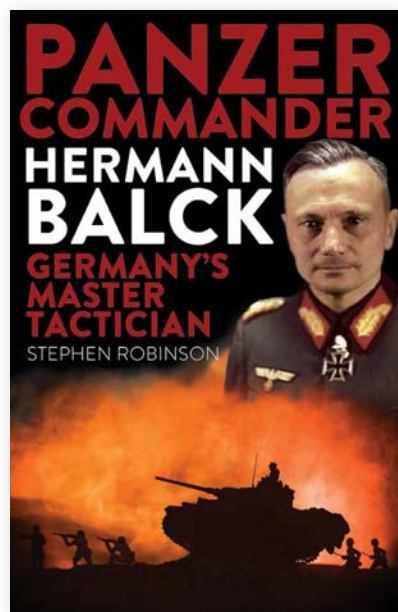
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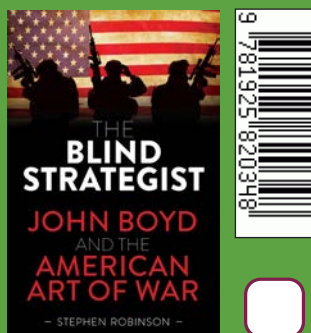
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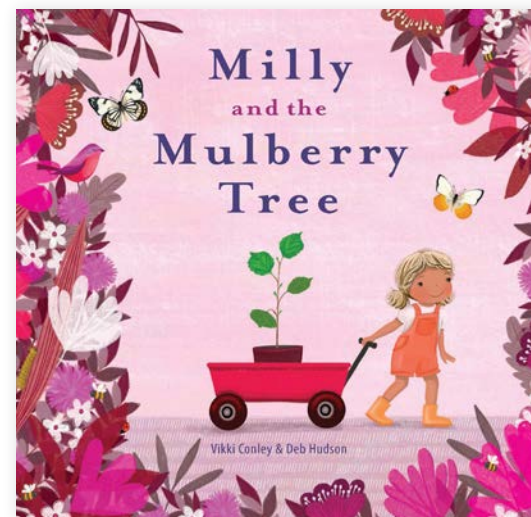
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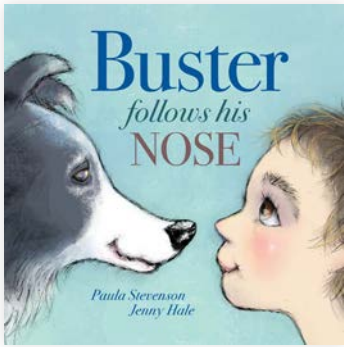
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Kristen Schroeder writes for children from her home in Minnesota, where she lives with her family. *Freddy the Not-Teddy* was inspired by her son's favourite stuffed toy, Freddy.

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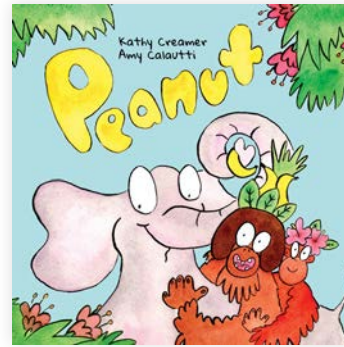
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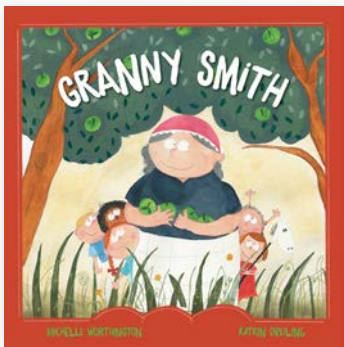
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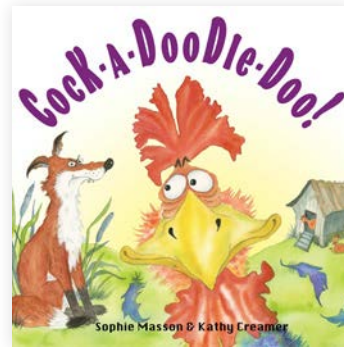
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