"The Nocturnals: The Kooky Kinkajou" by Tracey Hecht (Fabled Films Press)

(NAPS)—Don’t kids have the wildest imaginations? Well, yes and no. Sometimes they need a little nudge. Tracey Hecht’s delightful story, geared for ages 6 to 8, provides a fun lesson in using your imagination. Nocturnal animal friends Tobin, Bismark and Dawn are bored. But when Karina the Kinkajou comes along, they follow her and the “sparkle sprite” over rivers, under waterfalls and to the end of a rainbow. The book teaches important themes of friendship and accepting new ideas.

Additionally, an activities program is available that allows children to practice social and emotional learning skills. Buy at https://amzn.to/2Zj8s9E.

"Fabulous Floyd" by Geoffreyne Irvine (San Diego Zoo Global Press)

Even before he hatched, Floyd’s keepers knew his life would be different. “Fabulous Floyd” is an inspiring children’s book about a real flamingo at the San Diego Zoo who overcame many obstacles, including an unprecedented series of operations to straighten his crooked legs.

The book chronicles his journey from hatching to becoming an animal ambassador, to his surgery and recovery, and shows how he helped his human caretakers learn about never giving up.

Floyd’s uplifting story is illustrated with engaging photographs and includes a section featuring fun facts about flamingos. The book is part of the San Diego Zoo Kids Hope and Inspiration Series. Purchase at https://amzn.to/311taga.

"Oh Susannah Series" by Carole P. Roman

The author of many beloved children’s books unpacks the stress of school and bustle of a busy home in this early-reader chapter book series geared for children ages 7 to 10. The lovable third-grader Susannah Logan illustrates how easy it is to feel frightened or overwhelmed by a mountain of responsibilities just going about your everyday activities, and how important it is for students and parents to work together to reduce anxiety.

A friend and comfort to her own young one, Susannah learns many important lessons and overcomes hurdles such as managing work and trying new things. Sharing the positive messages of finding support when you need it and confronting obstacles with determination and courage, this series will help your child get ready to take on the world! Buy at http://bit.ly/2OTmCcc.

"If You Were Me and Lived In..." Series by Carole P. Roman

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"If You Were Me and Lived In..." does for culture what Roman’s other award-winning series have done for history. So get on board this time-travel machine and discover the world through the eyes of a young person. Buy at http://bit.ly/2OTmCcc.

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