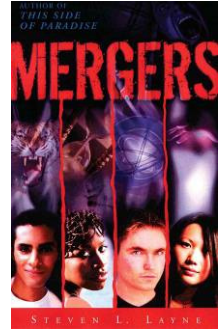


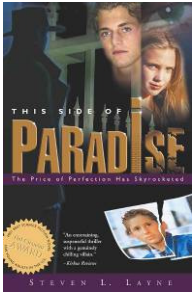
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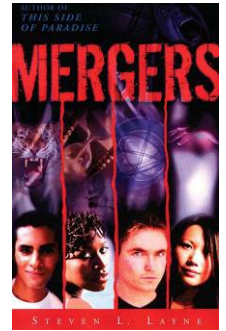
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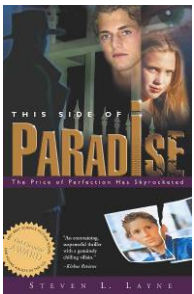
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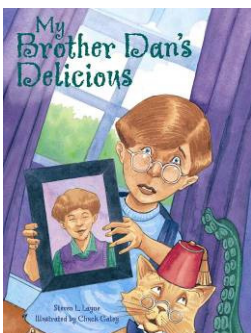
Love the Baby

“Everywhere we went, everybody told me, ‘Looove the baby!’”

When Baby arrives on the scene, the new big brother's transition from only child to sibling is not an easy one. As he *pretends* to do what family and friends are all suggesting—love the baby—his misery mounts! But when baby needs a hero in the night, big brother saves the day and discovers, to his great surprise, that he really does *love the baby* after all.



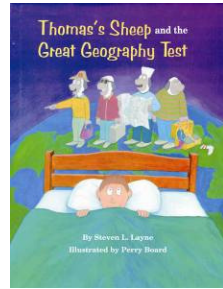
My Brother Dan's Delicious



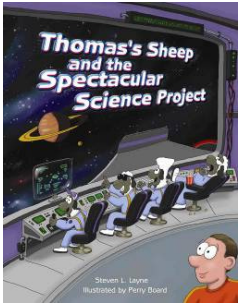
This tasty tale offers young readers a marvelous suggestion for dealing with those hungry monsters drooling with anticipation underneath the bed - offer up your older sibling as the late-night snack! When Joey is left home alone for the first time, he senses the presence of something smacking its slithery lips in the closet, he hears a great stomach growling underneath the bed, and he sees a giant shadow lurking just outside on the back porch. All of these things can only mean that there's a monster on the lookout for a magnificent meal! What will this precocious boy (voted most interesting show-and-tell speaker for three years running) do to stay off of the monster's dinner plate?

Thomas's Sheep and the Great Geography Test

A little boy named Thomas and his unusual sheep take a whirlwind trip around the world in this story. Anxious about his teacher's Great Geography Test tomorrow, Thomas has trouble sleeping. He tries and tries, but he just cannot fall asleep. In come the sheep to the rescue! They help Thomas prepare for the big test by traveling to countries around the globe. Mischief follows this crazy crew as they see the world from A to Z, doing everything from acting in Australia to zigzagging through Zimbabwe in this alphabet book adventure.



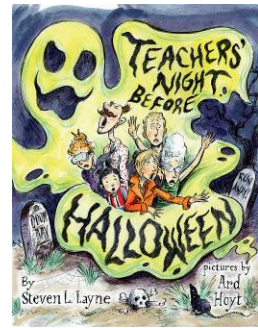
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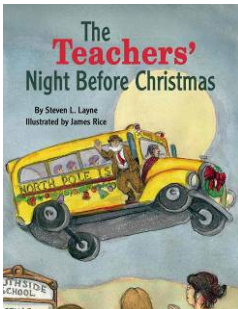
Thomas's zany sheep are at it again in this companion to Steve's first picture book. This time, Thomas's friends travel the solar system to help him learn enough to prepare a Spectacular Science Project for his teacher, Mr. Lunar. Join the fabulous foursome as they take readers on another hysterical journey, visiting every planet in the galaxy before returning home. A nonfiction fact about each planet is blended into this hilarious fictional tale and the artwork, produced digitally, washes the pages in wonderful colors and heightens the antics of Thomas's Sheep . . . on the loose once more!

Teachers' Night Before Halloween

It's the day before Halloween, and goblins, princesses, and warriors are running wild. The teachers are fighting to maintain control, but the pre-Halloween celebrations aren't the worst of it. On Halloween Day, there is the annual student parade where ghosts, ghouls, fairies, and pirates take over the school. It's mayhem across the school this year, and the teachers are in for the biggest trick-or-treat of their careers.



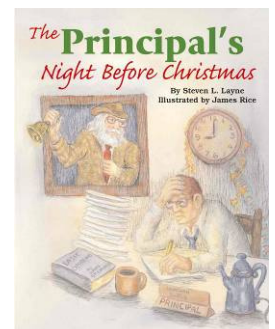
The Teachers' Night Before Christmas



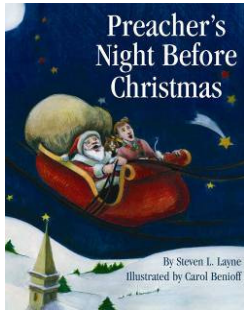
Nothing compares to the excitement of children as Christmas approaches. Imagine the havoc in classrooms across the country on the last days of school before the holiday! This twist on the Christmas classic will delight teachers and students everywhere. The traditional trappings of school - the Christmas pageant, a visit to the local nursing home, holiday crafts, and the room mothers' party - all end in chaos, while the teachers struggle to maintain order, and after school, get their own shopping done. In a whimsical touch, Santa Claus appears to present a solution to all teachers' Christmas woes.

The Principal's Night Before Christmas

This humorous companion to *The Teachers' Night Before Christmas* finds Santa making yet another stop in his flying school bus on Christmas Eve! Having just left the teachers at the mall, Santa finds the light on inside a school building and stops by to find poor Principal Swell completely overwrought. He's got state testing forms to fill out, bus routes to unknot, discipline problems to handle, crazed parents to manage, and broken equipment to get fixed for his teachers! Santa, though, has a way of putting things in perspective with a few observations of his own. The story will make principals smile, but it's a must for every teacher's classroom as well - because they all know there's nothing funnier than the truth!



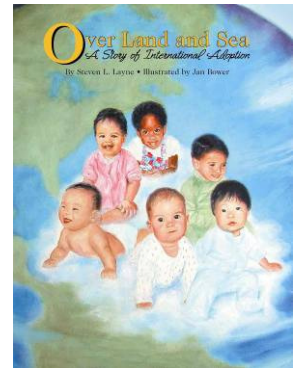
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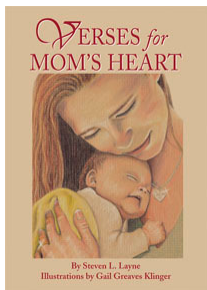
The Christmas Eve service is about to be performed at Spring Lane Creek Church, yet the last-minute rehearsal reveals several glitches. Poor Pastor McDougall finds himself in the middle of arguments, tears, and temper tantrums from his congregation. Between disagreements over the perfect child to play baby Jesus, the choir's dislike of their robes, and the copy machine's breakdown, even the most faithful have become frustrated. Luckily, Saint Nick is on the way, prepared to gently remind everyone what Christmas is really all about.

Over Land and Sea: A Story of International Adoption

Driven by love, nourished by hope, and sustained by faith, thousands of families travel over land and sea each year to adopt children internationally. This timeless story transcends geographical and cultural boundaries and portrays the enchantment that accompanies the welcoming of a new family member. The diversity of children from all over the world is visible with every turn of the page in this heartwarming tale that reminds readers that we are all more alike than different. Inspired by personal experience, Steven L. Layne's gentle verse combines with Jan Bower's captivating oil portraits to create an excellent story for reading aloud as well as a powerful remembrance for those who have traversed the miles and experienced the wonder of international adoption for themselves.



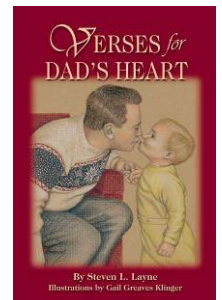
Verses for Mom's Heart



From skinned knees to broken hearts, from birthdays to wedding days - mothers provide the protection, guidance, inspiration, and love that offer us hope for the future. This beautifully illustrated collection of poems resonates with the voices of children, teens, and adults, reminding readers of the incomparable role mothers play in our lives. As with their best-selling companion title *Verses for Dad's Heart*, Layne and Klinger have again crossed the boundaries of age, race, and gender in verse and illustration - creating a book in which every mother can find her best reflection.

Verses for Dad's Heart

With stubborn love and sage advice, fathers provide a special guidance that is essential whether we are two, twelve, or twenty years old. Writing in the voice of children who grow older as the pages turn, award-winning author Steven L. Layne's verses are filled to overflowing with the humor and heart -- reminding readers of the legacy that is fostered in a father's unconditional love.



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