The Stephen Cosgrove Collection
The delightful tale of a young ostrich who exaggerates her adventures to a point of total disbelief. Lessons are learned when a wild adventure comes true, and no one believes her.
Buttermilk is frightened by the creatures that live within shadows deep. With the help of her father she tames them one and all in the light of day when shadows go to sleep. A wonderful bedtime story about being afraid of the dark.
Creole is a unique creature that lives alone in the swamp. She lives alone because the other creatures that live there are frightened by her looks. Looks can be deceiving and so can judging a book by its cover.
Fanny, the cat, has but three legs on which she manages just fine. She is normal as normal can be. Sadly the other animals on the Serendipity Farm won’t befriend her because they are afraid she will feel uncomfortable; after all she has but three legs. A little dog named Ruby learns that handicap is but a state of mind.
Flutterby

A tiny winged horse called flutterby flies about the island of serendipity trying to discover her special purpose in life. Through a series of magical misadventures she discovers she is most special just being who she is.
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Leo the Lop

Leo is a lop-eared rabbit whose ears went down not up. The other normal rabbits laughed and laughed until they discovered that down was normal and up was not. A classic Serendipity story about the meaning of normal.

Everything would have been perfectly perfect in the Thicket except for one itty-bitty problem: the rocks and ears became tangled in feet and tails. Bunnies tripped and plopped into one big furry pile.

“Very funny, bunay,” they grumbled as one. “This is not going to work!”

“Well,” said Buttermilk as she untied the twine-vine from the stones, “maybe we need to show our ears the way to go, and then they will know what to do. Then we will be just as normal as Leo.”
A magical story of a little princess who wants and needs to do everything "...just a little bit later." Everything is put off until later -- until later she meets Morgan, the unicorn. Wonderful lesson learned by children of all ages.
Muffin Dragon

A fire-breathing dragon loves munching muffins more than anything in the world, hence his name, the Muffin Dragon. A delightful story about simple economics as it relates to this dragon and the kindly but poor folk that live in a run-down castle in the woods.
Bangalee lives in Kritter Castle where few things if any are ever put away. A bit of clothing here, a few toys there, everywhere there is clutter and junk. All would have stayed the same had it not been for the appearance of the mysterious and very hungry Grunk who loves to eat clutter and junk. Children of all ages and some adults, too, learn to tidy up.

Every morning before breakfast, Bangalee would clean his room. He would make his bed, and dust every nook and cranny. He would wash the windows, wash the walls, and sometimes even vacuum the hall.

Bangalee was so clean and so organized that he was the only creature in the whole world that could always find that one dirty spot that was always missed. Bangalee was a clean machine.
Patti is a little caterpillar who wants to know what it will feel like when she becomes a butterfly. She asks her older sister. She asks a fluttering butterfly. But all is to no avail, for no one can truly explain the mystery that awaits. A story for all ages that grasps the issue of those things in life so hard to explain.
West of west and east of east on the Island of Serendipity lies the Forever Forest. In the forest lives the grumpiest Panda you could ever meet, a Panda called Ming-Ling. Grouchy he is because he hates to share anything and everything. With the help of a parrot, Ming-Ling soon learns that sharing can be an easy thing to do.
Sassafras is a little elephant who misguidedly thinks that being a little sassy is a good thing. As we all know, a little sass leads to a lot as Sassafras soon becomes disrespectful to both parent and teacher alike. In delightful twists and turns, the story teaches the value of simple respect.
At least once a day one of the Furry Eyefulls, who wasn’t looking where he was going, would bump into another Eyefull.

Before you could say Furry Eyefull four times, there would be a fluffy pile of fuzzy fluffies all grumbling and mumbling at each other and nobody saying I’m sorry.
The Island of Serendipity is filled with magical wonders, but even here there are simple dangers and one of those is to be cautious of strangers. A little squirrel called Squeakers learns that there are times when you must say no and quickly run away.

One of the young squirrels that lived in the Thicket was called Squeakers. He had long, soft fur, gentle velvet eyes and the most beautiful silver tail you have ever seen. When Squeakers wasn't doing an appointed chore or learning his lessons he would scamper this way and that with his fluffy tail floating behind.
There is a place called Kurium where both Kith and Kin (both different and alike) live in harmony. They lived this way forever and a day, until a dragon called Trafalgar brought them a gift -- a gift they would have to share. Children of all ages learn that if you care you simply must share.
Zippity is the fastest Zoom, but he’s so fast he misses all the wonderful things around him. He meets a turtle who finally teaches him to slow down and enjoy all of life’s pleasures.
Nitter Pitter thinks he is the best-looking of the many mini-horses on the Island of Serendipity. A wonderful horse, he wastes his life away gazing in admiration at his own shadow. Through a series of delightful misadventures, he learns there is more to life than appearance. Based on the true story of Stephen’s horse, Black-Eyed Pete.
Of all the creatures living on the prehistoric Island of Serendipity there was one, just one, who had no fun whatsoever – an odd-looking dinosaur called Smine. He had no fun because he was ever so afraid that someone would steal his collection of stuff and things. With the help of his best friend forever, the Shrill, Smine learns that you can’t keep everything forever as together they search for the Saveopotomas. A wonderful story about sharing.
Tee-Tee, a tiny turtle, carries his home wherever he goes, a heavy burden indeed. More than anything, he wants to rid himself of his shell. Try though he may, he can’t rid himself from that which makes him a turtle. Through Tee-Tee’s misadventures, children of all ages learn that home is where the heart is.
A lazy cat named Rusty befriends a beautiful horse, Sooty-Foot, with promises of a lifetime of friendship. Children of all ages are guided through the misadventure as Rusty uses his sharp-tongued wiles to bully Sooty-Foot to do his bidding.
Jalopy

A burro named Juniper J. Jalopy decides to leave his desert home for the lush grasslands of Tummy Bay. Once there, he discovers that he doesn’t understand nor speak the language, and worse than worse, he can’t communicate his needs. A compelling story of understanding that will help children of all ages in this chaotic time.
High in the hills of the Land of Later on the Island of Serendipity lies the castle of the wistful Wizard of Wink, the master of illusion and magic. Here too lives a wonderful white cat called Tickles. The wizard has but one simple rule: never ever play with his magic. Alone, and wishing for a saucer of milk, Tickles learns that rules have reasons.

It was at this time that curiosity, tainted with a bit of hunger got the best of Tickles, the wizard’s cat. He happened to find himself on the rickety worktable looking about for something to eat. With his tail idly twitching from side to side, he sat there in a pool of light on the wizard’s book of magic delight.

Tickles looked around and around for even a morsel to munch. It was then, in this the adventure of the story, that he looked down. On the pages of a book he saw the most curious words indeed.

“If hungry you are, if starvation you fear say these words and food will appear.
Hocus pocus, lavender focus! brighten my eyes, bring dinner into focus.”

Below these words was this ominous warning:

“Don’t use this magic more times than two, though hungry indeed or curious are you!”
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Persnickety

The Draggle Dragons are a messy lot, never sweeping the floors nor washing the cooking pot. All draggle dragons, that is, save for Persnickity who was clean as clean could be. But, sometimes too much is too much. Persnickity lives up to his name with his passion for perfection. A delightful story about the need for balance in life.

He jumped from bed, slipped a freshly ironed tie around his neck and rushed into the living room.

What a mess! The Draggle Dragons had started the party without him. They had eaten all of the sandwiches and used the pie as a weapon in a food fight. One of the dragons was even licking spilled ice cream off the couch.

Persnickity tried to be the good host. He rushed about picking up this and that, all the while calling out the rules of the house. “Uh, wipe your feet! Use a napkin! Don’t touch! Don’t run! Oh, dear, just don’t do anything!” Finally the dragons stumbled outside while Persnickity began to pick up the mess. He had just started to clean when he stopped and listened.

All was quiet. All was still.

All was quiet and way too still. He rushed outside to see what had happened.
Paddle Pines

Three little paddle whackers have cut down and used all the trees in the magical meadow surrounding their pond. All the trees, that is, save for one stately Puddle Pine. Sadly, they cut the tree down, and with no more trees they are forced to move from their homes. The Puddle Pine is a unique story about the stewardship of our forests.
ArkAngels Series

Azalea

The delightful story of a super shy little ArkAngel mouse named Azalea. With the help of her friends she learns to believe in herself.

Azalea played throughout the day. She would have played on into the night but the others begged for rest and fluttered down into the bushes to sleep.

That night Azalea slept wrapped in the promise of tomorrow. For as long as she was hidden behind her mask of pollen she was freed from her shyness.
A tiny ArkAngel pony called Daisy wants all the sweet clover for herself, but soon learns the importance of sharing.
ArkAngels
Rosebud

A honey loving ArkAngel bear finds herself in a sticky situation and soon learns the importance of manners.

Rosebud was so excited that she hugged the hive in joy.

It was at that precise moment that the buzzing bees resumed, carrying their honey pails. It was a bit of a sticky situation — RoseBud with her arms wrapped tightly about the hive and the bees wanting to go inside.

Now these were very giving bees who shared their honey with everyone. Everyone that is who could answer their simple riddle.

Buzzing in excitement they carefully recited the riddle expecting a quick answer from the tiny, winged FlutterBee.
A fuzzy winged ArkAngel named Thistle breaks a major rule in Heaven’s Light and tells a lie to protect himself. Thistle soon learns the importance of honesty.
Farther than far at the edge of the horizon is a land called Barely There... a land filled with untouched magic... a land of dancing squirrels and singing birds... a land where imagination abounds and lessons are learned.

The once frightened groundhog, Gabriel FaintHeart, laughed and laughed at all the creatures his mind had made... in the land of Barely There.
Farther than far at the edge of the horizon is a land called Barely There—a land filled with untouched magic—a land of dancing squirrels and singing birds—a land where imagination abounds and lessons are learned.

And from that day forward the Hidaway bears, not hidden anymore, shared everything, as we all do
... in the land of Barely There.
Farther than far at the edge of the horizon is a land called Barely There… a land filled with untouched magic… a land of dancing squirrels and singing birds… a land where imagination abounds and lessons are learned.

Rabbits, young and old, would gather round and listen to GrandPa Sam tell the wonderful stories that all began, "When I was a boy... in the land of Barely There."
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There they live to this day, telling all the creatures in the land that outward beauty can be enjoyed only inward beauty is present forever and always… in the land of Barely There.
Button Breaker wants to be the strongest and toughest of the Treasure Trolls. More than anything he hates doing 'girl' chores. Through a series of magical misadventures he discovers that the strongest, toughest, Treasure Troll of all is none other than his mother. A delightful tale dealing with perceptions of image.
Treasure Trolls
Snicker-Doodle

Of the Treasure Trolls none are held more dear than the oldest couple in all of the land, the Snicker-Doodles. But their cottage has become draped in sadness for they have lost something. The sadness is made worse only by the fact that they don’t know what it is they have lost. With all the Treasure Trolls searching high and low, it is Trippet and Trivia Snicker-Doodle who finally find that which makes marriage magical.

In time, Trippet and Trivia became mother and father having bundles and bundles of Treasure Troll babies. There were always one or two tots caulked in Trivia’s arms and three or four rocking in the limbs of a tree while Trippet held yet another.

Trippet and Trivia and their children were related to nearly the entire population of Treasure Trolls. Trossk and Trousers Tootie Klinker were related to Tinkling Gigglefoot, who was related to Tickle, who was of the Trumpetsnicker Clan, all twelve of whom were Snicker-Doodles on their mother’s side. Tronace Bumpbreaker and his little brother, Tweezer, were second cousins twice removed to Tizzy Timplesnicker, who was Trippet and Trivia’s granddaughter through her mother. Tiny (who wasn’t small at all but really rather large).

In fact, most of the Treasure Trolls that lived in the land of Hodge Podge were related somehow to the Snicker-Doodles and if they weren’t, they wished they were.
The following day, when it was time to eat, the Sequins returned to the farm but their way was blocked by the fence built by Triska and Trexers Treasure Troll. The unicorns milled about, nervous and afraid. Nervous about the fence and afraid they would soon be hungry again.

Suddenly, Tinkling’s hooves rang like the singing of silver bells as she ran along the fence, looking for a place to enter. Spinning in a flurry of leaves she turned and, at a full gallop, ran straight at the fence.

Nearby, Joy watched in fear as Tinkling raced toward the fence, sure the little unicorn was about to crash. Then, like magic, the Sequin leaped from the ground and jumped the fence as if she had wings. Within moments the other Sequins followed and the air seemed filled with unicorn butterflies fluttering over the fence.

Sparkles and the other Treasure Troll unicorns are losing all their natural meadows to the farmers who are building fences to keep them out. With the help of the farmer’s daughter, Joy, the unicorns and farmers learn to work together and share.
Treasure Trolls
Snicker-Doodle

Tizzy is a Treasure Troll with a short fuse on a long temper. There is nothing that lights that fuse quicker than trash and litter casually dropped wherever is convenient. With the help of a little bird called a litter-twitter, Treasure Trolls and humans alike learn to recycle that which before was wasted.

Then one day she felt a movement in the egg. She carefully climbed off the nest and watched as the egg crinkled and cracked and out popped the cutest little lime-green litter-twitter you have ever seen.

The little bird looked about in wide-eyed wonder, hopped upon Tizzy’s finger and sang out in a tiny voice, “Chirpity-chirpity what a disgrace. Use it again — and never waste. Chirpity-chirpity-chirpity.” Then the little bird cocked its head to the side and gently pecked Tizzy on the cheek.

From there and thenceafter, wherever Tizzy went, the little bird rode fluttering on her head so that all Treasure Trolls would remember to use things again and again and never, ever waste.
The Game of Golve

A delightfully imaginative fantasy about the origins of the game of golf.

Stephen Cosgrove

The Game of Golve
AND HOW IT CAME TO BE

A Children's Story

as illustrated by Laurence Knighton

The Game of Golve

Probably no one would have known exactly what she was up to, had it not been for the mayor of the respective villages getting into a bit of a do about the multitude of white dimples seeds that were being whacked from both sides of the fair way.
When seventeen year-old Libby Brighton stumbles upon an archangel trapped on the Internet, she soon finds herself in a mysterious world that has her switching bodies with the angel and searching for trapped souls deep in the catacombs of the Old Mission at San Juan Capistrano.

With the archangel guiding her, the story climaxes with Libby battling the demonic Darkside Veil and its minions, the Changelings, to save the souls and rescue mankind.
SOS
the song of the sea

A unique Environmental Fantasy narrated by a white whale, a dolphin, and ultimately, a deaf marine biologist wherein mankind is tried for the environmental destruction of the world’s seas.

A full-length family fiction novel from Stephen Cosgrove.
(350 pages)

SOS, the song of the sea, is wrapped in the magical premise that whales, dolphins and other mammals of the sea communicate with one another. Frustrated by human kind’s abuses of nature there is a united call for a gathering of all the intelligent contributors to the song, a conclave, where mankind will finally stand trial for all their crimes against nature.

SOS, the song of the sea, is an amazing ecological fantasy written by award-winning children’s author Stephen Cosgrove.
More to Come and Then Some