

Book Deals from Matches Made at #PBPitch:

June 17th, 2021 #PBPitch:

Margarett McBride, MA participated in her first #PBPitch on June 17th, 2021. She pitched her story titled NELSON'S SIGNIFICANT LETTERS with this pitch: Nelson writes 5 letters to his incarcerated dad about his journey to fix their old car with the community, his perspective on the justice system, family updates, and his excitement for his dad's return. However, his resentful brother Deon has other plans. #PBPitch #BVM #OWN #POC. Later in the day, Margarett noticed she received a like from Meg Bratsch at Free Spirit Publishing. She immediately submitted her manuscript to Free Spirit Publishing and signed her contract on November 3rd, 2021. The expected release timeline is end of 2022. Stay up-to-date on Margarett (and Nelson) from her website margarettmcbride.com or follow her on Twitter [@RenaissanceMars](https://twitter.com/RenaissanceMars).

Gabriella Aldeman participated in #PBPitch on June 17, 2021 with this pitch: "Paula's pants ripped at the knee. She tries everything to hide the tear from her classmates, only to find out that they, too, have leaky lunchboxes, spaghetti stains, and hand-me-down backpacks. Nothing some colorful patches can't fix! #PBPitch #PB #SEL #POC"

She received two hearts from acquiring editors. One of them was Meg Bratsch at Free Spirit who took PAULA'S PATCHES to acquisitions and offered Gabriella a contract. Gabriella then contacted Delia Berrigan, an agent with Martin Literary Management she had been communicating with. Gabriella signed with Delia in August 2021 and signed the contract with Free Spirit in November 2021. Publication for PAULA'S PATCHES is slated for 2023. Check out Gabriella on Twitter and Instagram at [@write_between](https://twitter.com/write_between) and online at www.writebetween.com.

October 29th, 2020 #PBPitch:

Emma Pearl participated in the October 29, 2020 #PBPitch with this pitch for her story MENDING THE MOON: When Luna sees the moon fall out of the sky and shatter into pieces, she and Poppa climb up the mountain to fix it, but they'll need help from all the animals to patch it up & get it back in the sky. A heartwarming, magical, nature-loving PB.

She received a heart from Kayla Tostevin at Page Street Kids. There were a few rounds of revisions and an offer was made just before Christmas, 2020. Publication is planned for November 1, 2022.

In September of 2021, Emma signed a second contract with Page Street Kids. This time for SAVING THE SUN, a sequel to MENDING THE MOON. SAVING THE SUN is expected to release Fall 2023! Check out Emma on Twitter at [@emmspearl](https://twitter.com/emmspearl).

October 24th, 2019 #PBPitch:

Valerie Coulman had been participating regularly in PBPitch and other Twitter pitch parties. She felt they were great opportunities to hone her pitches and see what other writers were pitching. On October 24, 2019, she had added a brand new story to her list of stories to pitch with this: "#PBPitch Outside it's a regular day, but ON THE INSIDE dragons roar, little toads squeak, and storms rage as a nervous child learns to navigate stressful (even if good) situations. #pb #EQ #kidlit #HSCs". At the last minute, she added the hashtag #HSC (for Highly Sensitive Child) because the story dealt with identifying and working through big emotions. That hashtag caught the eye of an editor from Free Spirit Publishing and they gave the pitch a heart.

Valerie submitted the story and was asked for a round of revisions. After the revisions she was offered a contract and DRAGONS ON THE INSIDE (AND OTHER BIG EMOTIONS) will release October 25, 2022. Check out Valerie on Twitter at [@ValerieCoulman](https://twitter.com/ValerieCoulman) and at her website at www.valeriecoulman.com.