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BIO:

Sophia Gholz is an award-winning author, music lover, magic seeker, and avid reader. Sophia enjoys writing fiction with humor and heart. When writing nonfiction, she pulls on her love of science and her strong family background in ecology. Since 2017, Sophia has helped oversee the Henry L. Gholz SEEDS National Field Trip Endowment for The Ecological Society of America, funding ecological field experiences for students from diverse backgrounds. Previously, Sophia worked as an advertising copywriter and made a career managing visual artists in New York City. When she's not writing from her home base in Florida, you can find Sophia reading or exploring the great outdoors with her family.

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AWARDS:

- Florida Book Award Silver Medal, Young Children's Literature 2025
- Florida State Poets Association (FSPA) Enchantment Award 2024
- Sunshine State Young Reader Award Jr (SSYRA), 2024 Shortlist
- North Carolina Book Award Shortlist, 2023
- Kentucky Association of School Librarians KBA Award (K-2) Shortlist, 2023
- Bookstagang Best of Shortlist, 2022
- Green Earth Book Award Honor 2020
- SCBWI Crystal Kite Award Winner
- Keystone to Reading Book Award Shortlist 2021, Intermediate Books
- Florida State Book Award Gold Medal Young Children's Literature
- South Carolina Book Award Nominee 2022
- Nile Delta Book Award winner 2022
- Notable Social Studies Trade Book, Children's Book Council and NCSS
- Eureka! Nonfiction Children's Book Honor Award, California Reading Association
- Sigurd F. Olson Nature Writing Award (SONWA) Winner
- CBHL Annual Literature Award Nominee/Shortlist 2020
- RWR Best Book of 2019, Most Inspirational Books category
- 2020 Martin Luther King "Living the Dream" Book Award Shortlist

BOOKS:

- ***Creek Crawling***, illustrated by Nicole Wong (Penguin Random House, 2027)
- ***SWISH! The Wonders of the Wind***, illustrated by Frances Ives (Reycraft, 2027)
- ***Truck in the Muck***, illustrated by Susan Batori (Sleeping Bear Press, 2026)
- ***ARLO***, illustrated by MacKenzie Haley (Sleeping Bear Press, 2025)
- ***Bear at the Fair***, illustrated by Susan Batori (Sleeping Bear Press, 2024)
- ***A History of Toilet Paper (and Other Potty Tools)***, illustrated by Xiana Teimoy (Running Press Kids/Hachette, 2022)
- ***Bug on the Rug***, illustrated by Susan Batori (Sleeping Bear Press, 2022)
- ***Jack Horner, Dinosaur Hunter!***, illustrated by David Shephard (Sleeping Bear Press, 2021)
- ***This is Your World: The Story of Bob Ross***, illustrated by Robin Boyden (Running Press Kids/Hachette, 2021)
- ***The Boy Who Grew a Forest: The True Story of Jadav Payeng***, illustrated by Kayla Harren (Sleeping Bear Press, 2019)

SELECT REVIEWS:

- ***Starred review*** "Gholz's respect for Jadav's accomplishments shines through in her endearing presentation of his life...*The Boy Who Grew a Forest* celebrates an incredible man and arouses in its audience a respect for nature that may motivate them to follow in Jadav's footsteps. Superb." —***Shelf Awareness*** (*The Boy Who Grew a Forest*)
- "A rollicking, rhyming read-aloud...the rhymes are inventive, and the rug rivals' words have great texture. A fun way to build reading skills..." —***Booklist*** (*Bug on the Rug*)
- "...Young readers will enjoy visiting this animal fair!" —***Kirkus*** (*Bear at the Fair*)
- "An inspiring example of how disabilities don't have to close doors to scientific careers or other dreams." —***School Library Journal*** (*Jack Horner, Dinosaur Hunter!*)
- "[A] delightful and funny microhistory about toilet paper...A seriously hilarious and engrossing read!" —***Book Riot*** (*A History of Toilet Paper*)
- "An offbeat hero's journey...Quirky, thoughtful, and fun." — ***Kirkus*** (*ARLO*)
- "...Gholz captures the magic of the artist's lulling, lilting tone...there is comfort in seeing a gentle soul gradually find his voice and his calling through art and community..." — ***Publisher's Weekly*** (*This is Your World*)

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