

# SOPHIA GHOLZ

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## BIO:

**Sophia Gholz** is an award-winning children's book 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. She is also a founding board member of [KidLiteracy.org](http://KidLiteracy.org), a nonprofit organization focused on early literacy initiatives. Previously, Sophia worked as an advertising copywriter and made a career working with visual artists in New York City. Sophia's debut book, ***The Boy Who Grew a Forest: The True Story of Jadav Payeng***, received the Florida State Book Award Gold Medal, a Eureka! Nonfiction Honor Award and was named a 2020 Green Earth Honor Book. When she's not writing from her home base in Florida, you can find Sophia reading, making art or exploring the great outdoors with her family. For more, visit Sophia online:

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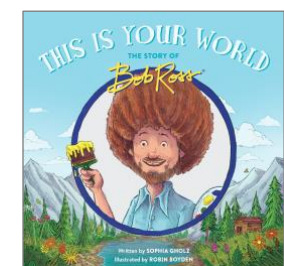
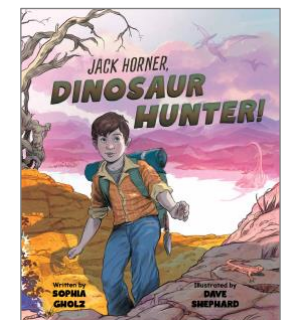
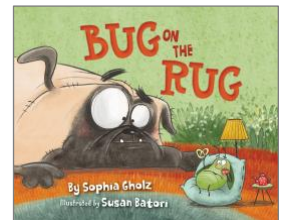
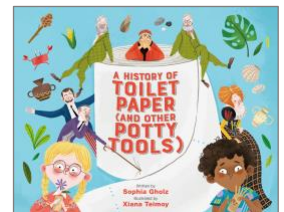
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## BOOKS:

- ***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 Dave 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)



## AWARDS:

- Green Earth Book Award Honor 2020
- South Carolina Children's Book Award Nominee 2020-21
- SCBWI Crystal Kite Award Winner
- Keystone to Reading Book Award shortlist 2020-21, Intermediate Books
- Florida State Book Award Gold Medal Young Children's Literature 2019-20
- Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People 2020, Children's Book Council and NCSS
- Eureka! Nonfiction Children's Book Honor Award, California Reading Association
- Sigurd F. Olson Nature Writing Award (SONWA) Winner, 2019
- CBHL Annual Literature Award Nominee 2020
- RWR Best Book of 2019, Most Inspirational Books category
- Florida Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators Rising Kite Award, 2018 Fiction Picture Book
- Florida Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators Rising Kite Award, 2017 Nonfiction
- 2020 Martin Luther King "Living the Dream" Book Award nominee
- Nile Book Award, Delta Nile Shortlist and Nominee, 2021-22



## 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*)
- "Payeng's story is eloquently told and beautifully illustrated. It will inspire readers to recognize the power of individual determination..." —**Booklist**, (*The Boy Who Grew a Forest*)
- "...the story provides young children with a real-life example of the connections between man and nature." —**Kirkus**, (*The Boy Who Grew a Forest*)
- "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!*)
- "This picture book biography not only details Horner's passion to discover and study dinosaurs, but also encourages children to persevere when they face challenges...this title will be grabbed off the shelf for recreational reading alone." —**School Library Connection**, (*Jack Horner, Dinosaur Hunter!*)
- "This message to kids, in a world increasingly pressuring them to 'figure out' what they want to be, is such a positive one..." — **The Small Protagonist**, (*This is Your World*)
- "...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*)

For additional press, updates and reviews, visit: <https://www.sophiagholz.com/news>

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