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Grew up in Athens, Pennsylvania, and now lives in Marshall Township, Pennsylvania, where the *Captain Cutie Pie and Deputy Boo* series comes to life. Her appreciation of science and desire to do meaningful work led to a degree in biology and a career as a Food Safety SME.

Denise's appreciation for science and nature are an ongoing theme throughout the series of books. Her sense of humor drives the fun and entertaining aspect of our heroes' adventures while adding heart and laughter to the stories.

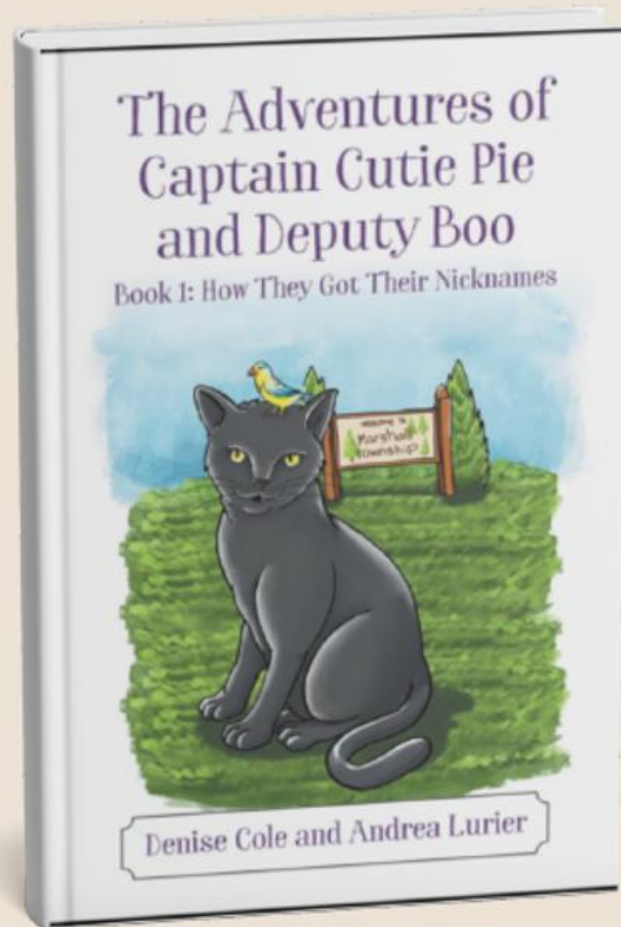


Andrea Lurier, PhD

A psychologist who has worked with children, teens, and families for over 25 years. She strives every day to respect and honor the viewpoint of children and advocate for their needs.

Andrea hopes to write stories that will be highly appealing to young children but also engage them on an emotional level. Andrea is from Buffalo, New York and currently lives in Marshall Township as well.

BOOKS



The Adventures of Captain Cutie Pie and Deputy Boo Book 1

How They Got Their Nicknames

The first book in the series introduces Bubba and Boo—a cat and a bird who are brothers—as they set off to explore their new neighborhood after moving to Marshall Township. They had overheard an exciting (and true!) story about a beaver. Curiosity about the beaver takes over, and the adventure begins.

As Bubba and Boo search for the mysterious beaver, they make lots of new friends along the way—all inspired by real animals that live in and around Marshall Township.

At last, they meet the beaver, Matilda, and discover she has a problem she can't fix on her own. Bubba and Boo spring into action, calling on their new friends for help, and showing that teamwork makes even the biggest problems feel smaller. Thankful for their leadership, Matilda gives Bubba and Boo their nicknames—Captain Cutie Pie and Deputy Boo. The neighborhood friends agree these are fitting titles for their new neighbors.

BOOKS



The Adventures of Captain Cutie Pie and Deputy Boo Book 2 Everyone is Afraid of Something

A new animal—an ostrich—has just moved into Marshall Township! Excited to welcome their new neighbor and eager to help him feel at home, Bubba and Boo decide to throw a surprise welcome party with all their neighborhood friends.

Eddie, the neighborhood prankster, insists he's heard that ostriches stick their heads in the sand when they're scared. Bubba and Boo do a little research and try to explain to Eddie that this idea is just a myth. Eddie, however, is determined to prove he's right. Instead of helping with the party, he cooks up a mischievous plan to scare the ostrich and see what happens.

The discussion around what ostriches do when they're scared acts as a springboard for the neighborhood friends to discuss things that scare them and how they handle their fears. With a playful and entertaining tone, the story invites children to talk openly with their caregivers about their own worries and feelings.

As two very different plans develop and unfold at the same time, they race toward each other in a fun, fast-paced, and exciting climax that brings the whole neighborhood together.

BOOKS



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Reviewed by Elizabeth Upshur for Reader Views (2026)

The Adventures of Captain Cutie Pie and Deputy Boo (or, Bubba and Boo when they aren't being superheroes in the local township) return with book 2, *Everyone is Afraid of Something!* Our story begins when Blue, a friendly Blue Heron, stops by to tell them some exciting news. There is going to be a new animal joining their neighborhood, a strange and exotic bird called an "ostrich." Captain Cutie Pie and Deputy Boo had never heard of an ostrich before, so they use their mom's iPad to look up what kind of animal an ostrich even is, and find out that it is a very tall bird.

Their friend Eddie, a neighborhood stray cat, comes by and offers his opinion on what an ostrich is like, which leaves Captain Cutie Pie and Deputy Boo with even more questions! Do ostriches really bury their heads in the sand, or is that a myth? They decide that they want to be hospitable and to have a welcoming party with all of their other friends, so off they go to assemble it. Will their new guest feel welcome in the neighborhood? What things that they've heard about ostriches are real, and what's just a story that's been told so many times people don't know that it's fake?

Read the story to find out what an ostrich is like, and what the true meaning of burying your head in the sand is, in this sweet story about farm life with a dizzying set of characters and their wild personalities!

There's a lot to appreciate in this story by Denise Cole and Andrea Lurier, particularly in the growth as the characters talk about what scares them in their lives, noticing how their differing sizes make what's scary relative. Making a new friend and being new in a neighborhood are both concepts that will resonate with a young audience experiencing school, after-school activities, or moving to somewhere new.

I enjoyed the use of italics as asides to the audience to help provide both context as well as moments of levity. *The Adventures of Captain Cutie Pie and Deputy Boo: Everyone is Afraid of Something* is a nice read, and I'm looking forward to the next installment.

BOOKS



The Adventures of Captain Cutie Pie and Deputy Boo

Book 3: Everyone has Something to Contribute



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The Adventures of Captain Cutie Pie and Deputy Boo Book 3 Everyone Has Something to Contribute

The family of goats that live up the road from Bubba and Boo are in trouble. They were out playing on a beautiful sunny day, getting farther and farther away from home, when suddenly a fierce storm strikes. The pounding rain causes the water of Big Sewickley Creek to rise and wash away the little wooden bridge that is the goats' only way home. A few of the goats get stranded on the other side of the creek. They need help from their neighborhood friends, but the task seems impossible to accomplish.

The goats send a message to our heroes, Captain Cutie Pie (Bubba) and Deputy Boo, seeking their help. *Okay, but can a cat and a bird build a bridge?* Sure, they can! In fact, they build the most perfect bridge, metaphorically speaking, proving that teamwork, creativity, and kindness can overcome any obstacle. Together they show that everyone – no matter how big, small, furry, or feathered – has something to contribute.

Heartfelt, funny, and full of community spirit, Captain Cutie Pie and Deputy Boo's latest mission reminds readers that the strongest bridges are built not from wood or stone, but from friendship and cooperation.

This story is about discovering the hidden and unique talents each of us brings to the world.

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Author Denise Cole and Andrea Lurier's latest installment in the darling animal series, *The Adventures of Captain Cutie Pie and Deputy Boo* (book 3) has arrived! In this story, *Everyone has Something to Contribute*, our favorite cat and bird duo are relaxing at home as a thunderstorm approaches. With high chances of rain, it looks like a good day to curl up inside and snack on cat food and bird seed. But wait! Our intrepid pair are called upon by their friend Blue (a Blue Heron) with a message—their friends, the goats, are trapped on the other side of a river!

Yup, thanks to this thunderstorm, the river has overflowed and swallowed up the bridge, leaving them stranded and far away from their family and their safe, warm barn. Captain Cutie Pie and Deputy Boo quickly assess the situation and realize that they need more help to get out of this sticky situation. They call on an old friend who offers them some wisdom...in the form of what sounds like a riddle! Undeterred, and now armed with that knowledge, they brave the continued storms to solve the riddles, gather their friends, and use all of their combined skills to get the goats safely home. Can they mount this rescue before their human returns home? Read through and see how this adventure ends!

I appreciate the focus on the baby goats and how they learn and grow from their experience in the storm to fully understand that everyone, no matter their size, their strength, or their attention span, has something to offer and to help in a situation. The message unfolds without being preachy or too obvious. This is a very relevant message for young readers to learn and to think about as they start to consider what problems they might want to solve in the world and what their future holds.

This book definitely invites conversation and reflection beyond the story—as audiences ask themselves, will they use their love of food to help become a food scientist, a chef, or a farmer? Will they follow their love of science to become an astronaut or their interest in music to become a choreographer? There are so many wonderful ways to follow our curiosity, and for that curiosity to usher something new and incredible to the world, from making a bridge across literal troubled waters to engineering the world's tallest skyscraper. ***The Adventures of Captain Cutie Pie and Deputy Boo: Everyone has Something to Contribute* is a fantastic read.**

The Adventures of Captain Cutie Pie and Deputy Boo

Book 4

Christmas in July

The Adventures of Captain Cutie Pie and Deputy Boo

Book 4: Christmas in July



By Denise Cole and Andrea Lurier
Illustrated by Denise Cole

When the goats' most treasured toy – a big red ball - disappears, emotions run high. The ball isn't just a toy—it's a family heirloom, passed down through generations, and the key to the goats' favorite activity: "play, play, play, every day, all day!"

Certain someone must have taken their ball, the goats are upset and frustrated. They quickly turn to Captain Cutie Pie and Deputy Boo for help. Determined to solve the mystery without accusing any innocent friends, our heroes decide to conduct a careful and thoughtful investigation. With help from Blue the Messenger, they soon discover a big red ball... but is it *the* big red ball? After all, as the goat Kiley wisely points out, there are a "quadruple zillion million" big red balls in the world.

As Captain Cutie Pie and Deputy Boo gather clues and listen to everyone's side of the story, they show the neighborhood that slowing down, asking questions, and being fair matter just as much as solving the mystery.

Can careful thinking, teamwork, and kindness lead Captain Cutie Pie and Deputy Boo to the right ball — so the goats can get back to doing what they do best?

BOOKS



Book 5: The Chickens Playful Revenge

Book 6: Two Truths and a Lie

Book 7: Home Alone: Responsibility

Book 8: Having a Voice

STORIES IN DEVELOPMENT