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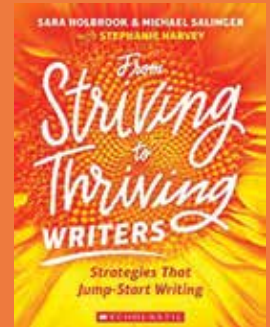
## FOR EDUCATORS

### From Striving to Thriving Writers: Strategies That Jump-Start Writing

By Sara Holbrook & Michael Salinger with Stephanie Harvey

Renowned literacy expert Stephanie Harvey teams up with authors and writing consultants Sara Holbrook and Michael Salinger to introduce short writing scaffolds to support student writing and help strivers approach writing with energy and action. Based on Harvey's bestselling "From Striving to Thriving" approach, the 27 writing strategies presented in "From Striving to Thriving Writers" are designed to improve and integrate writing across

the curriculum. With lessons targeting reading, writing, and speaking standards, this innovative writing tool encourages students to practice voluminous writing and build a culture of conversation throughout the writing process, which is especially beneficial for emerging bilingual students.



## FOR STUDENTS

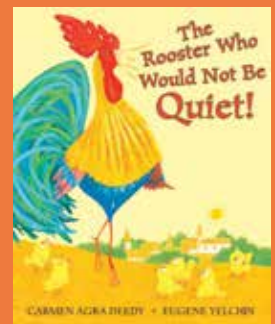
### The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet!

By Carmen Agra Deedy – Grades PreK-3

La Paz is a happy but noisy village. A little peace and quiet would make it just right. So the villagers elect the bossy Don Pepe as their mayor. Before long, singing of any kind is outlawed. Even the teakettle is afraid to whistle! But there is one noisy rooster who doesn't give two mangos about this mayor's silly rules. Instead, he does what roosters were born to do. He sings: "Kee-kee-ree-KEE!"

ousts the tyrannical mayor and returns their city to its free and clamorous state.

Carmen Deedy's masterfully crafted allegory and Eugene Yelchin's bright, whimsical mixed-media paintings celebrate the spirit of freedom, and the courage of those who are born to sing at any cost.



## FOR STUDENTS

### Me and Marvin Gardens

By Amy Sarig King – Grades 3-7

Obe Devlin has problems. His family's farmland has been taken over by developers. His best friend, Tommy, abandoned him for the development kids. And he keeps getting nosebleeds, because of that thing he doesn't like to talk about. So Obe hangs out at the creek by his house, in the last wild patch left, picking up litter and looking for animal tracks. One day, he sees a creature that looks kind of like a large dog, or maybe a small boar. And as he watches it, he realizes it eats plastic. Only plastic. Water bottles, shopping bags... No one has ever seen a creature like this before, because there's never been a creature like

this before. The animal — Marvin Gardens — soon becomes Obe's best friend and biggest secret. But to keep him safe from the developers and Tommy and his friends, Obe must make a decision that might change everything.

In her most personal novel yet, Printz Honor Award winner Amy Sarig King tells the story of a friendship that could actually save the world.



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