

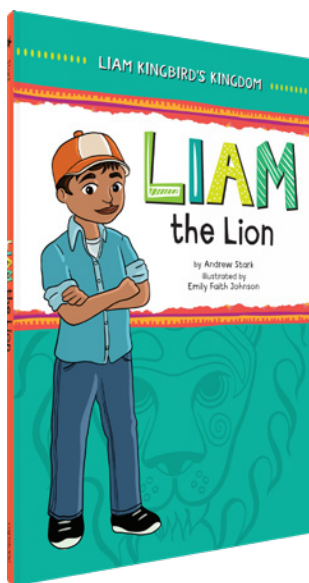
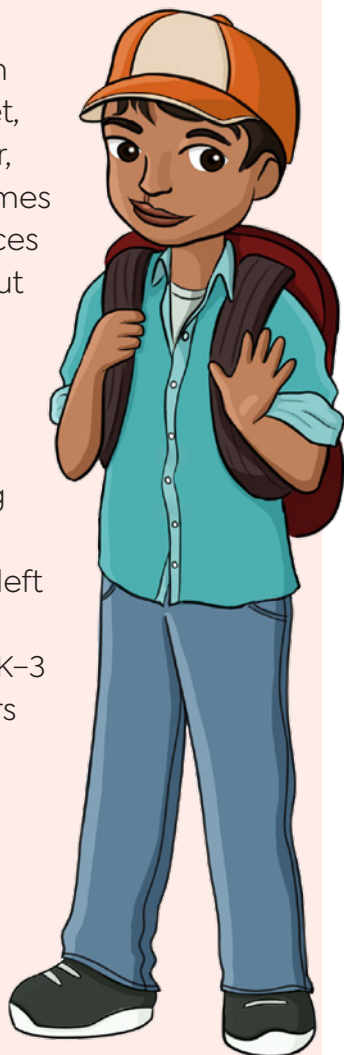
# LIAM KINGBIRD'S KINGDOM

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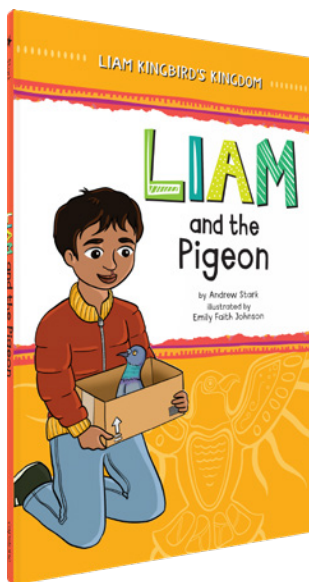
### ABOUT THE SERIES

**Say boozhoo (hello) to Liam Kingbird!** Liam is eight years old and lives on an Ojibwa reservation. Quiet, creative Liam is a thinker, a dreamer... and sometimes a worrier. New experiences can be scary for Liam, but talking with his mom, drawing pictures, and listening to his heart always steer him in the right direction. Featuring an introspective Indigenous boy with a cleft lip and a beautiful spirit, this charming series for K-3 will resonate with readers who like to think before they leap.



### LIAM THE LION

Feeling strong and brave like a lion makes Liam proud. Draw a picture of your favorite animal. Below your picture, write a list of the animal's special qualities. Is it fast? Can it fly? What qualities do you admire about this animal?



### LIAM AND THE PIGEON

Liam's mom reminds Liam that many animals lived in our cities and neighborhoods before people began to build houses and other buildings. To help animals, communities might put up road signs warning drivers to watch for deer or ducks crossing. People might plant flowers that are bee-friendly, or hang bird feeders. Can you think of other things you can do to help animals where you live?

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### MEET THE CREATORS



#### Andrew Stark

was raised on the Ojibwa Indian Reservation in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. After earning his MFA

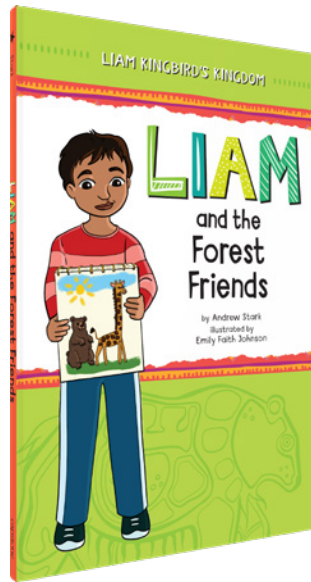
from Pacific University, he moved to Los Angeles and began his career as an editor for a fashion magazine. He has since been published in a variety of publications, and one of his short stories was adapted into a stage play. He lives in Saint Paul, Minnesota, with his two dogs—Gizmo, a Chihuahua, and Barney, a chiweenie. Together, they love to camp and go hiking.



#### Emily Faith

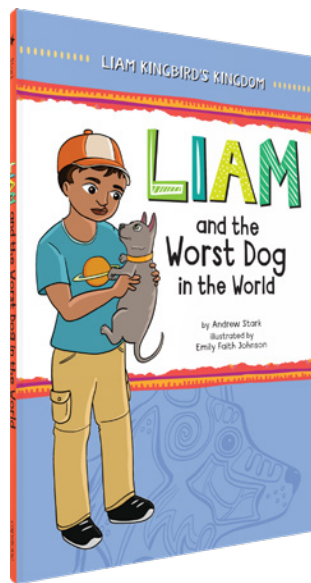
**Johnson** grew up on a farm in northern Wisconsin. She is a graphic designer, writer, and

illustrator who loves bringing characters to life through her artwork. She's always secretly wanted to become a Broadway star, so when she's not writing or making art, you can usually find her serenading her goats and ponies with show tunes. She is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.



### LIAM AND THE FOREST FRIENDS

Doing creative things like drawing pictures, writing stories, or singing songs can help us understand our emotions. Can you think of a creative activity you like to do that helps you manage big thoughts or feelings?



### LIAM AND THE WORST DOG IN THE WORLD

Liam has wanted a dog for a long time. Think of something you have been wanting. What are two reasons you want it? What are two reasons you might not get it?