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LIGHT, STEVE *Boats Go*; written and illus. by Steve Light. Chronicle,
2015 16p

ISBN 978-1-4521-2900-6 \$9.99 R 1-4 yrs

Eight boats sail the seas of this elongated board book, each making a signature sound that will challenge the reader-aloud's skills at aural effects. "The fireboat goes, WHEE whee WHEE whee WHEE whee" as its nozzles spray. "The paddle boat goes, chum-splish chum-splash chum-splish choooooTOOTOOOT" as it churns the water. In the closing double-page spread, "The gondola goes, O sole Mio!"—a witty surprise that will make more sense to the reader than the listener but will certainly delight if belted out in a hearty Italian tenor. The pictures, simple designs visually propelled by billows of steam, smoke, cloud, and wave, are engaging, and the onomatopoeic text slips and arches neatly into the composition. The rigging that accounts for the sailboat's clanging, the sonar that accounts for the submarine's binging, and the horn that accounts for the cruise ship's honking are implied rather than displayed. Older listeners may proffer some queries, but lapsitters will be more than happy to hear Mom's "Bings," Dad's "GRRRRs," and sibling's "toot-toots," especially if delivered with exaggerated gusto.

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narrator, one of the few children to survive the Holocaust. He faithfully brings the hurdy-gurdy with him on his journey to the United States and now, as an old man, will pass along this "precious token from a dark time" to his great-grandchildren. This fable has a lyrical style, with plenty of striking similes ("The town shriveled up like a rose without rain") fitting from Lewis, a U.S. Children's Poet Laureate. The gorgeous illustrations echo Chagall in their angles and ethereality, working with a mostly somber palette contrasted by splashes of vermilion and cobalt. Nayberg conveys light against darkness, hope against despair. Together, prose and pictures imply much about pain and suffering without becoming too graphic for the audience. Whether children encounter this book independently or through its multiple potential curriculum connections, they will benefit from discussion of the complex content; to that end, a thoughtful afterword describes Poland's Lodz Ghetto—the inspiration for this tale—and the role of music in the lives of Jews during World War II. This lyrical story of bravery in a horrific time asks a lot from its readers in way of vocabulary, figurative thinking, and appreciation of subtlety, but offers much in return. AA

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LORD, EMERY *The Start of Me and You*. Bloomsbury, 2015 376p
Trade ed. ISBN 978-1-61963-359-9 \$17.99
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Paige had only been dating Aaron for two months when he tragically drowned, but a year later, his death still defines her at school and in the community, with her parents, and sometimes even herself. Only her staunchly loyal group of girlfriends and her Alzheimer's-stricken grandmother offer her respite from the looks of pity, but no one can save her from nightmares where she is the one who is drowning. Desperate for her junior year to mark a new start, Paige opens herself up to possibilities, including athletic, good-looking Ryan, the boy for whom she has long harbored a crush, and his adorably nerdy cousin, Max. Lord weaves a fully realized world of caring friends and eye-opening situations around Paige's central problem; character development and warm, witty dialogue is strong across ages and genders. As Paige realizes that Ryan, while remaining fully crushworthy, is no longer the



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