

# COLLEEN PAEFF

AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR OF BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

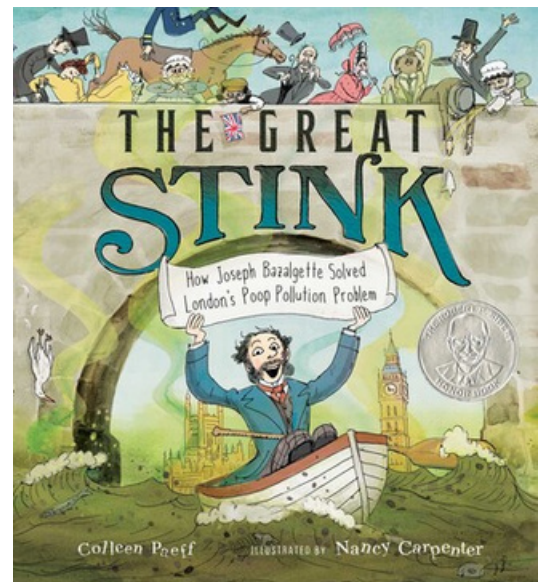


## ABOUT COLLEEN

Colleen Paeff received a Bachelor's Degree in set design for theater from California State University Fullerton before becoming a bookseller, preschool teacher, and newspaper columnist. Eventually, she figured out how to roll books, kids, and writing into one career—as a children's book author. Her debut picture book, **The Great Stink: How Joseph Bazalgette Solved London's Poop Pollution Problem** (illustrated by Nancy Carpenter), received a 2022 Robert F. Sibert Informational Fiction Honor Award. Colleen lives in Los Angeles, CA and Brooklyn, NY. Learn more about her at [www.colleenpaeff.com](http://www.colleenpaeff.com) or on Instagram and Twitter @ColleenPaeff.

## ABOUT THE BOOK

In 1858, London's River Thames surged with the raw sewage of 2.5 million people. On a cool day the smell was unpleasant, but that summer an historic heatwave created an olfactory event so putrescent, so feculent, so foul, Londoners gave it a name. They called it "The Great Stink" and it changed the city forever. Colleen Paeff's debut picture book, **The Great Stink: How Joseph Bazalgette Solved London's Poop Pollution Problem**, tells the story of how the river became so polluted and how Engineer Joseph Bazalgette cleaned it up—and saved lives—by building the city's first modern sewer system. Illustrations by Nancy Carpenter add humor and historical details, while backmatter delves into what children and their families can do to stop poop pollution today.



## ACCOLADES

- 2022 Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Honor Award
- 2022 Notable Book, American Library Association
- 2022 Texas Topaz Nonfiction Gem, Texas Library Association
- 2022 Best STEM Books K-12, National Science Teaching Association
- 2021 Best Informational Books for Younger Readers, Chicago Public Library
- Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection

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