

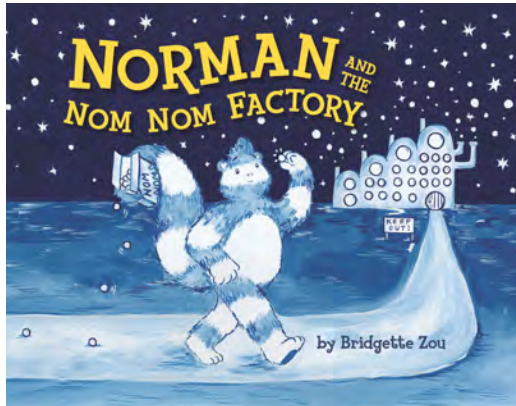
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For those who can use a little push when it comes to trying new things!

Connections: friendship, adventure, social skills—trying something new, understanding differences



A trip to planet Gerp could be just the ticket for the picky eater in your life. In Bridgette Zou's debut picture book, *Norman and the Nom Nom Factory* (StarBerry Books / Kane Press, \$18.99, March 21, 2018), Norman happily lives alone on Planet Gerp, spending every day making Nom Noms in his Nom Nom factory and eating only Nom Noms for every meal. It's perfectly nice and quiet on Gerp, until a loud, strange creature arrives bringing even stranger foods...and worse, a taste for adventure. What will Norman do?

Author-artist Bridgette Zou explains, "When I moved to New York, I made myself two promises: the first, to try new things, and the second, to meet new people. Easy...right? Like most things in life, easier said than done. I tell my friends that my life and this book are about facing your fears, encountering unexpected friendships, and being open to the magic of possibilities. Change isn't about the big, grand gestures, but the small, quiet steps. It can happen in New York City or out there in space. But most of all, change comes from you and can take you anywhere."



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Bridgette Zou is an artist and writer visiting Planet Earth where she is an artist-in-residence at SYPartners, a Dreamweaver at Eleven Madison Park, and part of the Refinery 29 Collab. Bridgette's "obsession" with blue and white started at a young age when she discovered Chinese porcelain, and it has stuck with her ever since as seen in her debut children's book, *Norman and the Nom Nom Factory*, and her yearlong daily inspiration painting project, *This Feels Nice*. Bridgette lives and works in New York City and is available for events in the greater metropolitan area.

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StarBerry Books, an imprint of Kane Press, is a new line of diverse and imaginative picture books created by authors and artists around the globe. Why StarBerry? "Kids. Berries. They're small, bright, and can be a handful," says Publisher Juliana Lauletta, "but children have a capacity for imagination that's as grand as the stars. We've created StarBerry picture books to encourage kids' natural curiosity and inquisitiveness and to take them on

adventures to the sea, the moon, faraway planets, or even their own backyards." The Spring 2018 list features *Norman and the Nom Nom Factory* by Bridgette Zou (March), *Dino Moon* by Morgane de Cadier, illustrated by Étienne Gerin (March), *Stories in a Seashell* by Alex Nogués Otero, illustrated by Silvia Cabestany (April), and *Can We Go to the Sea?* and *Where Has The Moon Gone?* by Hiroyuki Arai, illustrated by Yukiko Kobayashi (April).

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