

# RUTH SPIRO

Author of Innovative STEM Books for Kids

## Hello!

2020 will be a busy year! Read on to learn about my books for all ages - inspiring wonder, curiosity, and creativity.

## Calling all Makers!

For early elementary students, my new picture book series **Made by Maxine** features a main character who approaches challenges with confidence, determination, and a knack for reusing old items to inspire new ideas.

**Chelsea Clinton** tweeted that **Made by Maxine** is a favorite in her house!

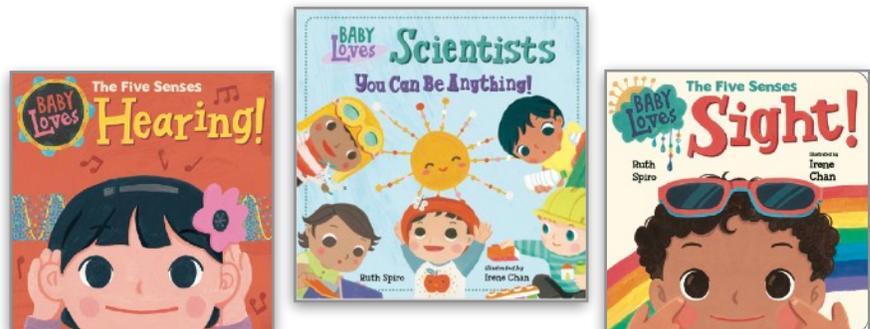


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## Baby Loves Science!

Science is everywhere. In watching a bird fly, floating boats in the bathtub, even dropping crackers from the table, young children are experimenting with gravity and physics. As the author of thirteen **Baby Loves Science** books (perfect for preschool, too!) my goal is to help make complex science concepts both accessible and meaningful, and also share ideas about how to turn everyday experiences into fun learning opportunities for little ones. Through my books I hope to inspire parents, caregivers and educators to explore the world through the eyes of a child and have fun making discoveries together. **These titles released in 2019:**





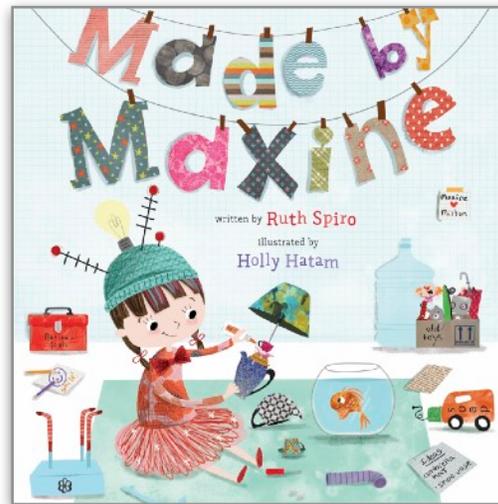
## 5 Things to Know About CODING:

- Computer science and programming are priorities for parents. In a 2016 Gallup Poll, 90% of parents in the U.S. want their children to learn computer science.
- Young children can benefit from SCREEN-FREE pre-coding activities. These include matching, sorting, recognizing patterns, cause and effect, and sequencing.
- Skills gained from coding activities extend to other areas of learning. These include computational thinking, creativity, problem solving, persistence and collaboration.
- Early exposure to STEM can help narrow the achievement gap for traditionally underrepresented groups.
- Learning about computer science and coding is useful for everyone, not just those who plan to pursue it as a career.

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## Now Available! **Made by Maxine**

Maxine loves making new things from old things. She loves tinkering until she has solved a problem. She also loves her pet goldfish, Milton. So when it's time for her school's pet parade, she's determined to create something that will allow Milton to march with the other animals.



### School Library Journal

calls MAXINE "A fun and uplifting picture book for all libraries that encourages children to engage with STEM concepts."

Written by Ruth Spiro  
Illustrated by Holly Hatam  
Age: 4-8 years  
Published by Dial Books

## Ruth's recent appearances include:

- Los Angeles Times Festival of Books, Children's Stage
- Early Childhood STEM Conference (CalTech)
- Chicago Tribune Printer's Row LitFest
- Museum of Science & Industry, Chicago
- MakerFaire Milwaukee
- Children's Festival of Stories, Denver
- The World Science Festival, New York

