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Newsletter #16 - January 2022

Mark Gruenwald

Most of my spare time in December and January has been focused on researching and writing my next book, a biography of comic book writer and editor **Mark Gruenwald**. In that time I've somehow managed to do five interviews and draft six chapters, which puts me somewhere close to the halfway point. I'm submitting a proposal for the book to be considered as part a new series at the University Press of Mississippi called Biographix.



This portrait of Mark hangs in the Oshkosh Public Library.

3 Minutes, 49 Seconds

Over on my music blog, I've been creating new "12 By" lists for the new year. Here are the artists I've done so far. I've also been making Amazon Music playlists, so you can listen along:

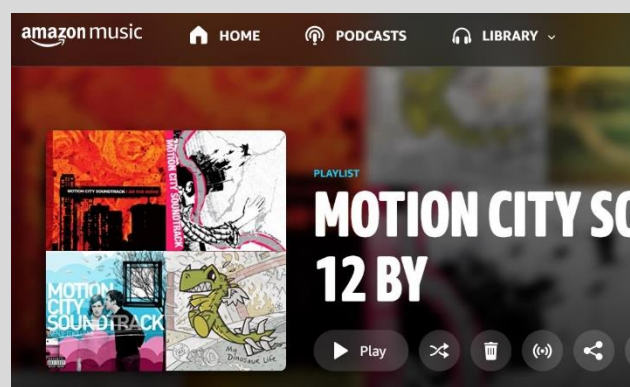
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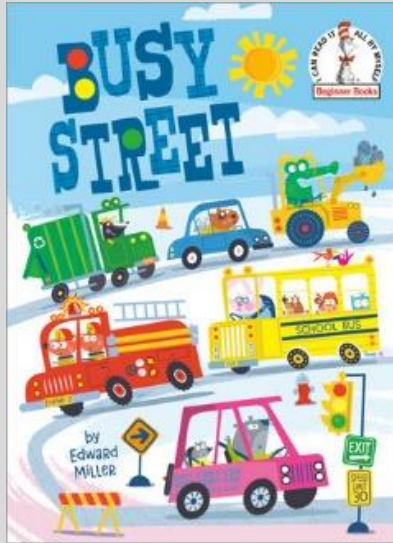
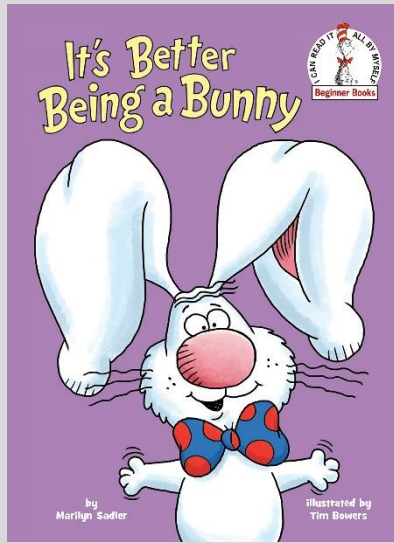
[Motion City Soundtrack](#)

[Rhett Miller](#)



The Beginner Book Encyclopedia

This month saw the release of two new Beginner Books: *It's Better Being a Bunny* by Marilyn Sadler & Tim Bowers and *Busy Street* by Edward Miller. I wrote about both of them [on my website](#) as part of an effort to continue the work I started in [Can Read It All By Myself: The Beginner Books Story](#).



A Brain Cloud



As always, thank you for reading. Love and peace to you all.