Maria Recommends - Spring 2020 Children's

Here is a list of my favourite picture books, fiction, graphic novels and non-fiction titles for spring and summer. If you can’t find what you need, please feel free to email me maria@tinlids.ca anytime. I’m happy to help you with selection. We have thousands of books on any theme you need. Browse our website for lots of great core titles, and let us know if you need any help.

ON MY MOUNTAIN
By: FRANCOIS AUBINEAU | Hardcover
ISBN: 9781459822320 | Price: $15.96

Both the shepherd and the wolf live on the mountain. They love their home and want to feel safe there. This book tells the same story, in identical words, from both the wolf's perspective and that of the shepherd. Read the wolf's story then flip it over and read the shepherd's story and see the landscape that each of them sees. A good reminder of how humans should behave in the wild and on this earth that we share.

VIOLET SHRINK
By: CHRISTI BALDACCHINO | Hardcover Canadian

Violet Shrink doesn't like parties. Or bashes, or gatherings. Lots of people and lots of noise make Violet's tummy ache and her hands sweat. She would much rather spend time on her own, watching the birds in her backyard, reading comics or listening to music through her purple headphones. The problem is that the whole Shrink family loves parties with loud music and games and dancing.

KEITH AMONG THE PIGEONS
By: KATIE BROSNAN | Hardcover

Keith feels different to the other cats, who don't like to wash in bird baths or nap in the branches of trees. He begins to wonder if he actually is a cat. He's always felt more comfortable when surrounded by pigeons. But when he tries to join them, the birds see him as a cat and keep their distance. Is he a cat or a pigeon?

WHAT IF BUNNY'S NOT A BULLY
By: LANA BUTTON | Hardcover Canadian

Not your typical bullying story. Gertie the elephant says everyone on the playground should stay away from Bunny because she’s super mean. But Kitty has questions: How did Bunny become a bully? Was she born that way? Did
she catch the bully flu? Wait, does that mean bullying is contagious? Could the other animals catch it? But … then no one would play would them either, and that doesn’t seem fair. Might Bunny be sorry? Should they give her a second chance? Flipping the focus turns ideas about bullies (and those who call them that!) on their heads.

**YOU ARE READY**
By: ERIC CARLE | Hardcover  
ISBN: 9780062953520 | Price: $10.00  
PICTURE BOOK

Bold illustrations and easy-to-read text encourage children who are going out into the world to spread their wings, knowing they have everything they need inside them.

**QUIET GIRL**
By: PETER CARNAVAS | Hardcover  
PICTURE BOOK

Celebrated author-illustrator Peter Carnavas's gentle family story about mindfulness and stillness reminds us of the beauty all around us—if we only take the time to notice it.

**VOTE FOR ME**
By: BEN CLANTON | Hardcover  
PICTURE BOOK

Hey, you! Yes, you with the dazzling smile! The donkey wants your vote. So does the elephant. And each will do just about anything to win your support. Brag? Sure! Flatter? Absolutely! Exaggerate, name-call, make silly promises and generally act childish? Yes, yes, yes and yes. Soon, the tension mounts, and these two quarrelsome candidates resort to slinging mud (literally) and flinging insults. And what happens when the election results are in? Well, let's just say the donkey and the elephant are in for a little surprise—and a certain bewhiskered, third-party candidate is in for a first term!

**1 LITTLE BAG: AN AMAZING JOURNEY**
By: HENRY COLE | Hardcover  
PICTURE BOOK

An evocative wordless picture book that is a loving tribute to mindful living on our precious planet. From a tall tree growing in the forest—to the checkout counter at the grocery store—one little bag finds its way into the hands of a young boy on the eve of his first day of school. And so begins an incredible journey of one little bag that is used and reused and reused again. In a three-generation family, the bag is transporter of objects and keeper of memories. And when Grandfather comes to the end of his life, the family finds a meaningful new way for the battered, but much-loved little bag to continue its journey in the circle of life.

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WHEREVER I GO
By: MARY COPP | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity

A hopeful and timely picture book about a spirited little girl living in a refugee camp. Of all her friends, Abia has been at the Shimelba Refugee Camp the longest—seven years, four months, and sixteen days. Papa says that’s too long and they need a forever home. Until then, though, Abia has something important to do. Be a queen. Sometimes she’s a noisy queen, banging on her drum as she and Mama wait in the long line for rice to cook for dinner. Sometimes she’s a quiet queen, cuddling her baby cousin to sleep while Auntie is away collecting firewood. And sometimes, when Papa talks hopefully of their future, forever home, Abia is a little nervous. Forever homes are in strange and faraway places—will she still be a queen? Filled with hope, love, and respect, Wherever I Go is a timely tribute to the strength and courage of refugees around the world.

MACCA THE ALPACA
By: MATT COSGROVE | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK

Macca the alpaca's days were happy and carefree until -- drama! -- a llama. In this adorable, quirky picture book, Macca the alpaca loves splashing in puddles and gives the best cuddles. But when he bumps into a big bullying llama named Harmer (who's no charmer), Macca must prove the value of smarts and kindness.

SORRY REALLY SORRY
By: JOANNA COTLER | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Friendship

After Cow’s bad mood spreads to the whole farm, Dog starts a new chain reaction by showing kindness.

CAN I PLAY TOO
By: SAMANTHA COTTERILL | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Preschool, Friendship

"A young boy building a train track with his friend is headed for trouble until a teacher steps in and helps him learn social cues of anger and happiness"--

MAISY GETS A PET
By: LUCY COUSINS | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK

What is it like to get your first pet? Little Black Cat becomes Maisy's new companion in a purr-fect First Experiences story. Penguin's cat has had kittens, and they're all so small! Maisy wants to take one home, but which should she choose? One is playful, one is bold, one is soft -- but then a little black kitten climbs right onto Maisy's lap and starts to purr. . . . Maisy is eager to learn how to care for her new pet, from chores like changing its water and cleaning its litter to games like dangling a string or shining a light beam around on the floor for it to chase. Little fans with new pets in the offing will find themselves well prepared with the obliging Maisy leading the way.

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PETE THE CAT'S GROOVY GUIDE TO KINDNESS
By: JAMES DEAN | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK
Kindness is cool! Pete the Cat shares some groovy words on kindness in this fun collection of his favorite famous quotes about sharing, lending a helping hand, and having compassion for others. Cool cat Pete adds his own spin on well-known classic quotes from luminaries ranging from Booker T. Washington to Henry James. Everyone's favorite blue cat reminds us that "it's cool to be kind."

PETE THE CAT 5-MINUTE BEDTIME STORIES
By: JAMES DEAN | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK
Join Pete the Cat for 12 groovy, cozy stories perfect for bedtime! Each of these awesome twelve tales is the perfect length to read aloud and includes full-color illustrations on every page. Readers will love snuggling up to these fun Pete the Cat stories, from Pete helping out the tooth fairy, camping in the woods, hosting a slumber party, and much more!

PETE THE CAT - 5 LITTLE BUNNIES
By: JAMES DEAN | Hardcover
ISBN: 9780062868299 | Price: $10.00
PICTURE BOOK
One night, Pete the Cat was bunnysitting five little bunnies when all of the sudden... Five little bunnies hopping on the bed...! Sing along with Pete the Cat in his fun adaptation of "Five Little Monkeys" Fans of Pete the cat will love rocking out to this classic tune with a groovy Easter twist in this hardcover picture book.

RITA & RALPH'S ROTTEN DAY
By: CARMEN DEEDY | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Character Education
Have you ever been REALLY mad at your best friend? In two little houses, on two little hills, lived two best friends...So begins the story of Rita and Ralph. Every day they meet to play beneath the apple tree. It's always fun and games -- until one roundly rotten day when a new game means someone ends up crying. Who knew it could be so hard to say "I'm sorry"? Just when it seems nothing will ever be right again, a surprising thing happens. The old friends try something new, that isn't new at all. Something they've done a hundred times...Carmen Agra Deedy's brilliant storytelling combined with Pete Oswald's spirited illustrations make for a comforting tale of healing and true friendship.

GOLDEN THREADS
By: SUZANNE DELRIZZO | Hardcover Canadian
ISBN: 9781771473606 | Price: $15.96
PICTURE BOOK
A beloved toy fox becomes lost, tattered, repaired, and loved for his imperfections
WILLIAM'S GETAWAY
By: ANNIKA DUNKLEE | Hardcover Canadian
ISBN: 9781771473378 | Price: $15.16
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Preschool

An imaginary hot-air balloon adventure brings two siblings closer in an unexpected way.

HAPPY - A BEGINNER'S BOOK OF MINDFULNESS
By: NICOLA EDWARDS | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): MINDFULNESS, Mental Health

This poetically-written introduction to mindfulness touches upon the most important aspects of life--feeling, discovering, smelling, listening, and all the things that bring the world to life. With every soothing read and practice, children are better equipped to understand and control their own emotions...and discover an appreciation for the beautiful world around them.

SUMMER FEET
By: SHEREE FITCH | Hardcover Canadian
PICTURE BOOK

Hello toes, our tootsie friends Hello, summer feet again! Canadas Dr. Seuss, Sheree Fitch, is back with a brand-new tongue-twisting picture book that celebrates all things summer. From those first barefoot days, wobble-dy walking over rocks and pebbles, to wandering-wild while searching for sea glass and, finally, huddled-up cozy at a late-summer bonfire, these summer feet flutter kick, somersault, hide-and-seek, and dance in the rain, soaking up all the season has to offer. With Fitch's classic lip-slippery, lyrical rhymes and Carolyn Fisher's bright and colourful illustrations, Summer Feet will be an instant summertime favourite.

MARGOT & THE MOON LANDING
By: AC FITZPATRICK | Hardcover Canadian
PICTURE BOOK

A universal story about speaking, listening and being heard. Margot loves space. Astronauts, the stars, and especially the moon landing. So she can't understand why all of her attempts to communicate her passion fall on disinterested ears. Her mom is patient but distracted; her classmates would rather play kickball; and her teacher just wants her to focus and pay attention in class. Even so, Margot wishes she never had to talk about anything but space ever again. When she wakes up one morning and discovers she can only recite Neil Armstrong's famous speech from the moon landing, Margot realizes she has an even bigger problem. How can Margot get everyone to pay attention and--more importantly--to hear what she's really trying to say? This powerful picture book debut plays with themes of listening and communication to highlight the importance of a space of one's own, no matter what your passion may be.

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MY BEST FRIEND
By: JULIE FOGLIANO | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK
What is a best friend, if not someone who laughs with you the whole entire day, especially when you pretend to be a pickle? This pitch-perfect picture book is a sweetly earnest, visually stunning celebration of the magic of friendship.

USHA & THE STOLEN SUN
By: BREE GALBRAITH | Hardcover Canadian
ISBN: 9781771472760 | Price: $15.96
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): SOCIAL JUSTICE
Usha lives in a town where the sun hasn’t shone for as long as anyone can remember. Only her grandfather remembers its brilliance and tells Usha stories about the time before other people took the sun away, building a wall to keep it all to themselves. So Usha decides to do something and sets off in search of the sun. When at last Usha reaches the wall, she tries to kick it down, climb it, yell her way through it—b ut the bricks don’t budge. It’s only after remembering her grandfather's words and hearing voices on the other side of the wall that cunning Usha changes her plan to make sure her voice is heard. She shares her grandfather's stories, even the ones that rightfully make her angry, and piques the curiosity of the people on the other side until they are inspired to remove the bricks, one by one to better hear what Usha has to say. Because Usha didn’t give up, they bring the wall down.

STOPWATCH FROM GRAMPA
By: LORETTA GARBUTT | Hardcover Canadian
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Death & Grief
A touching portrayal of the loss of a grandparent. “When summer started, I got Grampa’s stopwatch,” a small child says. “I don’t want his stopwatch. I want him.” Grampa used to time everything. A race to the end of the street and back: 24 seconds. Eating bubble gum ice cream: 1 minute, 58 seconds. But now, Grampa’s gone. “There are no more Grampa minutes, Grampa seconds,” the child says. “Time just stops.” But as time goes on, the stopwatch becomes a cherished symbol of remembrance, and the child uses it to carry on Grampa’s favorite pastimes and traditions. A treasured ritual from the past can sometimes offer the perfect bridge to the future.

GLAD GLAD BEAR
By: KIMBERLY GEE | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Preschool
Bear is very, very, very GLAD today! He’s taking his first ballet class. But he’s a little nervous too. This sweet and silly picture book is an honest exploration of feelings that little ones—and grown-ups!—are sure to relate to. Bear is so excited that today is dance day! He has his new leggings, slippers, and tutu, and he is ready to go. But when he gets there, he feels a little shy, a little unsure, and even a little afraid. What can make him feel better? Dancing, of course! This charming companion to Mad, Mad Bear is a celebration of how stepping out and doing the things we love makes us feel happy…even if we are a little apprehensive at first!
WHO'S YOUR REAL MOM
By: BERNADETTE GREEN | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): LGBTQ2S+

Elvi has two moms at her house, but Nicholas wants to know which one is her real mom. “They’re both my moms,” she says. Poignant, but written with a light and humorous touch, this beautifully illustrated story captures what lies at the heart of family life—love.

ALPHONSE THERE’S MUD IN THE CEILING
By: DAISY HIRST | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity

Lovably rambunctious monster siblings Natalie and Alphonse are excited to go camping in the wilds of nature -- without leaving their apartment. Most of the time, Natalie and Alphonse like living in an apartment on the seventh floor. They have bunk beds to drive, a big green chair to hide behind and yell "Raaaar!," sunflowers on the balcony to water, and almost enough hallway space for tumbling. But when they pretend to be wiggly worms crawling across the jungle . . . SHFLWUMP! Ow! That is not a good game for indoors! How can they explore the joys of nature in the middle of the city? In a playful ode to cooperation and imagination, award-winning picture-book creator Daisy Hirst presents a third adventure starring two relatable -- and resourceful -- siblings.

WEEKEND DAD
By: NASEEM HRAB | Hardcover Canadian
ISBN: 9781773061085 | Price: $15.16
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Family Relationships

A little boy spends the weekend at his dad's new apartment in this picture book about how things change when parents separate -- and the important things that stay the same.

TRUTH ABOUT THE WIND
By: HAZEL HUTCHINS | Hardcover Canadian
ISBN: 9781773213880 | Price: $17.56
PICTURE BOOK

A vividly imagined story about the importance of telling the truth, even if it means losing something you love When Jesse finds a toy horse and makes it his very own, his imagination runs wild. This horse is the fastest horse in the whole world, so Jesse names him Wind. He can't wait to race him across the prairie (the kitchen table) and over deep canyons (the bathtub). There's just one problem: Wind doesn't actually belong to Jesse. He was left behind accidentally by his real owners. And though at first Jesse is full of joy as he plays with Wind, soon he starts to feel uneasy--Jesse knows Wind's real owners must miss him. But how can Jesse explain to his mother exactly where Wind came from? And is there a way to make everything okay again? The Truth About Wind is a dynamic story about the courage it takes to face up to a lie, brought to life by a trio of celebrated creators.

GREAT EGGSCAPE
By: JORY JOHN | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK

The Great Eggscape is when the Good Egg and his pals escape their carton and drop into the store for a morning of fun, enjoyed by everybody. Well, almost everybody. Shel (an egg) isn't a huge fan of group activities, especially
when he's made to be "It" for a game of hide-and-seek. Nevertheless, Shel doesn't want to let his friends down, so he reluctantly plays, anyway. But after a morning of hiding and seeking, somebody's still missing. Will the dozen eggs friends ever be reunited? Find out in this hilarious egg hunt adventure that reminds us to break out of our shells and help our friends in need!

**GARY THE SEAGULL**  
By: CHRISTIAN JOHNSTON | Hardcover Canadian  
PICTURE BOOK  
It's a hot summer day and Gary is hungry. The beach is packed with people...and packed with people's lunches. Though he's been known to eat everything from minnows to garbage, it's beach lunches Gary loves most of all. With his patented seagull cunning, Gary takes increasingly ridiculous measures to trick a young boy into sharing his lunch. Will the boy hand over his ketchup chips and watermelon? This uproarious read-aloud from beloved Ontario-based songwriter and entertainer, better known by his stage name, B. A. Johnston, will have parents hugging their beach coolers a little tighter and kids shouting "SHOO, BIRD! SHOO!" Halifax-based illustrator-cartoonist Paul Hammond provides bright and bold illustrations and hand-lettered embellishments for a salty good read.

**EAT YOUR ROCKS CROC**  
By: JESS KEATING | Hardcover Canadian  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Science Themes  
Dr. Sugar Glider, a small Australian possum, travels around the world (even underwater) dispensing good advice to animals with problems, including a crocodile with a stomach ache, a stressed out meerkat mom, and a male praying mantis looking for a date--while avoiding being eaten.

**LITTLE BIT BRAVE**  
By: NICOLA KINNEAR | Hardcover  
PICTURE BOOK  
Logan has always been a stay-at-home bunny, too scared to join his best friend Luna in her adventures; but one day after she has stormed out he works up the courage to follow her--and when he finds that she is in trouble he even has the courage to save her.

**LIFT**  
By: MINH LE | Hardcover  
ISBN: 9781368036924 | Price: $18.79  
PICTURE BOOK  
When Iris's elevator button-pushing is disrupted by a new member of the family, she's pretty put out. That is, until the sudden appearance of a mysterious new button opens up entire realms of possibility, places where she can escape and explore on her own. But when it becomes a question between going it alone or letting someone else tag along, Iris finds that sharing a discovery with the people you love can be the most wonderful experience of all. This is a story that will lift your spirits and expand your imagination, by the award-winning creators of Drawn Together.
MY OCEAN IS BLUE  
By: DARREN LEBEUF | Hardcover Canadian  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Special Needs  

'This is my ocean,' the young girl begins as she heads over the dunes with her mother. Then, as they pass the whole day at the seaside, she lyrically describes her ocean in simple, sensory detail. Nothing the girl experiences escapes her careful observation and appreciation. And at day's end, she can't wait for her next trip to the beach. Author Darren Lebeuf, an award-winning photographer, uses spare text and a rhythmic style to create an evocative read-aloud. The bright, richly coloured cut-paper collage illustrations by Ashley Barron add a captivating visual texture and depth to the story.

GOING UP  
By: SHERRY LEE | Hardcover Canadian  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity  

An elevator ride to a birthday party turns into a shared experience bursting with joy in this multicultural story about community, togetherness and the special feeling of belonging. Today is Olive’s birthday party, and Sophie and her dad have baked cookies. Sophie’s dad holds the platter so Sophie can push the elevator button for the tenth floor. But on the way up, the elevator stops for the Santucci brothers. Then, for Vicky, Babs, and their dog, Norman. And, as the elevator ascends, more neighbors squeeze in: the Habibs, the Flores family, Mr. Kwan. Everyone’s going to the party! Such a wonderful, close-knit building — kids will want to move right in!

TAKING TIME  
By: JO LORINGFISHER | Hardcover  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): MINDFULNESS  

Taking time to listen to a bird's song on the breeze. Taking time to gather up the blossom dancing free. Taking time to imagine the deep sounds of the sea. Taking time to cherish you . . . and cherish me. This poem is inspired by principles of mindfulness and invites children around the world to experience the wonders of nature and home.

BENJAMIN'S BLUE FEET  
By: SUE MACARTNEY | Hardcover Canadian  
PICTURE BOOK  

A young bird with a flair for discovery and invention learns self-acceptance one blue-footed step at a time.

CAMPING TRIP  
By: JENNIFER MANN | Hardcover  
PICTURE BOOK  

Ernestine has never been camping before, but she's sure it will be lots of fun . . . won't it? An endearing story about a girl's first experience with the great outdoors. My aunt Jackie invited me to go camping with her and my cousin Samantha this weekend. I've never been camping before, but I know I will love it. Ernestine is beyond excited to go camping. She follows the packing list carefully (new sleeping bag! new flashlight! special trail mix made with Dad!) so she knows she is ready when the weekend arrives. But she quickly realizes that nothing could have prepared her for how hard it is to set up a tent, never mind fall asleep in it, or that swimming in a lake means that there will be
fish -- eep! Will Ernestine be able to enjoy the wilderness, or will it prove to be a bit too far out of her comfort zone? In an energetic illustrated story about a first sleepover under the stars, acclaimed author-illustrator Jennifer K. Mann reminds us that opening your mind to new experiences, no matter how challenging, can lead to great memories (and a newfound taste for s'mores).

**NIGHT ANIMALS NEED TO SLEEP TOO**
By: GIANNA MARINO | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK

It's daytime and night animals are all sleeping soundly. Well, all except for Possum. Skunk tries to be helpful, pointing out a cave, then a tree, then a den. But the more places Possum tries to sleep, the more night animals he wakes up. Will Bear, Wolf, Skunk, and Possum ever find a good day's rest?

**SIMON STEPS INTO THE RING**
By: MARYLENE MONETTE | Hardcover Canadian
ISBN: 9781459821811 | Price: $15.96
PICTURE BOOK

A little boy learns to acknowledge his temper in this illustrated picture book for young readers.

**ONLY A TREE KNOWS HT BE A TREE**
By: MARY MURPHY | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity

All living creatures have a special place in the world in this extraordinary exploration of the concept of self for very young readers. Only I know how to be me. Only you know how to be you. Trees have leaves that turn sunshine into food. Amazing! Birds build nests, sing songs, hatch eggs, and fly. Dogs are our friends and can move their ears to tell us how they feel, while fish live in water, flashing like jewels. As for people, every person on Earth is different, each with their own thoughts and feelings. With a simple narrative and joyful, welcoming illustrations celebrating a world full of remarkable creatures, Mary Murphy reminds little ones that we are all unique, and that we are the only ones who know how to be us.

**ZERO LOCAL NEXT STOP KINDNESS**
By: ETHAN MURROW | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Wordless

Board the train for a story of art, diversity, and community in a near-wordless tale told through masterful, sumptuously detailed black-and-white illustrations. Train riders are used to stressful delays on the Zero Local line. But when a new passenger shows gratitude to the driver on their daily commute, tensions begin to ease. Eventually the artistic traveler stops riding the Zero Local line, and discord begins to creep back into the train car. Will the regular passengers find a way to restore the sense of camaraderie they once felt? Inspired by a true story, Ethan and Vita Murrow share with us a tender ode to the power of art and its ability to foster friendship and community in the most unlikely of places.
YOU & ME BOTH
By: MAHTAB NARSIMHAN | Hardcover Canadian
ISBN: 9781771473668 | Price: $15.16
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity

The story of two boys with more in common than meets the eye

SAME BUT DIFFERENT TOO
By: KARL NEWSON | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity

I am me, you are you. We're the same, but different too. There's something about each of us that makes us special. But while everyone is unique, we all have many things in common as well. Explore the ways that we are all the same but different, too, in this joyful and simple celebration of individuality and camaraderie. Filled with children and their animal friends, this rhyming text illuminates the wonderfully different and similar things that make us who we are.

HIKE
By: PETE OSWALD | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Wordless, Diversity

In the cool and quiet early light of morning, a father and child wake up. Today they're going on a hike. Follow the duo into the mountains as they witness the magic of the wilderness, overcome challenges, and play a small role in the survival of the forest. By the time they return home, they feel alive -- and closer than ever -- as they document their hike and take their place in family history. In detail-rich panels and textured panoramas, Pete Oswald perfectly paces this nearly wordless adventure, allowing readers to pause for subtle wonders and marvel at the views.

BIRTHDAY BOOK
By: TODD PARR | Hardcover
ISBN: 9780316506632 | Price: $15.19
PICTURE BOOK

Learn about all the wonderful ways to celebrate a birthday with beloved and New York Times bestselling author and illustrator Todd Parr! With his signature blend of playfulness and sensitivity, Todd Parr explores all the different things you can do on your birthday: a day that's all about you! From spending your birthday by yourself to having a big party, receiving presents to receiving hugs, this book is a lively, inclusive introduction to birthday celebrations for any family.

SPEAK UP
By: MIRANDA PAUL | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): SOCIAL JUSTICE

Illustrations and easy-to-read, rhyming text encourage the reader to speak up about everything from their own name being mispronounced to someone bring a weapon to school. Includes author's note about real people who have found their voices, when to speak up, and how to express oneself without speaking.

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BEAR MUST GO ON
By: DEV PETTY | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK
Rabbit, Bear, Squirrel, and Other Squirrel make big plans for a show, but they have forgotten one very important thing and only shy Bear can help.

BOY WHOSE FACE FROZE LIKE THAT
By: LYNN PLOURDE | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK
"Stop it! Your face will freeze like that!" Wendell is a good kid—he wouldn't make faces if his parents told him not to, even if all his friends were making faces. But what harm would it do to make a funny face in the mirror if no one could see him? A lot of harm! Unlucky Wendell becomes the first kid in history whose face freezes in place! Wendell, his parents, and his dog try everything to unfreeze his face, but nothing works. Will Wendell ever get his face unfrozen? And what will his family think of him if his face is stuck like that forever? Find out in this charming, silly, and ultimately heartfelt story by dynamic duo Lynn Plourde and Russ Cox.

TICKLED PINK
By: ANDREE POULIN | Hardcover Canadian
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity, Bullying Issues
Filippo can't help that he's pink. He's a flamingo, after all. But Zac the zebra and Poncho the panda aren't having it. They only want to play with fellow black-and-white animals. Filippo is sure he'll never be content without Zac and Poncho's friendship. But what would the world be without pink? There would be no roses, no sunsets, no strawberry ice cream. With a little love and encouragement along the way, Filippo sets out to find the value of pink—and of himself. With Tickled Pink, award-winning author Andrée Poulin delivers a fun, heartwarming tale about finding the confidence to be yourself. Illustrator Lucile Danis Drouot highlights Filippo as the only spot of color in a black and white world, gradually making the journey more vibrant as the little flamingo's confidence—and the reader's—begins to soar.

TANNA'S OWL
By: RACHEL QITSUALIK-TINSLEY | Hardcover Canadian
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Indigenous
When Tanna's father brings home an abandoned owl, she is not eager to take care of the needy, ugly little bird. Tanna must wake at 4:00 AM to catch food for the owl. She must feed it, clean up after it, all while avoiding its sharp, chomping beak and big, stomping talons. After weeks of following her father's instructions on how to care for the owl, Tanna must leave home for school. Her owl has grown. It has lost its grey baby feathers and is beginning to sprout a beautiful adult snowy owl coat. As she says good-bye to the owl, she is relieved not to have to care for it anymore, but also a bit sad. This heartwarming story based on the author's own life experience teaches young readers the value of hard work, helping, and caring—even when the thing you are caring for does not love you back.
SALMA THE SYRIAN CHEF  
By: DANNY RAMADAN | Hardcover Canadian  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity  

Newcomer Salma and friends cook up a heartwarming dish to cheer up Mama. All Salma wants is to make her mama smile again. Between English classes, job interviews, and missing Papa back in Syria, Mama always seems busy or sad. A homemade Syrian meal might cheer her up, but Salma doesn't know the recipe, or what to call the vegetables in English, or where to find the right spices! Luckily, the staff and other newcomers in her Welcome Home are happy to lend a hand—and a sprinkle of sumac. With creativity, determination, and charm, Salma brings her new friends together to show Mama that even though things aren't perfect, there is cause for hope and celebration. Syrian culture is beautifully represented through the meal Salma prepares and Anna Bron's vibrant illustrations, while the diverse cast of characters speaks to the power of cultivating community in challenging circumstances.

BE YOU  
By: PETER REYNOLDS | Hardcover Canadian  
PICTURE BOOK  

Creative visionary of The Word Collector, Happy Dreamer, and The Dot, #1 New York Times bestseller Peter H. Reynolds creates a joyful celebration of individuality—and staying true to Y-O-U! Be curious...Be adventurous...Be brave...BE YOU! Discover a joyful reminder of the ways that every child is unique and special, from the beloved creator of The Dot, Happy Dreamer, and New York Times bestseller, The Word Collector. Here, Reynolds reminds readers to “be your own work of art.” To be patient, persistent, and true. Because there is one, and only one, YOU. In the tradition of books like Oh, the Places You'll Go! and I Wish You More comes a wholly original, inspirational celebration of individuality as only Peter H. Reynolds can create!

STRAW  
By: AMY ROSENTHAL | Hardcover  
PICTURE BOOK  

Meet Straw! He's always rushed straight to the finish. But when his speedy streak gets the best of him, it takes a friend to show Straw how to drink in the amazing world around him. A companion to Spoon and Chopsticks, this delightful story celebrates the joys of taking it slow.

1 OF THESE IS NOT LIKE THE OTHERS  
By: BARNEY SALTZBERG | Hardcover  
PICTURE BOOK  

Barney Saltzberg's hilarious and delightfully direct text and simple illustrations introduce children to the concept and splendor of inclusiveness, through recognizing who or what's different on each spread and celebrating the unity as it is. For example, the reader sees three cows and an elephant accompanied by the text "One of these is not like the other," turn the page... and all four animals take part in an exuberant conga line and say "that's just fine with us"! In a series of similar examples children are encouraged to notice both the similarities and differences between characters and celebrate both.

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ALMOND
By: ALLEN SAY | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK
Almond is a breathtaking and evocative story about finding your talent from Caldecott Medalist Allen Say. Everything changes for Almond Biggs when a new girl comes to school. The New Girl can play "The Flight of the Bumblebee" fast fast fast on her violin. And every day Almond sits and listens. Lost in the music, Almond wonders if she has her own unique gift. One special day, as Almond is watching the crows, circling and twirling in the wind, she realizes that she too can spread her wings and discovers the magic to being happy inside and out. Allen Say's luminous artwork and emotionally powerful story help children discover the wondrous gift of being who they are.

THANK YOU GARDEN
By: LIZ SCANLON | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK
From the author of the Caldecott Honor–winning picture book All the World comes an exuberant, lyrical celebration of the plants—and people—that grow and thrive in a busy community garden. A community garden unites children and neighbors in this celebration of all the things that grow there, from flowers and fruits to friendships. In the spirit of her Caldecott Honor–winning picture book All the World, this ode to friendship, community, and working together for a better world will have young readers gathering their friends young and old to plant something together.

ALMOST TIME
By: GARY SCHMIDT | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK
A tender father-and-son story about the passage of time, the change of seasons, and the excitement of reaching a goal. Eager for maple syrup, Ethan can't wait till sugaring time rolls around. And he can't wait till his loose tooth falls out. But his father keeps telling him it's not time yet, and no matter how hard he tries, he can't make time pass more quickly. The closeness of father and son is evident throughout as they wait and then celebrate the end of waiting. The brief, lyrical text is illuminated by G. Brian Karas's beautifully composed, evocative illustrations.

ROY DIGS DIRT
By: DAVID SHANNON | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK
Woof! Meet Roy, an adorable white dog who is wild about digging, digging, digging in the dirt! David Shannon's picture books are loved for their endearing characters and laugh-aloud humor, and Roy's charming naughtiness will remind readers of what they love about Shannon's No, David!, a bestselling Caldecott Honor Book about a boy with a nose for trouble. Although it's a smelly task for those who have to constantly bathe him, Roy's happiness centers on his very favorite thing-dirt-and from sunrise to sunset, he burrows in it, rolls in it, and digs up buried treasures. There's terror in every terrier, and when Roy runs into the house after being sprayed by a skunk, he faces the dreaded bathtub. Readers will see themselves in Roy's childlike delight each time he makes the biggest mess ever.
GRANDMOTHER SCHOOL
By: RINA SINGH | Hardcover Canadian
ISBN: 9781459819054 | Price: $15.96
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity

This brilliantly illustrated picture book tells the story of the Aajibaichi Shala, the Grandmother School, that was opened in Phangane, India, in 2016 to teach local grandmothers how to read and write.

BUG GIRL
By: SOPHIA SPENCER | Hardcover Canadian
PICTURE BOOK

7-year-old Sophia Spencer was bullied for loving bugs until hundreds of women scientists rallied around her. Now Sophie tells her inspiring story in this picture book that celebrates women in science, bugs of all kinds and the importance of staying true to yourself. Sophia Spencer has loved bugs ever since a butterfly landed on her shoulder—and wouldn't leave!—at a butterfly conservancy when she was only two-and-a-half years old. In preschool and kindergarten, Sophia was thrilled to share what she knew about grasshoppers (her very favorite insects), as well as ants and fireflies . . . but by first grade, not everyone shared her enthusiasm. Some students bullied her, and Sophia stopped talking about bugs altogether. When Sophia's mother wrote to an entomological society looking for a bug scientist to be a pen pal for her daughter, she and Sophie were overwhelmed by the enthusiastic response—letters, photos and videos came flooding in. Using the hashtag BugsR4Girls, scientists tweeted hundreds of times to tell Sophia to keep up her interest in bugs—and it worked!

KHALIL & MR HAGERTY & THE BACKYARD
By: TRICIA SPRINGSTUBB | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity, Inter-Generational

A sweet friendship spanning age and culture blooms in a shared backyard. Khalil lives in the upstairs apartment with his family, which is big and busy and noisy. Downstairs lives Mr. Hagerty, who is quiet. Khalil and Mr. Hagerty don't appear to have a lot in common, but hot summer days have a way of bringing people together. As Khalil looks for buried treasure in the yard, Mr. Hagerty tends to his garden. Both help each other navigate language -- whether it be learning new words or remembering those seemingly forgotten. Before long, an unlikely friendship is born, full of treasure, thoughtfulness, and chocolate cake. Through well-cultivated details and vibrant cut-paper collage, author Tricia Springstubb and illustrator Elaheh Taherian nurture a heart-tugging tribute to the love of good neighbors and to the strength of intergenerational and intercultural bonds.

FRIENDS FOR REAL
By: TED STAUNTON | Hardcover Canadian
PICTURE BOOK

Emma searches for her lost favourite toy, and instead finds a true friend. When Emma loses Squeezy, her favourite stuffy, she tries to find another toy to replace her best-loved "pet." It's hard. No one else is exactly like Squeezy, and for Emma, Squeezy is perfect. But instead of finding Squeezy, Emma ends up discovering an unexpected friendship, and that two imaginations are better than one. This touching, smart story of lost-and-found treasures is a great reminder that things don't always go as planned, but they can turn out better than expected. When Emma makes a friend in Frank, she finds what she'd been missing all along! In an equally perfect pairing, Ruth Ohi's delightful art effortlessly brings through the layers in Ted Staunton's nuanced text, bringing together the talents of two of Canada's best-loved storytellers for kids.
UP ON BOB
By: MARY SULLIVAN | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Humour

Bob the dog works hard to make the bed perfect for sleeping all day but as soon as he settles down, he senses the cat watching him.

SNAIL CROSSING
By: COREY TABOR | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Character Education

In a book that is as cheerful and charming as Snail himself, Corey Tabor tells a winning tale of slow but steady Snail, whose determination and kindness bring him the best reward of all: friendship. When Snail spies a plump, crisp cabbage across the road, nothing will stop him—not a speeding car or even a hungry crow. But then kindhearted Snail stops to help a crew of antsy ants in a rainstorm, and he loses his way. It looks like he will never get his treat—until Snail's new friends come up with an ingenious idea...

WE ARE TOGETHER
By: BRITTA TECKENTRUP | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK

The power of love and friendship is celebrated in this beautiful book by Britta Teckentrup. Celebrate the power of love and friendship in this beautiful book by Britta Teckentrup. With vibrant artwork and peek-through pages, this is a picture book to treasure.

OUTSIDE IN
By: DEBORAH UNDERWOOD | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): MINDFULNESS

Outside is waiting, the most patient playmate of all. The most generous friend. The most miraculous inventor. This thought-provoking picture book poetically underscores our powerful and enduring connection with nature, not so easily obscured by lives spent indoors. Rhythmic, powerful language shows us how our world is made and the many ways Outside comes in to help and heal us, and reminds us that we are all part of a much greater universe. Emotive illustrations evoke the beauty, simplicity, and wonder that await us all . . . outside.

AT THE POND
By: GERALDO VALERIO | Hardcover Canadian
ISBN: 9781773062327 | Price: $15.96
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Wordless

Geraldo Valério, a master of wordless picture books, explores the nature of true friendship and love in his newest creation. On a dull gray day, a boy puts his dog on a leash and they walk to a shimmering pond where snowy white swans swim freely. One of the swans invites the boy and dog for a ride. They climb on its back and sail into a stunningly beautiful landscape, dotted with wildflowers, spoonbills and ibises. Foxes, rabbits and deer appear in this paradise, then butterflies and even bigger, more beautiful flowers. The boy unleashes his dog on shore, and the dog bounds off to play. Now the boy wraps his arms around the swan's neck -- he has a new friend. But when he puts the leash on the swan, the sky turns stormy gray, the water becomes turbulent, and the other swans fly away. Both the boy and swan are miserable, until the boy realizes he must free his friend. When he drops the leash into the pond,
warm color fills their world and they return to where the boy's dog happily awaits him.

**LITTLE CLOUD**
By: JOHANNA WAGSTAFFE | Hardcover Canadian
ISBN: 9781459821842 | Price: $15.96
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Science Themes

This STEM-based picture book follows the origin of a hurricane, from a little cloud to a life-threatening storm.

**PROFESSOR ASTRO CAT'S DEEP SEA VOYAGE**
By: DOMINIC WALLMAN | Hardcover Canadian
PICTURE BOOK

Where did all the water on our planet come from? How deep is the ocean? What exactly is a fish? Find out all of this and more in the newest Professor Astro Cat adventure! Despite covering over 70% of the Earth's surface, the ocean is still roughly 95% unexplored. Join Professor Astro Cat and the gang as they take a deep dive from the sea shore all the way to the darkest depths of the ocean floor to find out more about this mysterious watery world. From coral reefs to deep-sea vents, there's so much to discover on this Deep-sea Voyage.

**CHICKEN LITTLE THE REAL & TOTALLY TRUE**
By: SAM WEDELICH | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK

Who are you calling little? Chicken Little is NOT afraid of anything. Well, okay, maybe a mysterious BONK to the head can produce panic. But only momentarily. It's not as though she meant to send the barnyard into a tailspin, thinking that the sky was falling. How ridiculous! But can she calm her feathered friends with facts and reason? A timeless favorite becomes a clever cautionary tale in this FUNNY, fresh, and timely picture book debut by cartoonist, Sam Wedelich!

**DAVID JUMPS IN**
By: ALAN WOO | Hardcover Canadian
PICTURE BOOK

An old game helps a new kid find his footing. It is David’s first day at his brand-new school. He doesn’t know anyone. At recess, he stands alone and watches the other children enjoying their activities on the playground, from practicing soccer moves and climbing monkey bars to playing hopscotch and daydreaming in the grass. Bundled deep inside David’s pocket is a string of rubber bands, knotted and ready for a game of elastic skip. But will anyone want to try that game? he wonders. Will anyone want to play with him? Sometimes you’ve got to stretch yourself to find the place where you belong.

**KAIA & THE BEES**
By: MARIBETH BOELTS | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK - ADVANCED | Theme(s): Science Themes, Environment

The author of Those Shoes and an award-winning illustrator team up for the story of a girl who tries to overcome her
fear of bees to see how amazing they are. Kaia is the brave type. Like hottest-hot-pepper brave. But there is one thing that scares her: BEES! And right now, thousands of bees live on her roof because Kaia's dad is a beekeeper. Her dad says that the world needs bees and that's why they are beekeepers. But only he goes on the roof, not Kaia -- unless she can find a way to be the brave girl she always says she is. Against a sunny city setting, author Maribeth Boelts and illustrator Angela Dominguez depict Kaia's small courageous steps -- and her tiny insect neighbors -- with great empathy and charm. Buzzing with storytime potential, Kaia and the Bees is an honest and relatable tale about bravery and compassion, as well as the importance of bees to our world.

**TRAIN**

By: JODIE CALLAGHAN | Hardcover Canadian  
PICTURE BOOK - ADVANCED | Theme(s): Indigenous

Ashley meets her great-uncle by the old train tracks near their reserve in Nova Scotia. Ashley sees his sadness, and Uncle tells her of the day years ago when he and the other children from their community were told to board the train before being taken to residential school where their lives were changed forever. They weren't allowed to speak Mi'gmaq and were punished if they did. There was no one to give them love and hugs and comfort. Uncle also tells Ashley how happy she and her sister make him. They are what give him hope. Ashley promises to wait with her uncle by the train tracks, in remembrance of what was lost.

**LIBRARIAN'S STORIES**

By: LM FALCONE | Hardcover Canadian  
PICTURE BOOK - ADVANCED

A village is left in ruins after the bombs fall. The beloved library is burned to ash. Food is scarce. Danger is abundant. Every aspect of daily life is changed. How will home ever feel as it once did? But then one day, the Librarian emerges in the town square. Seated on a bench in front of the library's remains, she opens a book and begins to read aloud. The village children stop to listen. "Foolish woman," Papa says. "Too dangerous," Mama agrees, hurrying the children away. But day after day the librarian returns to her post, her voice carrying stories above the thunder of tanks and to the broken hearts of the people. Little by little, the persistent Librarian's stories seed hope in the people, and their village begins to mend. Inspired by the bombing of the National Library of Sarajevo during the Bosnian War, and bombing of the library at the University of Mosul in Iraq, The Librarian's Stories is a testament to the enduring connection between stories and hope.

**EARTH HOUR - A LIGHTS-OUT EVENT FOR OUR PLANET**

By: NANETTE HEFFERNAN | Hardcover  
PICTURE BOOK - ADVANCED | Theme(s): Environment

Kids around the world use electric energy to do all kinds of things--adults do, too! From cleaning the clothes we play in, to lighting up our dinner tables, to keeping us warm and toasty when the weather is cold, electricity is a huge part of our lives. Unfortunately, it can also have a big impact on our planet. Earth Hour--a worldwide movement in support of energy conservation and sustainability--takes place each March and is sponsored by the World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF). During Earth Hour, individuals, communities, and businesses in more than 7,000 cities turn off nonessential electric lights for one hour. Across each continent--from the Eiffel Tower to the Great Wall of China to the Statue of Liberty--one small act reminds all of us of our enormous impact on planet Earth.
OLDEST STUDENT - HOW MARY WALKER LEARNED
By: RITA HUBBARD | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK - ADVANCED | Theme(s): Literacy

"A picture book biography sharing the inspiring and incredible true story of the nation's oldest student, Mary Walker, who learned to read at the age of 116"--

LAST GOODBYE
By: ELIN KELSEY | Hardcover Canadian
ISBN: 9781771473644 | Price: $15.96
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A compassionate exploration of all the ways animals, including humans, grieve

CLARENCE'S BIG SECRET
By: ROY MACGREGOR | Hardcover Canadian
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PICTURE BOOK - ADVANCED | Theme(s): Literacy

An empowering story that shows it's never too late to learn new things

ELEPHANTS NEW SHOE
By: LAUREL NEME | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK - ADVANCED | Theme(s): Science Themes

"When Chhouk, an Asian elephant calf, was found, he was alone, underweight, and had a severe foot injury. Conservationist Nick Marx of Wildlife Alliance rescued the baby elephant. With help from the Cambodian Forestry Administration, the Cambodian School of Prosthetics and Orthotics, and an elephant named Lucky, Nick nursed Chhouk back to health and made him an artificial foot. One of the first animals to ever be fitted with a prosthetic, Chhouk helped pioneer the technology -- and most importantly, was able to walk again!"--

HOUSE FULL OF STUFF
By: EMILY RAND | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK - ADVANCED | Theme(s): Environment

The fourth title from the author-artist Emily Rand explores environmental issues, recycling, and the importance of being neighborly. Mr. McDuff lives in a house full of stuff! He loves collecting things—bits and pieces that he thinks could be useful one day, but that his neighbors call junk! They all keep their houses neat and tidy, and hurry by without saying hello. Everyone except Mo, that is. Can Mo and Mr. McDuff convince the rest of the neighborhood that his stuff is useful, and that reusing and repairing is often better than throwing things away?

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FRED'S BIG FEELINGS
By: LAURA RENAUD | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK - ADVANCED

An inspiring picture book biography about the inimitable Fred Rogers, beloved creator and star of Mister Rogers' Neighborhood. Fred Rogers was a quiet boy with big feelings. Sometimes, he felt scared or lonely; at other times, he was playful and joyous. But when Fred's feelings felt too big, his Grandfather McFeely knew exactly what to say to make him feel better: I like you just the way you are. Fred grew up and created Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, the television program that would go on to warm the hearts and homes of millions of Americans. But one day, the government threatened to cut funding for public television, including Fred's show. So, Fred stepped off the set and into a hearing on Capitol Hill to make his feelings known. In a portrait full of warmth and feeling, Laura Renauld and award-winning illustrator Brigette Barrager tell the story of Mister Rogers: a quiet, compassionate hero whose essential message--that it is okay to have and to express feelings--still resonates today.

PRESIDENT OF THE JUNGLE
By: ANDRE RODRIGUES | Hardcover
PICTURE BOOK - ADVANCED

Lion may be King of the jungle, but lately he only seems to care about himself. His subjects are fed up, so they decide to try something new--hold an election! Once Owl explains the rules, the fun begins, and Snake, Sloth, and Monkey all announce they will be candidates. But oh no, Lion is going to run too! It's a wild campaign season as the animals hold rallies, debate, and even take a selfie or two, trying to prove why they'd make the best president of the jungle. This funny, non-partisan story features lively illustrations, a helpful glossary, and colorful characters who have an infectious enthusiasm for the election process.

CAT MAN OF ALEPPO
By: KARIM SHAMSIBASHA | Hardcover
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By: CAREN STELSON | Hardcover
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By: JONAH WINTER | Hardcover
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**JACK GOES WEST**
By: MAC BARNETT | Hardcover
BEGINNING READER | Theme(s): Humour

Jack and the Lady take the train West to visit a dude ranch. One night, there's a bank robbery next door and Jack is pegged as the bandit. But thanks to Jack's new rope tricks, the real robber is caught and Jack leaves the Wild West a free rabbit with a big secret.

**JACK AT BAT**
By: MAC BARNETT | Hardcover
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From New York Times bestselling author Mac Barnett and Geisel Award-winning illustrator Greg Pizzoli, an uproarious early reader series about a mischievous rabbit, a cranky old lady, and a lovable dog. The Lady and Rex have a baseball game against the Big City Brats. Jack is not allowed to swing the bat, so he is told to be the Bat Boy. That is, until the Lady Town Ladies and the Big City Brats are tied. It's up to Jack to hit a home run, but on the way to home plate he spots some snacks . . . Welcome to the laugh-out-loud and irreverent world of Jack, a new early reader series by the New York Times bestselling and award-winning team of Mac Barnett and Greg Pizzoli.

**DUCK & CAT'S RAINY DAY**
By: CARIN BRAMSEN | Paperback
ISBN: 9781524771713 | Price: $5.59
BEGINNING READER | Theme(s): Level 1 Beginning Reader

Best friends Duck and Cat have very different reactions when it rains, but Duck helps Cat find the fun.

**EVERY DAY IS EARTH DAY**
By: JORDAN BROWN | Paperback
ISBN: 9781534457225 | Price: $5.59
BEGINNING READER | Theme(s): Level 2 Beginning Reader

Join Jet Propulsion and his friends as they celebrate Earth in this Level 2 Ready-to-Read based on a popular episode of PBS's hit show Ready Jet Go! When Jet learns that humans celebrate Earth Day, he can’t help but wonder, why can’t every day be Earth Day? After he takes his friends for an amazing ride around the world in his flying saucer, they feel the same way! This Level 2 Ready-to-Read includes bonus back matter content with lots of fun facts about the Earth and Earth Day. © Copyright 2020 Jet Propulsion, LLC. Ready Jet Go! is a registered trademark of Jet Propulsion, LLC.
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By: BRANDON BUDZI | Paperback
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By: BRANDON BUDZI | Paperback
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KIDS WHO ARE SAVING THE PLANET
By: LAURIE CALKHOVEN | Paperback
ISBN: 9781534456464 | Price: $5.59
BEGINNING READER | Theme(s): Level 3 Beginning Reader

Meet the environmentally-minded kids who are coming up with ways to save the planet in this fascinating nonfiction Level 3 Ready-to-Read, part of a series of biographies about people “you should meet!” Have you ever wondered what you could do to help the planet? Find out how kids are helping the environment by selling lemonade to save the honeybees, starting a petition to bring attention to climate change, raising awareness through an original comic book hero, and more! Learn all about how their ideas are preserving the environment in this story of five amazing kids everyone should meet! A special section at the back of the book includes extras such as biographies of famous young environmental activists plus interesting ideas for other ways that kids can save the environment. With the You Should Meet series, learning about amazing people has never been so much fun!

PETE THE CAT’S FAMILY ROAD TRIP
By: JAMES DEAN | Paperback
BEGINNING READER | Theme(s): Level 1 Beginning Reader

Pete the Cat and his family go on a cross-country adventure in this Level 1 I Can Read tale from New York Times bestselling creators Kimberly and James Dean! Pete the Cat and his family are ready explore all the many wonderful American landmarks on their fun family road trip! They visit many famous sights, including Niagara Falls, New Orleans, Savannah, and more. Of course, no true road trip is complete without a flat tire! But the Cat family isn't going to let a small setback get in the way of fun... Pete the Cat's Family Road Trip is a Level 1 I Can Read book, complete with original illustrations from the creators of Pete the Cat, Kimberly and James Dean, and is perfect for children learning to sound out words and sentences.
CECE LOVES SCIENCE PUSH & PULL
By: KIMBERLY DERTING | Paperback
ISBN: 9780062946089 | Price: $4.79
BEGINNING READER | Theme(s): Level 3 Beginning Reader

Cece loves science--and experimenting! In this Cece Loves Science Level 3 I Can Read!, Cece's teacher, Miss Curie, explains the opposite forces of push and pull. To demonstrate this concept, she divides the class into two teams. Each team must make a treat dispenser for Cece's dog, Einstein, that uses both forces. Cece and her classmates rely on science, creativity, and teamwork--and they learn a lot along the way.

YOU CAN READ POUT-POUT FISH
By: DEBORAH DIESEN | Paperback
ISBN: 9780374312909 | Price: $5.40
BEGINNING READER | Theme(s): Level 1 Beginning Reader

Pout-Pout Fish is learning to read! With his teacher's help, he meets some letters, some words, and some books. Reading is fun--that is, until he meets a really big word...

YOU CAN BE KIND POUT-POUT FISH
By: DEBORAH DIESEN | Paperback
ISBN: 9780374312930 | Price: $5.40
BEGINNING READER | Theme(s): Level 1 Beginning Reader

Mr. Fish and his friends are having a bad day at school--and no one knows what to do! How can they turn the day around? All it takes is a simple act of kindness!

DANNY & THE DINOSAUR RIDE A BIKE
By: SYD HOFF | Paperback
BEGINNING READER | Theme(s): Level 1 Beginning Reader

There's a new bicycle exhibit at the museum, and Danny is inspired to learn how to ride a bike--with help from his buddy the dinosaur, of course! But OUCH! From running over his friend's tail to falling off the bike, Danny learns it takes a lot of tries to learn something new. Readers first fell in love with Danny and his prehistoric pal in the I Can Read classic Danny and the Dinosaur, created by Syd Hoff in 1958. Now the popular pair is together again in a hilarious Level One I Can Read adventure sure to win over a new generation of beginning readers. Danny and the Dinosaur Ride a Bike is a Level One I Can Read, which means it's perfect for children learning to sound out words and sentences.

SEA SHEEP
By: ERIC SELTZER | Paperback
ISBN: 9781534461338 | Price: $5.59
BEGINNING READER | Theme(s): Level 1 Beginning Reader

Come along for a silly and sea-worthy adventure in this tale of swimming sheep. This Pre-Level 1 Ready-to-Read is perfect for beginning readers who like a side of silly with their stories! In this sweet, silly, rhyming story, a group of sheep go for a swim! What will they see under the sea? Lots and lots of giggles are guaranteed! What is a sea sheep? Sea sheep can swim. Sea sheep can speak. Most of them baa. This one can squeak!
BUG DIPPING BUG SIPPING
By: MARILYN SINGER | Paperback
ISBN: 9781534441392 | Price: $5.59
BEGINNING READER | Theme(s): Level 1 Beginning Reader
Award-winning author Marilyn Singer takes us on a journey into the fascinating and colorful world of bugs in this Pre-Level 1 Ready-to-Read! Come see bugs of all different kinds dipping, sipping, crawling, calling, and so much more in this charming, rhyming book that includes a special section with facts on each type of bug.

BENNY MCGEE & THE SHARK 01 THE SHARK R
By: DEREK ANDERSON | Paperback
ISBN: 9780593093399 | Price: $7.60
FIRST NOVEL | Theme(s): Humour
What would you do if a shark followed you home? In this story designed to engage early readers, charming characters combine with simple text, lively illustrations, and laugh-out-loud humor to help boost kids' confidence and create lifelong readers! Mr. Fitzgerald said sharks like to circle their food while they decide if it looks tasty. I must have left my scooter in the yard. The shark started riding it around our house. And around. And around. On his third time around, I knew. He was circling me. When Benny learns about sharks at school, he immediately feels worried. He definitely can't go in the ocean, because sharks live there. But even simply staying out of the water isn't enough, because a shark named Mr. Chomper follows him home! What will Benny do? This humorous, highly-illustrated story is perfect for kids just beginning to read on their own. The short chapters, early vocabulary, and amusing illustrations make reading easy and fun! Exciting, easy-to-read books are the stepping stone a young reader needs to bridge the gap between being a beginner and being fluent.

DIDI DODO FUTURE SPY 03 DOUBLE-O DODO
By: TOM ANGLEBERGER | Hardcover
FIRST NOVEL
When Didi Dodo and her friends hear that the queen was kidnapped by a human, they pose as a family while searching for her at a new, human-themed amusement park.

DIDI DODO FUTURE SPY 02 ROBO-DODO RUMBLE
By: TOM ANGLEBERGER | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL
A chapter-book series spin-off from Inspector Flytrap by New York Times bestselling author Tom Angleberger! This hilarious chapter book mystery series stars Didi Dodo, the daring spy-in-training, and Koko Dodo, Didi's reluctant sidekick. In Robo-Dodo Rumble, Koko Dodo's cookie shop is facing some stiff competition from an evil robotic dodo (a Robo Dodo). The Robo Dodo is selling its cookies for only a penny! Why? To put Koko's shop out of business! And if that weren't bad enough, a giant sea monster starts destroying the town! But don't worry. Didi Dodo has a daring plan. From the mind of the inimitable Tom Angleberger, this wacky caper promises high-speed chases and big belly laughs. The book takes place in the same world as Inspector Flytrap but does not require knowledge of the previous series.
BAT & THE END OF EVERYTHING
By: ELANA ARNOLD | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL | Theme(s): Special Needs

The third book in the funny and joyful series Katherine Applegate has called “tender and important,” by National Book Award finalist Elana K. Arnold. Bixby Alexander Tam (nicknamed Bat) has been the caretaker for Thor, the best skunk in the world...but the last day of third grade is quickly approaching, and Thor is almost ready to be released into the wild. The end of school also means that Bat has to say good-bye to his favorite teacher, and he worries about the summer care of Babycakes, their adorable class pet. Not only that, but his best friend is leaving for a long vacation in Canada. Summer promises good things, too, like working with his mom at the vet clinic and hanging out with his sister, Janie. But Bat can’t help but feel that everything is coming to an end. National Book Award finalist Elana K. Arnold returns with the third story starring an unforgettable boy on the autism spectrum.

IVY & BEAN 111 BIG HAPPY FAMILY
By: ANNIE BARROWS | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL

"This story defies expectations of what an early chapter book can be.” School Library Journal "Ivy and Bean are irresistible.” Kirkus Reviews, starred review Annie Barrows's bestselling chapter book series, Ivy & Bean, is a classroom favorite and has been keeping kids laughing—and reading—for more than a decade! With more than 6 million copies in print, Ivy + Bean return with a brand-new book for a new generation! Now in paperback! Ivy's worried. She's read a lot of books about only children, so she knows that they are sometimes spoiled rotten. They don't share their toys. They never do any work. They scream and cry when they don't get their way. Spoiler alert! Ivy doesn't have any brothers or sisters. That's why she's worried. How can she keep from getting spoiled? She could give away all her clothes, but she'd probably get in trouble. She could give away all her toys, but she likes her toys. There's really only one solution: she needs a baby sister, on the double! Luckily, Ivy and Bean know just where to get one. • Fantastic fun for 1st- to 4th-grade readers, teachers, parents, and grandparents • Funny and heartwarming; early readers will love the continuing adventures of best friends Ivy and Bean. • Strong positive characters for girls and great lessons on friendship in an easy-to-follow chapter book. For young chapter book readers who love Bink and Gollie, Dory Fasntasmagory, and Judy Moody. • For kids ages 6–9 • Educators, parents, siblings, grandparents • Best friends books Annie Barrows is a bestselling author of books for both children and adults, including the YA novel Nothing, and the bestselling novel The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society. She lives in Northern California with her husband and two daughters. Sophie Blackall has illustrated over 20 books, which have won awards such as the Caldecott Medal, the Ezra Jack Keats Award, and the Founders Award from the Society of Illustrators. She lives in Brooklyn, New York.

QUESTIONEERS - IGGY PECK & THE MYSTERIOUS
By: ANDREA BEATY | Hardcover
FIRST NOVEL

Iggy is delighted when Ada Twist's Aunt Bernice inherits a mansion featuring his favorite architectural periods, but unless the Questioneers can find its missing antiques, the house may be lost forever. Includes information about Art Deco and Art Nouveau, facts about unusual cats, a recipe for ice cream, and a biographical note on Ida B. Wells.
BAD GUYS 11 DAWN OF THE UNDERLORD
By: AARON BLABEY | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL | Theme(s): Humour

SOON TO BE A MAJOR MOTION PICTURE! "I wish I’d had these books as a kid. Hilarious!" -- Dav Pilkey, creator of Captain Underpants and Dog ManThey may look like Bad Guys, but these wannabe heroes are doing good deeds... whether you like it or not! This New York Times bestselling illustrated series is perfect for fans of Dog Man and Captain UnderpantsThe Bad Guys - sorry, Shadow Squad-G - have finally saved the world from butt-handed evil. And now it's time to celebrate! But when one member of the team makes a shocking discovery, the party might be over sooner than everyone thinks...

FRANKIE SPARKS & THE LUCKY CHARM
By: MEGAN BLAKEMORE | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL | Theme(s): Diversity

Frankie Sparks uses her inventing skills to trap a leprechaun in this fourth chapter book in the STEM inspired Frankie Sparks, Third-Grade Inventor series. It’s springtime in Ms. Cupid’s class, and the entire class is excited to build their very own leprechaun traps. Maybe, if they catch one, they will all get the gift of good luck! And after a few magical clues, it looks like there might be a leprechaun on the loose in Frankie Sparks’s house! Her best friend, Maya, is convinced the leprechaun exists, but Frankie has her doubts—especially when it feels like every trap she designs fails! Will Frankie and Maya find their lucky charm, or figure out how to create some luck all on their own?

BOTS 07 ADVENTURES OF THE SUPER ZEROES
By: RUSS BOLTS | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL

Joe and Rob discover they have superpowers in this seventh adventure in the hilarious Bots chapter book series. Many years ago, scientists on Earth sent video satellites out to the end of the universe to see what was hiding in deep space. Now, years later, these satellites have begun sending their first videos back to Earth...and the stars of the show are two goofy robots. Joe and Rob have just made a huge discovery...they have superpowers! Joe can fly! And Rob can...well, Rob is still figuring out what his superpower is, but still! Clearly this means they must become superheroes and save the day. But when they discover that their powers are kind of ordinary in the Bot world, can they be heroes without being super? With easy-to-read language and graphic novel art on almost every page, the Bots chapter books are perfect for emerging readers.

KING & KAYLA & THE CASE OF THE UNHAPPY N
By: DORI BUTLER | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL | Theme(s): Diversity

A lovable dog helps his human girl solve a mystery. Thor has been accused of wrecking Mr. Gary's yard--knocking over trash cans, eating the vegetables out of the garden, and pooping. But King and Kayla, with the help of some other neighbors, are determined to clear his name, using a wide variety of familiar and new detecting skills. With simple, straightforward language and great verbal and visual humor, the King & Kayla series from Geisel Honor Award-winning team Dori Hillestad Butler and Nancy Meyers is perfect for newly independent readers.
GENIUS JOLENE
By: SARA CASSIDY | Paperback Canadian
FIRST NOVEL | Theme(s): LGBTQ2S+
In this illustrated early chapter book, Jolene travels with her long-haul trucker father to Los Angeles.

BOY NAMED QUEEN
By: SARA CASSIDY | Paperback Canadian
FIRST NOVEL
When a new boy comes to grade five and tells everyone his name is Queen, Evelyn, who is an only child with a strict upbringing, is both aghast and fascinated. Sara Cassidy's acclaimed novel, A Boy Named Queen, is now available in paperback!

LAST FIREHAWK 08 THE SILVER SWAMP
By: KATRINA CHARMAN | Paperback
ISBN: 9781338565317 | Price: $5.59
FIRST NOVEL
When Blaze is captured by giant birds, Tag and Skyla search the Cloud Kingdom for her, including the dangerous Silver Swamp, with only their magical map as a guide.

JASPER & SCRUFF 01 THE COOL CAT CLUB
By: NICOLA COLTON | Paperback
ISBN: 9781680104608 | Price: $7.60
FIRST NOVEL
Smart cat. Messy puppy. Here comes trouble... Jasper is desperate to impress the "Sophisticat" society members, and doesn't want Scruff bounding into his life creating chaos. But sometimes, friends know exactly what you need...

HEIDI HECKELBECK TAKES THE CAKE
By: WANDA COVEN | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL
Between reading, homework, school projects, and everyday life, Heidi Heckelbeck is a very busy kid. But when her busy life keeps her from remembering her friend Bruce's birthday, Heidi decides to throw a magical make-up party to apologize. Will he forgive her...or will this party be another magical mess?

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HARDY BOYS CLUE BK 11 BUG NAPPED
By: FRANKLION DIXON | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL

Detective brothers Frank and Joe search for a very special beetle in the eleventh book in the interactive Hardy Boys Clue Book series. Frank and Joe are taking care of their friend’s super cool pet stag beetle named Izumi for the weekend. Not only is this bug fun to watch, but he is also supposed to bring you luck! The first night with Izumi, Joe learns that stag beetles like to hiss and chirp...a lot. So, Joe decides to leave Izumi on the front stoop so he can get some sleep. But when Joe goes to get Izumi the next morning, he discovers that his lucky friend isn’t so lucky after all. Because Izumi has gone missing! Izumi’s cage is gone so the boys know he didn’t escape on his own. Did Aki’s pet get bug-napped? Can the brothers find this special bug before the weekend is over? It’s up to Frank and Joe—and you—to solve the mystery of the missing beetle!

HOTDOG 02 PARTY TIME
By: ANH DO | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL

Meet Hotdog, the wiener dog, and his friends! In this colorful illustrated chapter book series, Anh Do introduces us to a small hero with a big heart. It's Kev's birthday, so Hotdog and Lizzie are throwing him a surprise party! There'll be cake, games, and magic tricks! But will a rude rooster and a cranky donkey ruin the day?

HOTDOG 01
By: ANH DO | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL

Meet Hotdog, the wiener dog, and his friends! In this colorful illustrated chapter book series, Anh Do introduces us to a small hero with a big heart. Hotdog and his friends are going on a mad adventure to help a baby bird find his missing mom! They’ll climb to crazy heights to find her! But can they handle dirty diapers and karate-chopping roosters along the way?

UNICORN DIARIES 03 BO THE BRAVE
By: REBECCA ELLIOTT | Paperback
ISBN: 9781338323429 | Price: $5.59
FIRST NOVEL

In order to earn their Bravery Patches, Bo and the other unicorns of Sparklegrove Forest have to camp out in the forest for three nights; but the night is full of frightening noises, and when a misunderstanding offends some pixies, the unicorns resolve to face their fears and confront the “monsters” who are stealing the pixies' houses.

UNICORN DIARIES 02 BO & THE DRAGON-PUP
By: REBECCA ELLIOTT | Paperback
ISBN: 9781338323382 | Price: $5.59
FIRST NOVEL

The unicorns of Sparklegrove Forest have a mystery to solve, in this magical series from the creator of the bestselling Owl Diaries series! Pick a book. Grow a Reader!This series is part of Scholastic's early chapter book line Branches, aimed at newly independent readers. With easy-to-read text, high-interest content, fast-paced plots, and illustrations on every page, these books will boost reading confidence and stamina. Branches books help readers grow!Bo Tinseltail lives in Sparklegrove Forest, where lots of other magical creatures live. Bo and the other
unicorns learn about dragons at school, but they have never seen them before. That is, until now! A blanket and a pair of glasses go missing from school, and the clues lead to the dragon caves! Will Bo and the other unicorns meet a scary creature there? Or will they make a brand-new friend? Discover this GLITTER-RIFIC, full-color series from Rebecca Elliott, creator of the USA Today bestselling Owl Diaries series!

OWL DIARIES 13 EVA IN THE SPOTLIGHT
By: REBECCA ELLIOTT | Paperback
ISBN: 9781338298758 | Price: $5.59
FIRST NOVEL

Eva's class is putting on a play, Snowy White and the seven owlets, but Eva is a little disappointed when she is cast as the Magic Mirror (and Snowy White's understudy); the owl students are making all the sets, props, and costumes, and rehearsal is a little chaotic—but the play is going well until Snowy White hurts her leg and Eva has to fill in for real.

LAYLA & THE BOTS 02 BUILT FOR SPEED
By: VICKY FANG | Paperback
ISBN: 9781338582925 | Price: $5.59
FIRST NOVEL | Theme(s): Diversity

Ready, set, go! Layla and the Bots are heading to the races! Pick a book. Grow a Reader!This series is part of Scholastic's early chapter book line Branches, aimed at newly independent readers. With easy-to-read text, high-interest content, fast-paced plots, and illustrations on every page, these books will boost reading confidence and stamina. Branches books help readers grow!Blossom Valley is hosting a go-kart race! The go-karts are provided for all the kids in town. Layla and the Bots can't wait for race day! But one racer, Tina, needs their help. She needs a new cart that uses hand-controls and other cool features. Layla and the Bots know just what to do... they will build her a brand-new cart that's even faster than her wheelchair! But will Tina's go-kart have enough speed to win the race? With full-color artwork on every page and speech bubbles throughout, this early chapter book series brings kid-friendly STEAM topics to young readers!

LAYLA & THE BOTS 01 HAPPY PAWS
By: VICKY FANG | Paperback
ISBN: 9781338582895 | Price: $5.59
FIRST NOVEL | Theme(s): Diversity

While Layla and her three Bots (Beep, Boop, and Bop) are setting up for their rock band's performance, she gets some bad news, Happy Days Amusement Park is closing; Layla thinks she has the perfect solution: turn the place into an amusement park for dogs--but the new rides have to pass a safety inspection before Happy Paws Amusement Park can open.

YOU CAN DO IT YASMIN
By: SAADIA FARUQI | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL

A collection of four more stories featuring Yasmin! Whether she's braving the goalie net for the first time on the soccer field, trouble-shooting a plant problem in the garden with her family, tackling a tricky writing assignment, or managing a disagreement with her friends, Yasmin is always thinking outside the box to come up with creative solutions. Yasmin can do it!

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YASMIN THE WRITER
By: SAADIA FARUQI | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL

Ms. Alex has assigned Yasmin's class to write about their heroes. Yasmin loves to write, but she can't decide who her hero is. After dismissing lots of ideas, could it be that Yasmin's hero has been right beside her all along?

YASMIN THE SOCCER STAR
By: SAADIA FARUQI | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL

Everyone in Yasmin's gym class is excited to play soccer, except for Yasmin. She's seen the pros play, and it looks scary! When Yasmin is chosen as goalie, will she step up or back out? Courage, Yasmin!

YASMIN THE GARDENER
By: SAADIA FARUQI | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL

It's spring! Yasmin and her baba are excited to plant their garden, and Yasmin chooses a flower seedling. She gives it plenty of sun, water, and good soil... so why is it wilting? Watching Nani sit in the sun gives Yasmin a bright idea and she knows just what her little plant needs.

YASMIN THE FRIEND
By: SAADIA FARUQI | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL

Yasmin knows exactly what she wants to play when her friends come over. But it turns out her friends have their own ideas. Could a creative compromise make everyone happy?

WINGS OF OLYMPUS 02 THE COLT OF THE CLOU
By: KALLIE GEORGE | Hardcover Canadian
FIRST NOVEL

Soar into adventure with Pippa, an orphaned girl in Ancient Greece, and her beloved winged horse, Zephyr, who head out on a daring adventure to save Mt. Olympus in the second book in the Wings of Olympus series by beloved, award-winning author Kallie George. Ever since Pippa lost the winged horse race of the ancient gods and was banned from the slopes of Mount Olympus, she and her beloved horse, Zephyr, have tried to adjust to living a normal life on the ground. But when Pippa rescues a lost winged colt, she knows she must return him to the land of the gods and goddesses—even though she was warned never to return. Up on Mount Olympus, however, disaster awaits. The gods and goddesses are at war, and someone has kidnapped all of the horses. If Pippa doesn’t find a way to restore peace, the battle will destroy the human world and the winged horses could be lost—forever. With the help of her new friend Hero, the not-so-heroic descendant of Hercules, and her stubborn colt, Tazo, Pippa takes on a task few mortals would dare: to rescue the horses and end the war. This heartfelt adventure series from acclaimed author Kallie George is perfect for horse lovers and fans of Greek myths alike!
UNICORN RESCUE SOCIETY 04 CHUPACABRAS RI
By: ADAM GIDWITZ | Paperback
ISBN: 9780735231818 | Price: $8.79
FIRST NOVEL

Pura Belpre Honor-winning author David Bowles joins Newbery Honor-winning Adam Gidwitz as co-author of the newest Unicorn Rescue Society adventure, as the kids travel to the U.S.-Mexican border to help the legendary chupacabras. A new adventure begins for Elliot and Uchenna when Professor Fauna bursts into their classroom with a frightening report from the Texas-Mexico border: something has completely drained the blood from a cow’s body! The team must fly to Laredo, where tempers are running high. Teaming up with local kids Lupita and Mateo—plus their brilliant mother, Dr. Alejandra Cervantes, and her curandero husband, Israel—can the Unicorn Rescue Society save the region’s animals and help bring a divided community together once more? And what is that spiny, bloodsucking, adorable little creature?

MY WEIRDER-EST SCHOOL 04 MISS BLAKE IS A
By: DAN GUTMAN | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL

With more than 23 million books sold, the My Weird School series really gets kids reading! In this fourth book in the My Weirder-est School series, A.J. and his friends learn how to survive in the wilderness. At-ten-tion! The Beaver Scouts are looking for new recruits. And A.J. and his friends are the first to sign up. They can’t wait to build campfires and earn cool badges. But scout leader Miss Blake would rather prepare them for falling boulders and surprise bear attacks. When they go on an overnight camping trip, will they be prepared for a real emergency? Perfect for reluctant readers and all kids hungry for funny school stories, Dan Gutman’s hugely popular My Weird School chapter book series has something for everyone. Don’t miss the hilarious adventures of A.J. and the gang!

PRINCESS & PEA - AN INTERACTIVE FAIRY
By: BLAKE HOENA | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL

A choose-your-own-adventure in which the reader can proceed as an ordinary girl named Princess, a monster of a prince, or the queen who seeks a bride for her distracted son in a modern version of the classic fairy tale. Includes a history of The Princess and the Pea.”

FROG PRINCE - AN INTERACTIVE FAIRY TALE
By: BLAKE HOENA | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL

A choose-your-own-adventure in which the reader can proceed as a space princess trapped on a deserted moon, a handsome prince with a green complexion, or an adventurer in an enchanted forest in a modern version of the classic fairy tale. Includes a history of The frog prince.
COULD YOU SURVIVE THE ICE AGE - AN INTER
By: BLAKE HOENA | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL

The reader's choices determine whether three friends will survive after being mysteriously transported back in time to when the climate was cold and saber-toothed cats and wooly mammoths roamed the land.

SOPHIE TROPHY TOO
By: EILEEN HOLLAND | Paperback Canadian
FIRST NOVEL | Theme(s): Special Needs

When a new student, Hailey, joins Sophie's Grade 3 class at Hilltop Elementary, Sophie wants to become her friend. Hailey seems confident and fun, and Sophie's sure they would have a good time. Unfortunately, Sophie's efforts to prove she is a good friend go hilariously wrong. Does Sophie give up? No! A humorous story loaded with heart, Sophie Trophy Too is sure to appeal to any kid who has had that left-out feeling.

APHRODITE & THE GOLD APPLE
By: JOAN HOLUB | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL

Join little Aphrodite for a sweet adventure in this third Little Goddess Girls story—part of the Aladdin QUIX line! Aphrodite is excited to be on an adventure to Sparkle City with her new friends, Athena, Persephone, and Artemis. After being rescued from her magical sea shell, Aphrodite hopes the super-duper powerful Zeus can give her the gift of likeability. Aphrodite knows that will make her be a better friend, especially to the girls she met on the Hello Brick Road. But when she finds a magical, gold apple along the way, something makes her keep it a big secret from the others. Will those magical powers help Aphrodite with her big ask for Zeus? Or will Aphrodite discover a very different kind of magic—the magic of friendship—is most important of all?

MEGABAT IS A FRAIDYBAT
By: ANNA HUMPHREY | Hardcover
ISBN: 9780735266025 | Price: $12.79
FIRST NOVEL

Megabat and his best friend, Daniel, go to sleepaway camp for the first time. Another hilarious chapter book in this laugh-out-loud series for fans of Dory Fantasmagory and Narwhal and Jelly. Daniel is not so sure about going to camp. There will be bugs. And uncomfortable beds. And leeches! Megabat can't WAIT to go to camp! There will be so much smooshfruit, and he loves a good sing-along. Daniel starts to think camp isn't so bad. He's made friends, and his bed isn't THAT uncomfortable. Megabat has made a new friend too. But his new friend wants him to go flying to spooky caves. And her mom is very toothy. As Daniel is getting into the swing of things and starting to enjoy camp, Megabat is getting himself into one tangle after another to avoid going into the scary woods. But can Megabat overcome his fears to help save his new friend? Kass Reich's adorable illustrations paired with Anna Humphrey's hilarious text make for another unforgettable Megabat adventure, one that will appeal to Megabat fans and newcomers!

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MEGABAT
By: ANNA HUMPHREY | Paperback Canadian
ISBN: 9780735266957 | Price: $8.79
FIRST NOVEL

A sweet and hilarious chapter book about a boy and a bat, two unlikely friends who bond over loneliness, jellyrolls and Darth Vader. Daniel Misumi has just moved to a new house. It's big and old and far away from his friends and his life before. AND it's haunted . . . or is it? Megabat was just napping on a papaya one day when he was stuffed in a box and shipped halfway across the world. Now he's living in an old house far from home, feeling sorry for himself and accidentally scaring the people who live there. Daniel realizes it's not a ghost in his new house. It's a bat. And he can talk. And he's actually kind of cute. Megabat realizes that not every human wants to whack him with a broom. This one shares his smooashfruit. Add some buttermelon, juice boxes, a lightsaber and a common enemy and you've got a new friendship in the making! This charming, funny story is brought to life by Kass Reich's warm and adorable illustrations. There's never been a bat this cute -- readers will be rooting for Megabat and Daniel from page one!

CLARA HUMBLE 02 QUIZ WHIZ
By: ANNA HUMPHREY | Paperback Canadian
FIRST NOVEL

Clara and Bradley's friendship is put to the test when they compete on a game show

NANCY DREW CLUE BK 13 PUPPY LOVE PRANK
By: CAROLYN KEENE | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL

Nancy and her friends save a dog shelter’s big day in the thirteenth book in the interactive Nancy Drew Clue Book mystery series. Helga and Horatio are getting married! The bride and groom are two fluffy white dogs belonging to one of River Heights’s more eccentric citizens, Mrs. Ainsworth. Mayor Strong’s mansion is decorated for the occasion, and the whole town is invited. The celebration is an effort to raise awareness for Waggamuffins, the local pet shelter. And Nancy, Bess, and George are helping out by walking three adoptable dogs down the aisle. But the wedding comes to a barking halt when the bride and groom are found covered in sticky paint! Mrs. Ainsworth is so upset she calls off the whole thing and demands to know who is behind this color conundrum. But if the guests leave early, how will they meet all the cuddly canines that still need homes? Can the Clue Crew solve the case of the painted pups before it’s too late? It’s up to the Clue Crew—and you—to find out!

CAPTAIN AWESOME SAYS THE MAGIC WORD
By: STAN KIRBY | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL

Eugene performs a disappearing act in the twenty-second Captain Awesome adventure! After seeing a real-live magic show, Eugene has decided he wants to become a magician. So he studies magic tricks and practices them on anyone he can: his best friends, his parents, and even his baby sister. Then his teacher announces that her students will all be sharing something new they’ve learned recently, and Eugene knows this is the perfect chance to show his skills. For his biggest trick yet, Eugene will make the class pet hamster, Turbo, disappear! But when Eugene says the magic word, Turbo actually does disappear. Did Eugene’s magic really work? And where is Turbo? With easy-to-read language and illustrations on almost every page, the Captain Awesome chapter books are perfect for beginning readers!
SLUG DAYS
By: SARA LEACH | Paperback Canadian
FIRST NOVEL | Theme(s): Special Needs

Lauren, who has Asperger Syndrome, navigates the ups and downs of school and home life. School friendships have always been a challenge, but Lauren finds she is exactly the friend a brand new classmate needs.

MINDY KIM & THE YUMMY SEAWEED BUSINESS
By: LYLA LEE | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL | Theme(s): Diversity

Fresh Off the Boat meets Junie B. Jones in this first novel in an adorable new chapter book series about Mindy Kim, a young Asian American girl who is starting a snack business! Mindy Kim just wants three things: 1. A puppy! 2. To fit in at her new school 3. For her dad to be happy again But, getting all three of the things on her list is a lot trickier than she thought it would be. On her first day of school, Mindy’s school snack of dried seaweed isn’t exactly popular at the lunch table. Luckily, her new friend, Sally, makes the snacks seem totally delicious to Mindy’s new classmates, so they decide to start the Yummy Seaweed Business to try and raise money for that puppy! When another student decides to try and sabotage their business, Mindy loses more than she bargained for—and wonders if she’ll ever fit in. Will Mindy be able to overcome her uncertainty and find the courage to be herself?

MINDY KIM & THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PARADE
By: LYLA LEE | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL | Theme(s): Holidays & Celebrations, Diversity

Fresh Off the Boat meets Junie B. Jones in this second novel in an adorable new chapter book series about Mindy Kim, a young Asian American girl who is getting ready to celebrate Lunar New Year! Mindy is excited to celebrate the Lunar New Year! Even though it’s the first one without her mom, Mindy is determined to enjoy the day. She decides to make traditional Korean New Year food, a rice cake soup that’s her favorite. But things aren’t going quite to plan, and the celebration doesn’t feel the same as it did before. With the help of her family and friends, can Mindy find a way to still enjoy her old holiday traditions, and create new ones along the way?

KATIE WOO - OPEN WIDE KATIE
By: FRAN MANUSHKIN | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL

After a trip to the zoo Katie is curious about how animals keep their teeth clean—and she uses her own trip to the dentist's office to ask questions.
KATIE WOO - KATIE'S VET LOVES PETS
By: FRAN MANUSHKIN | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL

Katie finds a sick kitten, and when her father comes home they take the kitty to Dr. Wong's veterinarian clinic, where they find all different kinds of pets waiting for the doctor's attention.

KATIE WOO - GOOD MORNING FARMER CARMEN
By: FRAN MANUSHKIN | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL

Katie is sure it would be fun to be a farmer. All you have to do is plant seeds and watch them grow. Pedro's aunt is a farmer, and she works very hard. Katie will find out just how hard farmers work when she and Pedro help get ready for a day at the farmer's market. Katie loves her community and that love is shown in Katie Woo's Neighborhood, an early chapter book series by author Fran Manushkin.

KATIE WOO - BEST NEIGHBORHOOD EVER
By: FRAN MANUSHKIN | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL

There are so many great things happening in Katie Woo's neighborhood! Dr. Woo is helping so many animals at his vet office. The Happy Cakes bakery is serving up the sweetest desserts. Even the local dentist office has Katie smiling wide. Read about these neighbors and more in this collection of easy-to-read stories from author Fran Manushkin.

KATIE WOO - BEST BAKER
By: FRAN MANUSHKIN | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL

Katie and her friend Haley are bragging about being good bakers. Their moms don't quite agree. Haley's uncle owns the Happy Cakes bakery and is willing to teach the girls what it takes to be a great baker. Will Katie and Haley become the best bakers and impress their moms? Katie loves her community and that love is shown in Katie Woo's Neighborhood, an early chapter book series by author Fran Manushkin.

JUDY MOODY & FRIENDS PRANK YOU VERY MUCH
By: MEGAN MCDONALD | Paperback
ISBN: 9781536200089 | Price: $5.59
FIRST NOVEL

Prankenstein strikes again! The Summer Science Showdown is just around the corner, and Stink is positive that he has the recipe for a winning entry. Soon he's acting like a mad scientist, with strong-smelling potions in hand and visions of super tomatoes dancing in his head. Judy takes one look at her busy brainiac brother and sees a situation ripe for a little mischief! Everyone knows that Judy has never met a practical joke she doesn't like, and soon the Princess of Pranks is cooking up a recipe of her own. From Megan McDonald comes an epic match of wits in a Judy Moody story perfect for newly independent readers.

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IT'S RAINING BATS & FROGS
By: JOE MCGEE | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL

A rainstorm gets out of hand and it’s up to the Junior Monster Scouts to save The Village from washing away in the hilarious third chapter book of the Junior Monster Scouts series! It’s a rainy day in The Village and rain means puddles. Lots of puddles to splash in and lots of rain to sing in. Singing and splashing is loud. And loud is something Baron Von Grump simply cannot stand. But Baron Von Grump has a plan. If he can get rid of the rain clouds, he’ll get rid of the rain and all the noise! But the Baron’s plan backfires and now it’s raining and pouring, with no end in sight! Meanwhile, Laguna, a little swampling is learning how to swim. Only she’s pretty scared of the water! Can Laguna and the Junior Monster Scouts learn how to overcome fears and save the town from overflowing?

PAOLA SANTIAGO & THE RIVER OF TEARS
By: TEHLOR MEJIA | Hardcover
FIRST NOVEL

Space-obsessed 12-year-old Paola Santiago and her two best friends, Emma and Dante, know the rule: Stay away from the river. It's all they've heard since a schoolmate of theirs drowned a year ago. Pao is embarrassed to admit that she has been told to stay away for even longer than that, because her mother is constantly warning her about La Llorona, the wailing ghost woman who wanders the banks of the Gila at night, looking for young people to drag into its murky depths. Hating her mother's humiliating superstitions and knowing that she and her friends would never venture into the water, Pao organizes a meet-up to test out her new telescope near the Gila, since it's the best stargazing spot. But when Emma never arrives and Pao sees a shadowy figure in the reeds, it seems like maybe her mom was right. . . . Pao has always relied on hard science to make sense of the world, but to find her friend she will have to enter the world of her nightmares, which includes unnatural mist, mind-bending monsters, and relentless spirits controlled by a terrifying force that defies both logic and legend.

FERGUS & ZEKE & THE FIELD DAY CHALLENGE
By: KATE MESSNER | Hardcover
FIRST NOVEL

Classroom pets Fergus and Zeke can't wait for Field Day! But all the events are the wrong size -- what can these two little mice do? Fergus and Zeke love being the class pets in Miss Maxwell's classroom. From science experiments to art projects, they do everything the students do. But on Field Day, none of the events are the right size for the small mice -- the limbo is too easy, the high jump is too hard, and kickball is absolutely terrifying! So Fergus and Zeke create their own Field Day Challenge, with mouse-size tug-of-war, acorn throwing, and Hula-Hooping. After all the fun and exercise, it's time to go back to the classroom -- but Fergus and Zeke are locked out! Will they be able to use their new skills to get inside in time for ice pops? This new outdoor adventure in the endearing school-themed series from award-winning author Kate Messner, with lively pictures by Heather Ross, will have young readers jumping for joy.

ROYAL BALL
By: MELODY MEWS | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL

Itty must learn to dance before her first royal ball in this second adorable book in the Itty Bitty Princess Kitty chapter book series! There's going to be a royal ball at the palace! The ball is when Itty will present herself as princess for the first time. Itty also has to teach all of Lollyland a new dance on the spot. There's just one problem. Itty has no idea how to dance! Will the princess figure something out, or will she dance her way into disaster? With easy-to-read language and illustrations on every page, the Itty Bitty Princess Kitty chapter books are perfect for emerging readers.

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NEWEST PRINCESS
By: MELODY MEWS | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL

Itty Bitty Kitty is about to become the princess of Lollyland in this first adorable book in the Itty Bitty Princess Kitty chapter book series! Something exciting is happening in Lollyland. Itty Bitty Kitty’s eighth shooting star is about to arrive and that means she’s going to become a princess! Itty’s excited, but when she learns about all the things that are going to change, she’s also nervous. Between trying out new hairstyles and hearing that she can’t attend her regular school anymore, Itty begins to feel like she might not be cut out for this princess gig. Will Itty Bitty Kitty become Itty Bitty Princess Kitty after all? With easy-to-read language and illustrations on every page, the Itty Bitty Princess Kitty chapter books are perfect for emerging readers.

GHOULS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN
By: ANDRES MIEDOSO | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL | Theme(s): Ghosts

Watch out for ghouls on the dance floor in the tenth book of the Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol series! School dances are tricky. Everybody wants to go, but nobody wants to dance. The music is too loud for anyone to talk. Teachers are there watching kids, but telling them to go out and have a good time. Oh, and at Kersville Elementary…be careful because you’ll have to watch out for ghouls on the dance floor! With easy-to-read language and illustrations on almost every page, the Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol chapter books are perfect for emerging readers.

HARVEY HOLDS HIS OWN
By: COLLEEN NELSON | Hardcover Canadian
FIRST NOVEL

Harvey the West Highland Terrier, hero of Harvey Comes Home, is back with his beloved Mag-gie. He is also back at Brayside retirement home, where he and Maggie now volunteer along with their friend Austin. There Maggie is drawn to a new resident, Mrs. Fradette, who tells sto-ries of learning to fix cars as a twelve-year-old during the flood of 1950. Mrs. Fradette, with her bold fashion and love of poker, doesn't fit in among the beige-cardigan- wearing, bridge-playing ladies of Brayside, but she doesn't seem to care. Maybe that's why Maggie likes her so much. Since seventh grade began, Maggie hasn't been fitting in well with her friends, either. Always alert for anything new—and with a nose that never misses a new scent—Harvey follows his instincts on a walk with Austin and discovers an abandoned newborn puppy in a pile of trash. Austin's heart almost breaks over the little puppy's plight, so he takes her to safety. Maggie and the Brayside residents and staff praise Harvey's heroic efforts, wishing that Austin could have his own dog. But the little puppy will need time to recover from her trauma before she can be adopted, and then there's another, even bigger obstacle: Austin's mom, who says no to pets. As fall edges toward winter, Harvey picks up an unfriendly scent in his backyard, and he will stop at nothing to keep Maggie and the others safe. But sometimes the little Westie is just too brave for his own good. Award-winning author Colleen Nelson delivers another satisfying story of heart, perseverance, and one incredible little dog.

ALIEN NEXT DOOR 08 A NEW PLANET
By: AI NEWTON | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL

In the eighth book of the Alien Next Door series, Harris and Roxy have stowed away aboard Zeke's spaceship and are flying to his home planet of Tragas! Harris and Roxy have hidden away on Zeke's family's spaceship and are headed to Tragas! Zeke's parents freak out when they discover the kids aboard, but they've come too far to turn back. So that gives Harris and Roxy two whole days to explore the alien planet with Zeke while the ship refuels before they all have to fly back to Earth. But, much like Zeke had to on Earth, they have to blend in. Will they be able to hide the fact that they're the aliens on this new planet?
WEST MEADOWS DETECTIVES 03 CASE OF THE
By: LIAM ODONNELL | Paperback Canadian
FIRST NOVEL

Myron, the third-grade detective who loves logic, facts, and solving mysteries, gets the chance to crack a third case when he finds out the school garden has been trampled and the strawberry plants are missing. Are raccoons to blame? Or did the baseball team sabotage the garden to take back their outfield? When neighborhood gardens are also found short of strawberries, Myron and his friends are on the case. Myron's unique perspective from the autism spectrum and his eye for detail make him a top-notch sleuth. Similarly, the other neurodiverse kids in his resource room have unique talents that come in handy. Tech-lover Glitch's satellite image-plotting skills, artsy Jordan's mould-making abilities, and super-social Hajrah's interview tactics come together to track down the culprits. Black-and-white spot illustrations accompany the text in the final West Meadows Detectives mystery, a fun and accessible page-turner for independent readers.

HERE IN THE REAL WORLD
By: SARA PENNYPACKER | Hardcover
FIRST NOVEL | Theme(s): Environment

Ware can't wait to spend summer "off in his own world"—dreaming of knights in the Middle Ages and generally being left alone. But then his parents sign him up for dreaded Rec camp, where he must endure Meaningful Social Interaction and whatever activities so-called "normal" kids do. On his first day Ware meets Jolene, a tough, secretive girl planting a garden in the rubble of an abandoned church next to the camp. Soon he starts skipping Rec, creating a castle-like space of his own in the church lot. Jolene scoffs, calling him a dreamer—he doesn't live in the "real world" like she does. As different as Ware and Jolene are, though, they have one thing in common: for them, the lot is a refuge. But when their sanctuary is threatened, Ware looks to the knights' Code of Chivalry: Thou shalt do battle against unfairness wherever faced with it. Thou shalt be always the champion of the Right and Good—and vows to save the lot. But what does a hero look like in real life? And what can two misfit kids do?

GS 75 STICKY SITUATION
By: GERONIMO STILTON | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL

When you're with Geronimo Stilton, it's always a fabumouse adventure! Geronimo and Trap decide to start making organic honey with the help of some beekeepers. When the honey is ready, they face up against the evil Madam No.

THEA STILTON & THE RACE FOR THE GO 31
By: THEA STILTON | Paperback
ISBN: 9781338587494 | Price: $8.79
FIRST NOVEL

Join Thea Stilton and the Thea Sisters on an adventure packed with mystery and friendship! The Thea Sisters help their friend Beatrice prepare for the Summer Olympics!
MARTY FRYE PRIVATE EYE 03 BUSTED VIDEO G
By: JANET TASHJIAN | Paperback
ISBN: 9781250308481 | Price: $7.60
FIRST NOVEL | Theme(s): Mystery, Detective

Marty Frye, Private Eye: The Case of the Busted Video Games & Other Mysteries is the third in the young chapter book mystery series by bestselling author-illustrator team Janet Tashjian and Laurie Keller! In this new collection of mysteries, everyone's favorite poet detective is back in action. When a prankster tangles all the school jump ropes into knots and gym is canceled, Marty pins down the culprit. When five machines are mysteriously found broken at the arcade, Marty jumps on the case. And when Mom's phone goes missing after a trip to the mall, Marty races against the clock to track it down before dinner. But can he still manage to make up rhymes while he solves new crimes? Broken into three short stories, this is an ideal stepping stone to longer chapter books. Young readers will be off in search of a rhyme in no time. Christy Ottaviano Books

FROG & DOG BOOK 02 GOAT IN A BOAT
By: JANEE TRASLER | Paperback
ISBN: 9781338540420 | Price: $5.59
FIRST NOVEL

When Goat appears wearing a raincoat and invites all the animals to go for a boat ride on a sunny day, Dog declines but as heavy rain falls, Dog needs a boat, too.

FROG & DOG 01 FROG MEETS DOG
By: JANEE TRASLER | Paperback
ISBN: 9781338540390 | Price: $5.59
FIRST NOVEL

Dog would like to play with the three frogs he has met, but he is not good at their games of hopping and leaping—but when he chases away a bear the frogs decide to welcome him into their play time.

HIGH & DRY
By: ERIC WALTERS | Paperback Canadian
FIRST NOVEL | Theme(s): Environment, Diversity

In this illustrated early chapter book, a young boy and his grandfather work together to save a beached orca.

TROUBLE AT TABLE 5 01 THE CANDY CAPER
By: TOM WATSON | Paperback
ISBN: 9780062953407 | Price: $5.80
FIRST NOVEL | Theme(s): Diversity, Special Needs

From the author of Stick Dog comes the first book in a highly illustrated early chapter book series about three best friends whose plans, missions, and schemes are sure to shake up their school. Featuring two-color art on every page and fun activities at the end of each book! Molly gets things stuck in her head sometimes. When she sees a jar of candy on Principal Shelton's desk, she absolutely needs to know how many candies are in that jar! Luckily, her two best friends, Simon and Rosie, are ready to help her find the answer—even if it means detention for all of them! Each hilarious friendship story in this series is designed to set independent readers up for success—with short, fast-paced chapters, black-and-red art on every page, and progress bars at the end of each chapter!

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MIA MAYHEM GETS X RAY SPECS
By: KARA WEST | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL | Theme(s): Diversity

Mia gets new glasses with x-ray vision in this seventh adventure of the Mia Mayhem chapter book series! Mia Mayhem is learning to control her x-ray vision! She can’t wait to see through walls and crack secret codes. There’s only one problem: her glasses are way too big, clunky, and totally not cool! But she knows that if she wants to keep up with her classmates, she’ll have to adjust quickly. Will Mia be able to look past her obstacles and see things through? With easy-to-read language and illustrations on almost every page, the Mia Mayhem chapter books are perfect for emerging readers.

DRAGON MASTERS 16 CALL OF THE SOUND DRAG
By: TRACEY WEST | Paperback
ISBN: 9781338540284 | Price: $5.59
FIRST NOVEL

The city of Remus is being torn apart by a duel between two wizards, and Drake, Petra, and Griffith have traveled there to assist a blind dragon master, Tessa, in sorting out the situation; using the sound dragon’s unique power to manipulate sound waves, the dragon masters retrieve the Power Crystal which is embedded inside an unbreakable rock, but will it be able to absorb the cloud of uncontrolled magic that is threatening the city before it is too late?

DRAGON MASTERS 15 FUTURE OF THE TIME DRA
By: TRACEY WEST | Paperback
ISBN: 9781338540253 | Price: $5.59
FIRST NOVEL

Drake travels back in time to save a Dragon Master! Pick a book. Grow a Reader! This series is part of Scholastic’s early chapter book line, Branches, aimed at newly independent readers. With easy-to-read text, high-interest content, fast-paced plots, and illustrations on every page, these books will boost reading confidence and stamina. Branches books help readers grow! Eko is in trouble! The dark wizard Maldred has trapped her with a powerful spell. To free her, Drake and Rori must find the Time Dragon. But a sneaky imp sends Drake traveling back in time! Will Drake be able to save Eko... or will he be stuck in the past forever?

MIRANDA & MAUDE 03 RECESS REBELS
By: EMMA WUNSCH | Paperback
FIRST NOVEL

A princess and a revolutionary form an unexpected friendship in this charming, illustrated chapter book series Maude loves to fight for what she believes in and protest against what’s wrong. Pollution? Let's get rid of it. Styrofoam lunch trays? Buh-bye! But when she decides to protest tag, the favorite recess game of the boys in her class, she kicks off a big girls-versus-boys prank war. Soon there's sneak attacks and secret plots, a girls-only newspaper, a doughnut filled with cheese, and one stolen chicken. Maude gets lots of opportunities to protest, but in the end, it's her best friend, Miranda, who learns to stand up for what she believes in.
SILVERWORLD
By: DIANA ABU-JABER | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION
Desperate to help her ailing grandmother, Sami consults Sitti's spell book and falls into the magical Silverworld, where she must try to save the enchanted city and, perhaps, Sitti, too.

UNDROWNED
By: KR ALEXANDER | Paperback
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Horror
In too deadly. In too deep. Samantha and Rachel used to be friends. But then Rachel betrayed Samantha . . . and Samantha decided to make her life a living nightmare. Then one day, Sam and Rachel found themselves in a fight by a lake. Samantha pushed Rachel . . . and watched as Rachel fell back. And back. Into the water. And gone. No way to save her. No way she could be alive. The next day, Rachel shows up to school as if nothing happened. And now she's the one who wants to make her former friend's life a living nightmare . . .

ENDLING 02 THE 1ST
By: KATHERINE APPLEGATE | Paperback
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Environment
Endling #2: The First is the second book in an epic middle grade animal fantasy series by Katherine Applegate, Newbery Medal-winning and #1 New York Times bestselling author of The One and Only Ivan, Wishtree, and Crenshaw! To learn if she truly is the last dairne in the world—the endling—Byx and her friends must travel into the snow-covered mountains of the country of Dreyland, where they hope to uncover the truth behind the legend of a hidden dairne colony. But the threat of war across the lands continues to grow with each passing day. As the group confronts untold dangers at every turn, they will ultimately uncover a treacherous plot that involves the other powerful governing species. With both her dreams and all the creatures of Nedarra on the brink of extinction, Byx and her friends are determined to never give up hope. Soon they find themselves the unlikely leaders in a simmering rebellion that risks everything they hold dear. Byx may be the last of her kind, but will she also be the first to lead the revolution? In this sequel to the New York Times bestselling first book—which received four starred reviews—Katherine Applegate once again delivers an action-packed middle grade fantasy with a unique setting, enthralling characters, and gripping adventure that is perfect for fans of Rick Riordan, Brian Jacques, and Tui T. Sutherland.

TOM SWIFT INVENTORS’ ACADEMY 04 VIRTUAL
By: VICTOR APPLETON | Paperback
JUNIOR FICTION
Tom and his friends attend a science camp in this fourth novel in Tom Swift Inventors’ Academy—perfect for fans of The Hardy Boys or Alex Rider. Every year, Swift Academy students go to a nearby summer camp to field-test their inventions. Tom and his friends have been working hard on all their projects, but they’re most thrilled about Noah’s new virtual reality simulation. They can’t wait for it to go live, and everyone is looking forward to running tests at the camp. Nothing dulls their excitement, not even when a mysterious prankster starts messing with people’s inventions. But things take a nosedive when the pranks turn into vandalism. To make matters worse, clues point to Tom’s friend, Sam, as the one responsible. With Sam’s reputation and student projects on the line, it’s up to Tom and his friends to unmask the true vandal. And when Noah’s simulation enters the arena, they quickly discover they’re not the only ones meeting in virtual reality…

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TURBO RACERS TRAILBLAZER
By: AUSTIN ASLAN | Paperback
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Special Needs

In Turbo Racers: Trailblazer, twelve-year-old Mace Blazer gets the chance to pilot a state-of-the-art vehicle that transforms at the touch of a button from race car to jet plane to single-person sub, in the biggest race in the world. The roar of the crowd, the glow of the spotlight, the thrill of the race--Mace Blazer dreams of going TURBO. TURBOnauts thrive on the thrum of trimorphers's rocket engines as the vehicles morph from super-powered race cars to speeding jet aircrafts to torpedo-fast submarines, while they race full-throttle around every bend. And Mace believes he's got what it takes to join their ranks--he only needs the chance to prove it. So when a reclusive retired racer chooses Mace to try out to be part of the next generation of TURBOnauts, Mace knows that this is his moment to show what he can do. But the path to his big shot means facing down the best and the brightest from around the world. Mace will have to live more fearlessly, hone quicker reflexes, be revolutionary--but will it be enough? Mace quickly realizes that everything he's ever hoped for comes at a price. He'll have to decide between what is right and what is easy. Every morph counts in the first book in this exhilarating new adventure series by the acclaimed author of The Islands at the End of the World, Austin Aslan. This is the first title in a high-stakes middle-grade two-book series!

TURBO RACERS ESCAPE VELOCITY
By: AUSTIN ASLAN | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Special Needs

Mace Blazer is the world's hottest TURBOnaut. Compared to the other 'nauts, he drives faster, dares harder, and pulls the craziest stunts. Since he won the Gauntlet Prix and revealed that he's only twelve, the world has been screaming Mace's name. Now nothing--not even his friends and family--can hold Mace back from becoming the greatest racer of all time. But when Mace suffers a nearly fatal accident while behind the wheel, he loses the nerve that made him the best. He's done with driving fast. He's done with TURBO. Until he finds out that his two best friends have mysteriously disappeared as part of a sinister plot that could destroy not just TURBO, but the world. Mace has no choice but to buckle back in, swallow his fears, and race to save the day.

TAYLOR TURBOCHASER
By: DAVID BADDIEL | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Diversity, Humour

It's the latest Brilliant Blockbuster from bestselling Baddiel! A non-stop thrill-ride adventure that will have readers young and old racing to the finishing line. The Taylor TurboChaser is a road-trip rollercoaster... with a twist. At its heart is the unforgettable Amy Taylor. Amy loves cars, and dreams of being a driver. But there's a major catch: her slow old wheelchair with its broken wheel. When Amy finally gets a new electric one, it's exciting... at first. But standard engines only have so much power. And that's where Rahul comes in - Amy's best friend and genius inventor. Soon Rahul turns a wheelchair into... a supercar! And so the Taylor TurboChaser is born. But when it all goes suddenly wrong Amy is going to have to hit the road - and drive...

HANK ZIPZER THE COLOSSAL CAMERA CALAMITY
By: THEO BAKER | Paperback
ISBN: 9781536213379 | Price: $7.60
JUNIOR FICTION

Will Hank's school photo be another disaster on his parents' shelf of shame? The latest novelization of the TV series based on the best-selling books by Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver. As seen on Universal Kids! Hank hates school photos. Something always goes wrong just before the FLASH -- a spider lands on his nose, he bends down to tie his shoe, or his "smart-guy" pose ends up looking like a "nose-picker" shot. But this year, Hank is careful to take every possible precaution to ensure he takes a good picture. Unfortunately, between messy art class, a chocolate cake, and

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school bully McKelty, Hank's picture-perfect appearance is in jeopardy. He'll have to do some quick thinking (and quick changing) if he wants to get a good portrait before the photographer packs up. This likable character created by Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver -- inspired by Winkler's own childhood -- returns for another side-splitting adventure in the popular series set in a dyslexia-friendly font.

BEGINNERS WELCOME
By: CINDY BALDWIN | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Poverty, Diversity

It's been eighty-three days since Annie Lee's daddy died, but she still sees reminders of him everywhere. His record player mysteriously plays his favorite songs, there's shaving cream in the sink every morning, and the TV keeps flipping to the Duke basketball games he loved. She knows Mama notices it too, but Mama's been working around the clock to make ends meet. To make matters worse, Annie Lee's friends ditched her over the summer. She feels completely alone—until she meets Mitch. Though Mitch is tough and confident on the outside, she may need a friend just as badly as Annie Lee. But after losing so much, Annie Lee is afraid to let anyone get too close. And Mitch isn't the only friend trying to break through Annie Lee's defenses. Ray, an elderly pianist who plays at a local mall, has been giving her piano lessons. His music is pure magic, and Annie Lee hopes it might be the key to healing her broken heart. But when Ray goes missing, searching for him means breaking a promise to Mitch. Faced with once again losing those who mean the most to her, Annie Lee must make a choice: retreat back into her shell, or risk admitting how much she needs Mitch and Ray—even if it means getting hurt all over again.

BEST OF IGGY
By: ANNIE BARROWS | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Humour

Meet 9-year-old Iggy Frangi. He's not a bad kid, he's really not. Okay, so he's done a few (a few is anything up to 100) bad things. And okay, he's not very sorry about most of them. People make a big deal about nothing. What's a little pancake here and there? Is that something to get mad about? Iggy doesn't think so. No one got hurt, so there's no problem. No one got hurt except for that one time, that one time when the Best Idea Ever turned into the Worst Idea of All Time. Iggy is sorry he did it. He is really, really, really sorry. "For what?" you might ask. "What did he do?" Well, you'll have to read the book to find out. Things Iggy will NOT do in this book: Be the most polite kid ever. Play the cello. Think before acting. Learn a lesson. Regret his actions. (Most of them, anyway.)

CAMP AVERAGE 02 DOUBLE FOUL
By: CRAIG BATTLE | Hardcover Canadian
ISBN: 9781771473095 | Price: $15.96
JUNIOR FICTION

A new battle of wills heats up another summer at Camp Average
CAMP AVERAGE 01
By: CRAIG BATTLE | Paperback Canadian
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ASHA & THE SPIRIT BIRD
By: JASBINDER BILAN | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Diversity
In contemporary India, 12-year-old Asha will journey across the dangerous Himalayas to find her missing father and save her family's home -- guided by a mythical bird and a green-eyed tiger who she believes to be the spirits of her ancestors. This is an incredibly unique debut about loss, family, buried treasure, and hope. Asha lives on a family farm with her mother in rural India in the foothills of the Himalayas. Life would be perfect if her father were with them instead of working at the factory in the faraway city. But she knows they couldn't afford to afford their home without the money he sends home. When four months go by without a single letter, a ruthless debt collector arrives with a warning, and soon the entire world that Asha has known is threatened. Determined to save her home, Asha and her best friend must swallow their fears and set out on a dangerous journey across the Himalayas to find her father. As desperation turns to peril, Asha will face law enforcement, natural disaster, and the wild dangers of the Himalayas. But with a majestic bird and a green-eyed tiger as her guides, who she believes to be the spirits of her ancestors, she's determined to keep faith in order to save her family.

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By: STEVEN BOHLS | Paperback
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With a turn of a key, Jed discovers he's more (and less) than he could have ever imagined. But as more questions than answers surface, Jed digs deeper into his history—and goes further into himself. Who is his father? Where is his mother? What is this place? How did these dreadnaughts get here? And . . . why is this happening to him? Strange truths, unexpected twists, and powerful revelations unfold as Jed confronts his past and contemplates his future.
WILD ROBOT ESCAPES
By: PETER BROWN | Paperback
JUNIOR FICTION

An instant New York Times bestseller! The sequel to the bestselling The Wild Robot, by award-winning author Peter Brown -- now in paperback! Shipwrecked on a remote, wild island, Robot Roz learned from the unwelcoming animal inhabitants and adapted to her surroundings--but can she survive the challenges of the civilized world and find her way home to Brightbill and the island? From bestselling and award-winning author and illustrator Peter Brown comes a heartwarming and action-packed sequel to his New York Times bestselling The Wild Robot, about what happens when nature and technology collide.

CONNECT THE DOTS
By: KEITH CALABRESE | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION

Liar & Spy meets The Parker Inheritance in this whimsically complex story about human connection and the power we all have to determine our own fate. Is there anything more random than middle school? Sixth graders Oliver and Frankie don't think so. Their first few weeks have been full of weirdness -- lunchtime thievery, free beef jerky, and Matilda, the mysterious new girl who knows everything about them, but has a lot to learn about making friends. But what if none of it is random at all? What if a reclusive genius is keeping an eye on them and making sure the tiny pieces of his puzzle fall into place, one by one, until strange, seemingly unconnected incidents snowball totally out of control? Imagine the odds! First a cardamom shortage takes down the school bully. Then a giant dog leads to some extracurricular spying. Soon Oliver is being followed and Matilda is hacking the FBI. And by the time they discover a gang of angry clowns and the world's largest game of Mousetrap, an insanely brilliant plan has been set in motion that will change their lives forever. Connect the Dots is an intricately plotted story about the power of human connection and a chain of "coincidences" so serendipitous they must be destiny at work.

ELEPHANT
By: PETER CARNAVAS | Hardcover
ISBN: 9781772781021 | Price: $15.96
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Mental Health

When Olive's dad drags himself to work in the morning, the elephant goes with him. When he comes home again, so does the elephant. It's always there, heavy and silent, casting a shadow of sadness over him. Olive knows it has been like this since her mother passed away when she was a year old, and she can't stand to see her father burdened anymore. With help from her grandfather and her best friend Arthur, she hatches a plan to rid her family of the elephant once and for all. Before long, she'll learn that while happiness isn't that simple, small things can move mountains--or elephants.

SCHOOL FOR GOOD & EVIL 05 A CRYSTA
By: SOMAN CHAINANI | Paperback
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JUNIOR FICTION

In this fifth installment in Soman Chainani's New York Times bestselling School for Good and Evil fantasy series, the past will come back to haunt the present. A false king has seized Camelot's throne, sentencing Tedros, the true king, to death. While Agatha, narrowly escapes the same fate, Sophie is caught in King Rhian's trap. With her wedding to Rhian approaching, she's forced to play a dangerous game as her friends' lives hang in the balance. All the while, King Rhian's dark plans for Camelot are taking shape. Now the students of the School for Good and Evil must find a way to restore Tedros to the throne before their stories--and the future of the Endless Woods--are rewritten...forever.

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**PANDAVA 03 ARU SHAH & THE TREE OF WISHES**
By: ROSHANI CHOKSHI | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION

War between the devas and the demons is imminent, and the Otherworld is on high alert. Fourteen-year-old Aru Shah and her friends are sent on a mission to rescue two "targets," one of whom is about to utter a prophecy that could mean the difference between victory and defeat. Turns out the targets, a pair of twins, are the newest Pandava sisters, though the prophecy says that one sister is not true. When the Pandavas fail to prevent the prophecy from reaching the Sleeper's ears, the heavenly attendants ask them to step aside. Aru believes that the only way to put the shine back on their brand is to find the Kalpavriksha, the wish-granting tree that came out of the Ocean of Milk when it was churned. If she can reach it before the Sleeper, perhaps she can turn everything around with one wish. Careful what you wish for, Aru...

**PANDAVA 02 ARU SHAH & THE SONG OF DEATH**
By: ROSHANI CHOKSHI | Paperback
JUNIOR FICTION

Best-selling author Rick Riordan presents best-selling author Roshani Chokshi and her sequel to Aru Shah and the End of Time. Aru is only just getting the hang of this whole Pandava thing when the Otherworld goes into full panic mode. The god of love's bow and arrow have gone missing, and the thief isn't playing Cupid. Instead, they're turning people into heartless fighting-machine zombies. If that weren't bad enough, somehow Aru gets framed as the thief. If she doesn't find the arrow by the next full moon, she'll be kicked out of the Otherworld. For good. But, for better or worse, she won't be going it alone. Along with her soul-sister, Mini, Aru will team up with Brynne, an ultra-strong girl who knows more than she lets on, and Aiden, the boy who lives across the street and is also hiding plenty of secrets. Together they'll battle demons, travel through a glittering and dangerous serpent realm, and discover that their enemy isn't at all who they expected.

**EFREN DIVIDED**
By: ERNESTO CISNEROS | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION

Efrén Nava's Amá is his Superwoman--or Soperwoman, named after the delicious Mexican sopes his mother often prepares. Both Amá and Apá work hard all day to provide for the family, making sure Efrén and his younger siblings Max and Mia feel safe and loved. But Efrén worries about his parents; although he's American-born, his parents are undocumented. His worst nightmare comes true one day when Amá doesn't return from work and is deported across the border to Tijuana, México. Now more than ever, Efrén must channel his inner Soperboy to help take care of and try to reunite his family.

**FRIENDSHIP WAR**
By: ANDREW CLEMENTS | Paperback
ISBN: 9780399557620 | Price: $8.79
JUNIOR FICTION

When Grace takes boxes of old buttons from a building her grandfather bought, she starts a fad at school that draws her closer to one friend, but further from another.

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EVERY MISSING PIECE
By: MELANIE CONKLIN | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Mystery

Maddy Gaines can't help but see danger everywhere she looks. When a new kid shows up in her small town, Maddy suspects he isn't just any boy—he's Billy Holcomb, the missing person the police have been searching for the last six months. Except, who will believe her? Definitely not her mom or her stepdad. Or the chief of police. But when Maddie convinces her best friend Cress to keep investigating Billy Holcomb, they find out more than they bargained for. As they try to put the pieces together, Maddie faces her own demons that she's been running away from all this time. Written in a seamless middle-grade voice by rising author Melanie Conklin, this coming-of-age novel proves that even the most flawed of characters contain multitudes.

HOME FOR GODDESSES & DOGS
By: LESLIE CONNOR | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION

It's a life-altering New Year for thirteen-year-old Lydia when she uproots to a Connecticut farm to live with her aunt following her mother's death. Aunt Brat and her jovial wife, Eileen, and their ancient live-in landlord, Elloroy, are welcoming—and a little quirky. Lydia's struggle for a sense of belonging in her new family is highlighted when the women adopt a big yellow dog just days after the girl's arrival. Wasn't one rescue enough? Lydia is not a dog person—and this one is trouble! He is mistrustful and snippy. He pees in the house, escapes into the woods, and barks at things unseen. His new owners begin to guess about his unknown past. Meanwhile, Lydia doesn't want to be difficult—and she does not mean to keep secrets—but there are things she's not telling... Like why the box of "paper stuff" she keeps under her bed is so important... And why that hole in the wall behind a poster in her room is getting bigger... And why something she took from the big yellow dog just might be the key to unraveling his mysterious past—but at what cost?

FINALLY SOMETHING MYSTERIOUS
By: DOUG CORNETT | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Mystery

The best mysteries can only be solved with your best friends. The perfect summer read for fans of Stuart Gibbs. Paul Marconi has always thought that Bellwood was a strange town, but also a boring one. Not much for an eleven-year-old to do. Fires are burning nearby, Paul's parents are obsessed with winning a bratwurst contest, and his best friend, one of the founding members of their only-child detective club, the One and Onlys, is about to acquire a younger sister, sort of undoing their whole reason for existing. But then! Hundreds of rubber duckies have appeared on the lawn of poor Mr. Babbage without any explanation. Finally! There is something that Paul and his friends can actually investigate. In the face of all these bizarre occurrences, Paul is convinced that uncovering who deposited the duckies will finally bring some sense to what has become an upside-down world. Soon the three friends have a long list of suspects, all with their own motives, but no clear culprit. When everything comes to a head at the town's annual Bellwood Bratwurst Bonanza, Paul discovers that some things don't have an easy explanation and not every mystery can be solved. A perfect summer story about friends, amateur sleuthing, and a whole lot of rubber duckies.

“The perfect mix of hilarious and heartwarming—kids won’t be able to get enough of Paul and his friends' Bellwood adventures.”—Elsie Chapman, author of All the Ways Home "Delightful fun for budding mystery fans.”—Kirkus "The quirkiness of the premise and the light, punny humor give the narrative its momentum.”--Booklist "The One and Onlys seem primed to become a popular trio among readers who enjoy an old-fashioned whodunit.”--Publishers Weekly
FARAH ROCKS 5TH GRADE
By: SUSANMUADDI DARRAJ | Hardcover  
ISBN: 9781496583390 | Price: $15.96  
JUNIOR FICTION
Farah and her best friend, Allie Liu, are getting excited to turn in their applications to the Magnet Academy, where they both hope to attend sixth grade. But when new girl Dana Denver shows up, Farah’s world is turned upside down. As Dana starts bullying Farah’s little brother, Samir, Farah begins to second-guess her choice to leave him behind at Harbortown Elementary/Middle School. Determined to handle it on her own, Farah comes up with a plan—a plan that involves lying to those closest to her. Will her lies catch up with her, or can Farah find a way to defeat the bully and rock fifth grade?

KIRANMALA & THE KINGDOM BEYOND 02 GAME O
By: SAYANTANI DASGUPTA | Paperback  
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Diversity
Saving the multiverse is no game in this New York Times bestseller! When the Demon Queen shows up in her bedroom, smelling of acid and surrounded by evil-looking bees, twelve-year-old Kiranmala is uninterested. After all, it's been weeks since she last heard from her friends in the Kingdom Beyond, the alternate dimension where she was born as an Indian princess. But after a call to action over an interdimensional television station and a visit with some all-seeing birds, Kiran decides that she has to once again return to her homeland, where society is fraying, a terrible game show reigns supreme, and friends and foes alike are in danger. Everyone is running scared or imprisoned following the enactment of sudden and unfair rules of law. However, things are a lot less clear than the last time she was in the Kingdom Beyond. Kiran must once again solve riddles and battle her evil Serpent King father -- all while figuring out who her true friends are, and what it really means to be a hero.

BLENDED
By: SHARON DRAPER | Paperback  
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Diversity
Eleven-year-old Isabella’s blended family is more divided than ever in this “timely but genuine” (Publishers Weekly) story about divorce and racial identity from the award-winning and New York Times bestselling author of Out of My Mind, Sharon M. Draper. Eleven-year-old Isabella’s parents are divorced, so she has to switch lives every week: One week she’s Isabella with her dad, his girlfriend Anastasia, and her son Darren living in a fancy house where they are one of the only black families in the neighborhood. The next week she’s Izzy with her mom and her boyfriend John-Mark in a small, not-so-fancy house that she loves. Because of this, Isabella has always felt pulled between two worlds. And now that her parents are divorced, it seems their fights are even worse, and they’re always about HER. Isabella feels completely stuck in the middle, split and divided between them more than ever. And she is beginning to realize that being split between Mom and Dad involves more than switching houses, switching nicknames, switching backpacks: it’s also about switching identities. Her dad is black, her mom is white, and strangers are always commenting: “You’re so exotic!” “You look so unusual.” “But what are you really?” She knows what they’re really saying: “You don’t look like your parents.” “You’re different.” “What race are you really?” And when her parents, who both get engaged at the same time, get in their biggest fight ever, Isabella doesn’t just feel divided, she feels ripped in two. What does it mean to be half white or half black? To belong to half mom and half dad? And if you’re only seen as half of this and half of that, how can you ever feel whole? It seems like nothing can bring Isabella’s family together again—until the worst thing happens. Isabella and Darren are stopped by the police. A cell phone is mistaken for a gun. And shots are fired.
GIRL WHO FELL OUT OF THE SKY
By: VICTORIA FORESTER | Hardcover Canadian
JUNIOR FICTION
In The Girl Who Fell Out of the Sky—the conclusion to the fantasy adventure series that began with the New York Times bestseller The Girl Who Could Fly—Victoria Forester shows readers that life is always exceptional, and "abilities" come in many forms. What happens when the girl who could fly can't fly anymore? Piper's ability to fly has disappeared, perhaps the result of some dark spell put on her, or perhaps because her ability has simply vanished forever. There is a worldwide calamity that Piper, Conrad, and their exceptional friends must tackle to save the planet, but Piper is left behind. If she can't fly, then what use is she? Piper learns she can't do a lot of things—cook, clean, and help Ma around the house, among them. She feels more helpless than ever. What is she good at? How will she ever believe in herself again?

HALF PAST PECULIAR BOOK 01
By: DEREK FRIDOLFS | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Detective
Meet the Fetch Twins and their menagerie of pets as they unlock a mysterious portal to limitless worlds in this one of a kind series from the New York Times bestselling graphic novel team of Dustin Nguyen and Derek Fridolfs. Twins Atticus and Esmeralda Fetch are the best pet finders in Thorns Hollow--a town where people have a lot of pets, and those pets often get lost. But when a lost dog leads them to an old, Victorian house on the edge of town, the twins find their world turned upside down. This creepy house contains a portal that leads to a whole other world—a world where mythical creatures like trolls, fairies, and dragons are real. The secrets this mythical world contains are bigger than these kids could ever imagine. Secrets that could threaten to destroy the world as we know it. Now, Minerva, Atticus, and yes, their canine companion will have to work together if they want to save our world, and the world beyond the portal! Using a mix of prose, artifacts, and comics, the Eisner Award-nominated and New York Times bestselling team of Derek Fridolfs and Dustin Nguyen creates a fantasy-based middle-grade series that's simultaneously eerie, very funny, and wondrously imaginative. With a mix of typeset pages, painted artifacts, and beautiful comics, this one of a kind novel is sure to spark the imaginations of readers everywhere.

IN YOUR SHOES
By: DONNA GEPHART | Paperback
ISBN: 9781524713768 | Price: $8.79
JUNIOR FICTION
"A unique and compelling novel from a master storyteller." --School Library Journal, starred review The critically acclaimed author of Lily and Dunkin delivers another heartfelt story that will remind readers you never know who needs a friend the most. Miles is an anxious boy who loves his family's bowling center—even though he could be killed by a bolt of lightning or a wild animal that escaped from the Philadelphia Zoo on the way there. Amy is the new girl at school who wishes she didn't have to live above her uncle's funeral home and tries to write her way to her own happily-ever-after. Then Miles and Amy meet in the most unexpected way . . . and that's when it all begins . . .

RICK
By: ALEX GINO | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): LGBTQ2S+
From the award-winning author of George, the story of a boy named Rick who needs to explore his own identity apart from his jerk of a best friend. Rick's never questioned much. He's gone along with his best friend Jeff even when Jeff's acted like a bully and a jerk. He's let his father joke with him about which hot girls he might want to date even though that kind of talk always makes him uncomfortable. And he hasn't given his own identity much thought, because everyone else around him seemed to have figured it out. But now Rick's gotten to middle school, and new doors are opening. One of them leads to the school's Rainbow Spectrum club, where kids of many genders and
identities congregate, including Melissa, the girl who sits in front of Rick in class and seems to have her life together. Rick wants his own life to be that ... understood. Even if it means breaking some old friendships and making some new ones. As they did in their groundbreaking novel George, in Rick, award-winning author Alex Gino explores what it means to search for your own place in the world ... and all the steps you and the people around you need to take in order to get where you need to be.

LEAGUE OF SECRET HEROES 01 CAPE
By: KATE HANNIGAN | Paperback
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): War/Children and War, Girl Power

“Readers...will be enamored by this blend of history, mystery, and superpowered action.” —Booklist (starred review) “Has the exciting pace of a superhero adventure.” —Kirkus Reviews Hidden Figures meets Wonder Woman in this action-packed, comic-inspired adventure about a brilliant girl puzzler who discovers she’s part of a superhero team—the first in a new series! Josie O’Malley does a lot to help out Mam after her father goes off to fight the Nazis, but she wishes she could do more—like all those caped heroes who now seem to have disappeared. If Josie can’t fly and control weather like her idol, Zenobia, maybe she can put her math smarts to use cracking puzzles for the government. After an official tosses out her puzzler test because she’s a girl, it soon becomes clear that an even more top-secret agency has its eye on Josie, along with two other applicants: Akiko and Mae. The trio bonds over their shared love of female superhero celebrities, from Hauntima to Zenobia to Hopscotch. But during one extraordinary afternoon, they find themselves transformed into the newest (and youngest!) superheroes in town. As the girls’ abilities slowly begin to emerge, they learn that their skills will be crucial in thwarting a shapeshifting henchman of Hitler, and, just maybe, in solving an even larger mystery about the superheroes who’ve recently gone missing. Inspired by remarkable real-life women from World War II—the human computers and earliest programmers called “the ENIAC Six”—this pulse-pounding adventure features bold action and brave thinking, with forty-eight pages of comic book style graphic panels throughout the book. Readers will want to don their own capes for an adventure, and realize they have the power to be a superhero, too!

DOLPHIN ISLAND 02 LOST IN THE STORM
By: CATHERINE HAPKA | Paperback
JUNIOR FICTION

Welcome to Dolphin Island, where the tropical sun shines, the dolphins play, and friendship is always just down the beach! Welcome to Dolphin Island! Hurricane season is here and Abby can't help but worry about the danger it may bring to the resort and the dolphins living in the cove. If the wind gets any stronger and the waves grow any wilder, everyone might have to evacuate! That doesn't stop Abby from introducing a new guest named Delaney to her dolphin friends. But when the storm hits and Delaney's dad gets stranded in open water, it's Abby and her dolphin friends to the rescue!

DOLPHIN ISLAND 01 A DARING RESCUE
By: CATHERINE HAPKA | Paperback
JUNIOR FICTION

Welcome to Dolphin Island, where the tropical sun shines, the dolphins play, and friendship is always just down the beach! Abby's family has just moved to the Florida Keys to run an island resort. She's excited to feel the surf, sand, and ocean breeze every day! And when Bella, a visitor to the island, discovers a hidden cave that's home to a pod of dolphins, Abby knows she's right where she should be. But Bella makes Abby swear to keep the dolphins a secret. Can Abby keep her promise or will their friendship be over for good?
Sweeping Up the Heart
By: KEVIN HENKES | Paperback
JUNIOR FICTION

From two-time Newbery Honor and New York Times-bestselling author Kevin Henkes, this timeless novel about loss, loneliness, and friendship tells the story of the spring break that changes seventh-grader Amelia Albright's life forever. Amelia Albright dreams about going to Florida for spring break like everyone else in her class, but her father—a cranky and stubborn English professor—has decided Florida is too much adventure. Now Amelia is stuck at home with him and her babysitter, the beloved Mrs. O'Brien. The week ahead promises to be boring, until Amelia meets Casey at her neighborhood art studio. Amelia has never been friends with a boy before, and the experience is both fraught and thrilling. When Casey claims to see the spirit of Amelia's mother (who died ten years before), the pair embarks on an altogether different journey in their attempt to find her. Using crisp, lyrical, literary writing and moments of humor and truth, award-winning author Kevin Henkes deftly captures how it feels to be almost thirteen. With themes of family, death, grief, creativity, and loyalty, Sweeping Up the Heart is for readers of Kate DiCamillo, Rebecca Stead, Lauren Wolk, Kimberly Brubaker Bradley, and Pam Munoz Ryan.

Sal & Gabi 02 Sal & Gabi Fix the Universe
By: CARLOS HERNANDEZ | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION

Best-selling author Rick Riordan presents the sequel to the critically acclaimed Sal and Gabi Break the Universe, a brilliant sci-fi romp with Cuban influence. Among many other challenges, Sal and Gabi have to try to make everything right with our world when there is a rogue Gabi from another universe running loose. Sal Vidon doesn't want to live a Mami-free life. Pulling different versions of his mother from other universes is how he copes with missing his own, who died years ago. But Sal's father, a calamity physicist, is trying to shut down all the wormholes Sal creates, because Papi thinks they are eroding the very fabric of our world. All of Papi's efforts are in vain, however, because a Gabi from another universe has gone rogue and is popping up all over the place, seeking revenge for the fact that her world has been destroyed. While Sal and Gabi work together to keep both Papi and Rogue Gabi under control, they also have to solve the mystery of Yasmany, who has gone missing from school. Could it have something to do with the wormhole in the back of his locker? Readers who enjoyed Sal and Gabi Break the Universe will relish being back in the world of Culeco Academy and the Coral Castle along with such unforgettable characters as American Stepmom, the Gabi-Dads, Principal Torres, and the sassy entropy sweeper. With multiple Sals and Gabis in charge, it's no wonder this sequel offers even more hilarious weirdness and love than the first book.

Sal & Gabi 01 Sal & Gabi Break the Universe
By: CARLOS HERNANDEZ | Paperback
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Diversity

How did a raw chicken get inside Yasmany's locker? When Sal Vidon meets Gabi Real for the first time, it isn't under the best of circumstances. Sal is in the principal's office for the third time in three days, and it's still the first week of school. Gabi, student council president and editor of the school paper, is there to support her friend Yasmany, who just picked a fight with Sal. She is determined to prove that somehow, Sal planted a raw chicken in Yasmany's locker, even though nobody saw him do it and the bloody poultry has since mysteriously disappeared. Sal prides himself on being an excellent magician, but for this sleight of hand, he relied on a talent no one would guess . . . except maybe Gabi, whose sharp eyes never miss a trick. When Gabi learns that he's capable of conjuring things much bigger than a chicken—including his dead mother—and she takes it all in stride, Sal knows that she is someone he can work with. There's only one slight problem: their manipulation of time and space could put the entire universe at risk. A sassy entropy sweeper, a documentary about wedgies, a principal who wears a Venetian bauta mask, and heaping platefuls of Cuban food are just some of the delights that await in his mind-blowing novel gift-wrapped in love and laughter.

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3RD MUSHROOM
By: JENNIFER HOLM | Paperback
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JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Humour

"Believe in the unexpected” with this hilarious, heartwarming, and acclaimed sequel to the New York Times bestseller The Fourteenth Goldfish! Ellie's grandpa Melvin is a world-renowned scientist . . . in the body of a fourteen-year-old boy. His feet stink, and he eats everything in the refrigerator--and Ellie is so happy to have him around. Grandpa may not exactly fit in at middle school, but he certainly keeps things interesting. When he and Ellie team up for the county science fair, no one realizes just how groundbreaking their experiment will be. The formula for eternal youth may be within their reach! And when Ellie's cat, Jonas Salk, gets sick, the stakes become even higher. But is the key to eternal life really the key to happiness? Sometimes even the most careful experiments yield unexpected--and wonderful--results.

KAZU JONES 02 THE COMIC BOOK CRIMINAL
By: SHAUNA HOLYOAK | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Mystery

Kazu Jones, scrappy fifth grade detective, is back on the case with her friends and fellow crime solvers, March, CindeeRae, and Madeleine. There's a vandal targeting local comic book stores with anti-comic graffiti, and the team is determined to solve the mystery before their beloved shop, The Super Pickle, gets hit. When they trace the vandal's secret identity—the Dark Writer—back to a rare comic book series, they realize the case has ties to one of the biggest superhero franchises in the nation. The vandal is out for revenge, and it's up to Kazu and the team to stop this comic book criminal before things come to an explosive end.

KAZU JONES 01 THE DENVER DOGNAPPERS
By: SHAUNA HOLYOAK | Paperback
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Mystery

When a string of dognappings grips her Denver neighborhood, Kazu Jones vows to track down the culprits. She can't stand to see more dogs go missing—especially once her neighbours' beloved pet is taken because of her gigantic mistake. With the help of her gang—including her best friend and expert hacker, March; and her ginormous, socially anxious pup, Genki—Kazu uncovers evidence that suggests the dognapping ring is bigger than she ever imagined. But the more she digs, the more dangerous her investigation becomes. The dognappers are getting bolder, and Genki could be next...

CASE OF THE MISSING AUNTIE
By: MICHAEL HUTCHINSON | Paperback Canadian
ISBN: 9781772601176 | Price: $8.76
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Mystery, Indigenous

The Mighty Muskrats, four Cree cousins from the Windy Lake First Nation, visit the city and solve the mystery of their missing aunt.

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JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Mystery, Historical Fiction

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CONFESSIONS OF A DORK LORD
By: MIKE JOHNSTON | Hardcover
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JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Humour

Twelve-year-old Wick, a warlock-in-training with allergies, sets out to prove that he is ready for his great and terrible destiny--to fill the shoes of his late father, the Dark Lord.

LOUDER THAN WORDS
By: KATHY KACER | Paperback Canadian
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): War/Children and War

Heroic actions speak volumes in a powerful middle grade novel based on real WWII events. Life is not easy for Jewish people in the midst of the Second World War, and for twelve-year-old Dina and her sisters, it gets even harder when their father dies. Their mother must go back to work and despite many objections, the family adjusts to the arrival of their new housekeeper, Nina, who is not Jewish. But Nina's role changes dramatically when the Nazis invade their small Ukrainian town. Nina sacrifices her own safety to make sure the children she has come to love are kept from the clutches of the Nazis, and Dina comes to depend on her in a way she never imagined she would. The third novel in Kathy Kacer's acclaimed Heroes Quartet series, Louder Than Words is based on the true story of one woman's incredible heroism in the most dangerous of circumstances. It is a another affecting testament to the unsung heroes of World War II who, at great personal risk, saved the lives of strangers.

THEORY OF HUMMINGBIRDS
By: MICHELLE KADARUSMAN | Paperback Canadian
JUNIOR FICTION

A moving novel for middle-grade readers that is not about OVERCOMING disability, but rather about BECOMING one's truest self.
MUSIC FOR TIGERS
By: MICHELLE KADARUSMAN | Hardcover Canadian
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Coming of Age, Diversity

A young violinist discovers her mother's family secretly harbor a sanctuary for extinct Tasmanian tigers in the remote Australian rainforest.

ELEMENTALS SCORCH DRAGONS
By: AMIE KAUFMAN | Paperback
JUNIOR FICTION

The struggle for power heats up in book two of this heart-stopping adventure series about siblings with magical shapeshifter powers, from New York Times bestselling author Amie Kaufman. After the fateful battle between the ice wolves and the scorch dragons, Anders and his twin sister, Rayna, have been reunited. But there’s no time to celebrate. The temperature all over Vallen is starting to drop. And Anders quickly learns that the wolves have stolen a weather-altering artifact called the Snowstone, and every dragon, including Rayna, is now in danger. Desperate to broker peace, Anders enlists the help of a few new flame-breathing friends to stop the wolves’ next plan of attack. Together, these former rivals must go on a dangerous quest to find the scattered pieces of the Sun Scepter, the only artifact that can counteract the Snowstone. Because if either device goes unchecked, all hope for a truce will be lost.

ELEMENTS OF GENIUS 03 NIKKI TESLA TRAITO
By: JESS KEATING | Hardcover Canadian
JUNIOR FICTION

Someone who goes by the name of "V" is planning to unleash a lethal virus that could destroy the human race, and it is up to Nikki Tesla and her friends from the Genius Academy (which has been blamed for an international incident and shut down), to uncover the villain (who is closer to them than they realize) and find a way to stop the biological attack—an effort that will cost Nikki her life.

ELEMENTS OF GENIUS 02 NIKKI TESLA FELLOW
By: JESS KEATING | Hardcover Canadian
JUNIOR FICTION

Ocean's 11 meets Spy School in this hilarious illustrated middle-grade adventure series featuring the world's greatest tween geniuses. "For a group of geniuses who are supposed to help people, we do an awful lot of stealing." Nikki Tesla and the rest of the Genius Academy team have agreed to pilfer a completely priceless, totally lethal high-tech ring. Why? Because a mad scientist on a power trip plans to use it to do some serious damage. And because the very same mad scientist has kidnapped Mary Shelley. Mess with one genius, and you mess with them all. But mostly they're planning the heist of the century so Nikki can get to know her long-lost father who claims he isn't the criminal mastermind she believes him to be. After all, if a little international thievery can protect the world from evil, it just might save Nikki's family.
ELEMENTS OF GENIUS 01 NIKKI TESLA FERRET
By: JESS KEATING | Paperback Canadian
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Science Themes

Ocean's 11 meets Spy School in this hilarious illustrated middle-grade series featuring the world's greatest minds. "Let the official record show that, I, Nikki Tesla, did not intend to destroy the world." There are only so many times a kid can invent an instrument of global destruction without getting grounded. So when Nikki's death ray accidentally blows up her bedroom (if you can call a pet ferret with an itchy trigger finger an accident), she's sent to the only place that can handle her. Genius Academy is a school for history's greatest brains. Leo da Vinci? Charlotte Darwin? Bert Einstein? All extraordinary. Yet even among her fellow prodiges, Nikki feels like an outsider thanks to a terrible secret she can't let anyone discover. Ever. But when her death ray is stolen, Nikki must stop worrying about fitting in and learn to play nice with her new classmates. Because it doesn't take a genius to track a thief around the world, outwit the authorities, and keep a French fry-fanatic ferret happy. It takes all of them.

WHEN YOU TRAP A TIGER
By: TAE KELLER | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Diversity

When Lily and her family move in with her sick grandmother, a magical tiger straight out of her halmoni's Korean folktales arrives. The tiger offers Lily a deal— if Lily will open her grandmother's star jars and return what she stole, the tiger will heal her grandmother. But deals with tigers are never what they seem! With the help of her sister and her new friend Ricky, Lily must find her voice... and the courage to face a tiger.

LILA & HADLEY
By: KODY KEPLINGER | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Special Needs

Can a lost girl save a found dog? Find out in this unforgettable story about discovering true friendship, finding home, and the possibilities of forgiveness. Hadley is angry about a lot of things: Her mom going to jail. Having to move to another state to live with her older sister, Beth, even though they haven't spoken in five years. Leaving her friends and her school behind. And going blind. But then Hadley meets Lila. Lila is an abandoned dog who spends her days just quietly lying around at the local dog rescue where Beth works. She doesn't listen to directions or play with the other dogs or show any interest in people. So when Lila comes and sits by Hadley (which is hardly anything, but it's more than she's done with others), Beth thinks maybe Hadley can help Lila. She tells Hadley they'll bring Lila home as a foster dog and she can teach her to follow commands, walk on a leash, and be more of a people dog so she's ready to be adopted. Only working with Lila is harder than Hadley thought, and so is the mobility training she starts taking to help with her failing vision. It feels like Lila is too stubborn to train and that learning to use a cane is impossible. But unless Hadley can help Lila, she'll never be adopted into a home. If Hadley could just let go of her anger, she might be able to save Lila... and herself. New York Times bestselling author Kody Keplinger weaves an unforgettable story about discovering true friendship, finding home, and the possibilities of forgiveness.

RISE OF THE DRAGONS 02 LOST LANDS
By: JESSICA KHOURY | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION

A thrilling series that puts YOU in the center of the action with collectible dragon game cards. Sirin, Allie, and Joss have joined forces with the legendary silver dragon Lysander, the only creature capable of opening portals between the two worlds. But the powerful Lennix clan is following the children's every move and will stop at nothing to capture Lysander. After generations of plotting, the Lennixes -- and their bloodthirsty dragon allies, the Raptors -- are terrifyingly close to establishing a brutal dragon regime on Earth, just like they did centuries ago. Now, it's up to Allie, Joss, and Sirin to protect Lysander while searching for a secret source of lost dragon magic. The only force
powerful enough to stop the Raptor. But when their search takes them to one of the largest cities on Earth, the new friends must decide what's more important: finding the missing treasure or guarding the most important secret in the world -- that dragons have returned to Earth . . . and not all of them have good intentions.

**STAND UP YUMI CHUNG**
By: JESSICA KIM | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Humour, Diversity

On the outside, Yumi Chung suffers from #shygirlproblems, a perm-gone-wrong, and kids calling her "Yu-MEAT" because she smells like her family's Korean barbecue restaurant. On the inside, Yumi is ready for her Netflix stand-up special. Her notebook is filled with mortifying memories that she's reworked into comedy gold. All she needs is a stage and courage. Instead of spending the summer studying her favorite YouTube comedians, Yumi is enrolled in test-prep tutoring to qualify for a private school scholarship, which will help in a time of hardship at the restaurant. One day after class, Yumi stumbles on an opportunity that will change her life: a comedy camp for kids taught by one of her favorite YouTube stars. The only problem is that the instructor and all the students think she's a girl named Kay Nakamura--and Yumi doesn't correct them. As this case of mistaken identity unravels, Yumi must decide to stand up and reveal the truth or risk losing her dreams and disappointing everyone she cares about.

**WIZENARD 02 SEASON 1**
By: WESLEY KING | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Sports - Basketball

The next book in the #1 New York Times bestselling Wizenard series Reggie has never felt destined for greatness. He dreams about basketball brilliance all day and night, but the hard truth is that he's a benchwarmer for the West Bottom Badgers the worst team in the league. Even their mysterious new coach, Rolabi Wizenard, can't seem to help them end their losing streak. Reggie is willing to train tirelessly to improve his game, but the gym itself seems to be working against him in magical ways. Before Reggie can become the player her dreams of being, he must survive the extraordinary trials of practice. Basketball legend Kobe Bryant presents this illuminating follow-up to the #1 New York Times best seller The Wizenard Series: Training Camp--a story of strain and sacrifice, supernatural breakthroughs, and supreme dedication to the game.

**SARA & THE SEARCH FOR NORMAL**
By: WESLEY KING | Hardcover Canadian
JUNIOR FICTION

In this prequel to the Edgar Award–winning OCDaniel, fan-favorite Sara quests for “normal” and finds something even better along the way. Sara’s Rules to be Normal 1. Stop taking your pills 19. Make a friend 137. Don’t put mayonnaise on peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Sara wants one thing: to be normal. What she has instead are multiple diagnoses from Dr. Ring. Sara’s constant battle with False Alarm—what she calls panic attacks—and other episodes cause her to isolate herself. She rarely speaks, especially not at school, and so she doesn’t have any friends. But when she starts group therapy she meets someone new. Talkative and outgoing Erin doesn’t believe in “normal,” and Sara finds herself in unfamiliar territory: at the movies, at a birthday party, and with someone to tell about her crush—in short, with a friend. But there’s more to Erin than her cheerful exterior, and Sara begins to wonder if helping Erin will mean sacrificing their friendship.
ESCAPE FROM HAT
By: ADAM KLINE | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION

Good and bad luck battle to control the world in this hilarious and enchanting illustrated middle grade novel about a lucky rabbit, an evil black cat, and one hapless boy caught between them, from award-winning screenwriter and debut author Adam Kline. We all have good luck and bad, courtesy of our very own lucky rabbits and bad-luck black cats. Most people never notice them. Cecil Bean certainly never noticed the villainous cat, Millikin, that lurked around every corner or his devoted rabbit, Leek, who was never far from his side. At least not until Millikin hatches a deliciously evil plan to vanish Leek into a magician's hat, leaving Cecil with no good luck at all and stranding poor Leek in a world that no rabbit has ever escaped from. Leek and Cecil will do anything to find their way back to each other--even if it means facing enormous odds and seemingly insurmountable obstacles. To escape from Hat, Leek must sail across the Great Ink, travel beyond the Jungle Prime Evil, trek through the Grottos of Ill Repute, and enter the heart of all bad luck: the fortress of the black cats itself. All while Cecil heads out on an adventure of his own to find the hard-hearted magician, whose tricks seem to have turned Cecil's life upside down. Gear up for adventure in this boisterously entertaining debut novel by award-winning screenwriter Adam Kline, with gorgeous, full-color illustrations throughout by Brian Taylor! Soon to be a major animated motion picture from Academy Award-nominated director (Kung Fu Panda, Little Prince) Mark Osborne.

WAR STORIES
By: GORDON KORMAN | Paperback
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): War/Children and War, Inter-Generational

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of Restart, a story of telling truth from lies -- and finding out what being a hero really means. Trevor loves more than anything else: playing war-based video games and his great-grandfather Jacob, who is a true-blue, bona fide war hero. At the height of the war, Jacob helped liberate a small French village, and was given a hero's welcome upon his return to America. Now it's decades later, and Jacob wants to retrace the steps he took during the war -- from training to invasion to the village he is said to have saved. Trevor thinks this is the coolest idea ever. But as they get to the village, Trevor discovers there's more to the story than what he's heard his whole life, causing him to wonder about his great-grandfather's heroism, the truth about the battle he fought, and importance of genuine valor.

ME & BANKSY
By: TANYA KYI | Hardcover Canadian
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Humour, Media Literacy

Dominica's private school is covered in cameras, and someone is hacking into them and posting embarrassing moments for the whole school to see. Like Ana picking her nose. When Dominica quickly changes her shirt from inside out in what she thinks is the privacy of a quiet corner in the library, she's shocked - and embarrassed - to discover a video has captured this and is currently circulating amongst her schoolmates. So mortifying, especially since over the past three years, they've had a half-dozen school talks about social media safety. Who has access to the school security cameras and why are they doing this? Dominica and her best friends, Holden and Saanvi, are determined to find out, and in the process start an art-based student campaign against cameras in the classroom.
BLASTAWAY
By: MELISSA LANDERS | Paperback
JUNIOR FICTION

Kyler Centaurus isn't your typical runaway. All he wanted was a quick trip to the legendary Fasti Sun Festival. Who wouldn't want to see new stars being born? Um, try Kyler's entire family. They couldn't care less about mind-blowing wonders of science. When an accidental launch sequence ends with Kyler hurtling through space on the family cruiser, the thrill of freedom is cut short by two space pirates determined to steal his ship. Not happening! Luckily, Kyler bumps into Fig, a savvy young Wanderer who makes a living by blowing up asteroids. She could really use a ride to Earth and Kyler could really use a hand with the pirates. But when Kyler learns the truth about Fig's mission, the two must put aside their differences long enough to stop the threat of astronomical proportions racing towards Earth?

RULES OF THE RUFF
By: HEIDI LANG | Paperback
JUNIOR FICTION

A girl learns how to walk dogs--and walk tall--in this charming, coming-of-age novel! Twelve-year-old Jessie is in for a long, lonely summer at her aunt and uncle's house. Her uncle is clueless, her aunt is downright frosty, and worst of all, her cousin Ann thinks Jessie isn't cool enough to hang out with anymore. But Jessie is industrious, and--not content with being ignored all summer--she convinces Wes, a grouchy neighborhood dog walker, to take her on as his apprentice. Sure, dog walking turns out to be harder than she expected, but she has Wes's dog-walking code, the Rules of the Ruff, to guide her, and soon, she's wrangling her very own pack like the best of them. But when Monique, a charming rival dog walker, moves to town, she quickly snatches up most of Wes's business--and Jessie decides she isn't going to take this defeat with her tail between her legs.

STRANGE & DEADLY PORTRAITS OF BRYONY GRA
By: E LATIMER | Paperback Canadian
JUNIOR FICTION

Lemony Snicket meets Oscar Wilde meets Edgar Allan Poe in this exciting and scary middle-grade novel inspired by The Picture of Dorian Gray -- a family curse is unleashed! Bryony Gray is becoming famous as a painter in London art circles. But life isn't so grand. Her uncle keeps her locked in the attic, forcing her to paint for his rich clients . . . and now her paintings are taking on a life of their own, and customers are going missing under mysterious circumstances. When her newest painting escapes the canvas and rampages through the streets of London, Bryony digs into her family history, discovering some rather scandalous secrets her uncle has been keeping, including a deadly curse she's inherited from her missing father. Bryony has accidentally unleashed the Gray family curse, and it's spreading fast. With a little help from the strange-but-beautiful girl next door and her paranoid brother, Bryony sets out to break the curse, dodging bloodthirsty paintings, angry mobs and her wicked uncle along the way.

DRAGON PEARL
By: YOON LEE | Paperback
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Diversity

Rick Riordan Presents Yoon Ha Lee's space opera about thirteen-year-old Min, who comes from a long line of fox spirits. But you'd never know it by looking at her. To keep the family safe, Min's mother insists that none of them use any fox-magic, such as Charm or shape-shifting. They must appear human at all times. Min feels hemmed in by the household rules and resents the endless chores, the cousins who crowd her, and the aunties who judge her. She would like nothing more than to escape Jinju, her neglected, dust-ridden, and impoverished planet. She's counting the days until she can follow her older brother, Jun, into the Space Forces and see more of the Thousand Worlds.
When word arrives that Jun is suspected of leaving his post to go in search of the Dragon Pearl, Min knows that something is wrong. Jun would never desert his battle cruiser, even for a mystical object rumored to have tremendous power. She decides to run away to find him and clear his name. Min's quest will have her meeting gamblers, pirates, and vengeful ghosts. It will involve deception, lies, and sabotage. She will be forced to use more fox-magic than ever before, and to rely on all of her cleverness and bravery. The outcome may not be what she had hoped, but it has the potential to exceed her wildest dreams. This sci-fi adventure with the underpinnings of Korean mythology will transport you to a world far beyond your imagination.

SIMPLE ART OF FLYING
By: CORY LEONARDO | Paperback
JUNIOR FICTION

“Delightfully quirky.” —Kirkus Reviews
Perfect for fans of The One and Only Ivan, this irresistible debut novel combines plucky humor and a whole lot of heart in a story about the true meaning of family. Sometimes flying means keeping your feet on the ground… Born in a dismal room in a pet store, Alastair the African grey parrot dreams of escape to bluer skies. He’d like nothing more than to fly away to a palm tree with his beloved sister, Aggie. But when Aggie is purchased by twelve-year-old Fritz, and Alastair is adopted by elderly dance-enthusiast and pie-baker Albertina Plopky, the future looks ready to crash-land. In between anxiously plucking his feathers, eating a few books, and finding his own poetic voice, Alastair plots his way to a family reunion. But soon he’s forced to choose between the life he’s always dreamed of and admitting the truth: that sometimes, the bravest adventure is in letting go.

SHOW ME A SIGN
By: ANN LEZOTTE | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Special Needs

Deaf author and librarian Ann Clare LeZotte weaves a riveting Own Voices story inspired by the true history of a thriving deaf community on Martha's Vineyard in the early 19th century. "A vivid depiction of Deaf community along with an exciting plot and beautiful prose make this a must-read." -- Kirkus Review, starred review
"The rare book by a Deaf writer illuminating the Deaf experience for young readers…. A triumph." -- Brian Selznick, creator of Wonderstruck and the Caldecott Honor Book, The Invention of Hugo Cabret
"This book blew me away." -- Alex Gino, Stonewall Award-winning author of George
"Spend time in Mary's world. You'll be better for it." -- Erin Entrada Kelly, author of the Newbery Award Winner, Hello, Universe
Mary Lambert has always felt safe and protected on her beloved island of Martha's Vineyard. Her great-great-grandfather was an early English settler and the first deaf islander. Now, over a hundred years later, many people there -- including Mary -- are deaf, and nearly everyone can communicate in sign language. Mary has never felt isolated. She is proud of her lineage. But recent events have delivered winds of change. Mary's brother died, leaving her family shattered. Tensions over land disputes are mounting between English settlers and the Wampanoag people. And a cunning young scientist has arrived, hoping to discover the origin of the island's prevalent deafness. His maniacal drive to find answers soon renders Mary a "live specimen" in a cruel experiment. Her struggle to save herself is at the core of this penetrating and poignant novel that probes our perceptions of ability and disability. It will make you forever question your own ideas about what is normal.

WILD FOLK
By: SYLVIA LINSTEADT | Paperback
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Environment

When Tin, an orphan City boy with a passion for invention, and curious Country girl Comfrey are visited by two young hares, it is the start of a magical quest. To stop the City from ravaging the Country, they must complete seemingly impossible challenges set by the mystical Wild Folk to find the one who holds the secret to saving their world. First in an epic fantasy duology rooted in folklore, nature and mythology. Timeless adventure combining magic, animal spirits and folklore; a future classic filled with wonder and unforgettable characters.

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COPYCAT  
By: WEMDY MACKNIGHT | Hardcover Canadian  
JUNIOR FICTION  

After several moves, twelve-year-old Ali and her quirky family finally find a home in Saint John, but Ali's ability to blend in at school hits a snag when she discovers she is more different than she thought.

FLOODED EARTH  
By: MARDI MCCONNOCHIE | Paperback Canadian  
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Natural Disasters  

The 2019 Green Earth Award-Winning trilogy opener is now available in trade paperback! Forty years after the earth was devastated by massive flooding, four children on one small sailboat must flee corrupt authorities and overcome the dangers of the sea that drowned their world. Twins Will and Annalie thought the hardest part about this year was going to be their separation when bookish Annalie began life at a prestigious Admiralty-run boarding school and avid sailor Will stayed behind in the flood-damaged slums. But that was before the Admiralty raided their father's engineering workshop. Before they sent a questioner to threaten Annalie at school. Before their father disappeared, leaving a single coded clue to his destination. Desperate to find their father, the twins set out in the family's small sailboat. But though they are both experienced sailors, they have no idea what dangers the sea has in store for them. With The Flooded Earth, Mardi McConnochie opens her middle-grade cli-fi saga at top speed, drawing readers into a race against pirates, authorities, and the sea itself in a not-so-distant future full of new technology and old human failings.

CATERPILLAR SUMMER  
By: GILLIAN MCDUNN | Paperback  
ISBN: 9781547603145 | Price: $8.79  
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Special Needs  

This beautifully written, emotional debut perfect for fans of Lynda Mullaly Hunt or Ali Benjamin tells the story a girl, her special needs brother, and the summer they will never forget. "An engaging, honest book." --Kimberly Brubaker Bradley, Newbery Honor-winning author of The War That Saved My Life "A beautiful story of family, forgiveness, life on an island, and growing up." --Kate Messner, author of Breakout and The Seventh Wish Cat and her brother Chicken have always had a very special bond--Cat is one of the few people who can keep Chicken happy. When he has a "meltdown" she's the one who scratches his back and reads his favorite story. She's the one who knows what Chicken needs. Since their mom has had to work double-hard to keep their family afloat after their father passed away, Cat has been the glue holding her family together. But even the strongest glue sometimes struggles to hold. When a summer trip doesn't go according to plan, Cat and Chicken end up spending three weeks with grandparents they never knew. For the first time in years, Cat has the opportunity to be a kid again, and the journey she takes shows that even the most broken or strained relationships can be healed if people take the time to walk in one another's shoes. An Indies Introduce Pick A Texas Bluebonnet Selection A Parents Best Book of the Year A Kirkus Reviews Best Book of the Year An Amazon Best Book of the Year

UNWANTEDS QUESTS 05 DRAGON FIRE  
By: LISA MCMANN | Hardcover  
JUNIOR FICTION  

Ten years after Alex and Aaron Stowe brought peace to Quill and Artimé, their younger twin sisters journey beyond Artimé in the fifth novel in the New York Times bestselling sequel series to The Unwanteds, which Kirkus Reviews called “The Hunger Games meets Harry Potter.” Artimé is at war. Led by the reckless new head mage, Frieda Stubbs, and swayed by her stoking their fear of the Revinir’s return, the people of Artimé have turned against the Stowe family. Aaron and his allies are captured while Fifer is left exposed to mortal danger. Thisbe and the team of
black-eyed children from Grimere journey to Artimé to help, leaving Dev behind to fend for himself against the increasingly powerful Revinir. Thisbe grapples with guilt and worry from multiple directions as her relationship with Fifer continues its downward spiral. When things are at their bleakest and everything is on the line, Fifer is forced to make a decision that could change her destiny forever.

UNWANTEDS QUESTS 03 DRAGON GHOSTS
By: LISA MCMANN | Paperback
JUNIOR FICTION

Ten years after Alex and Aaron Stowe brought peace to Quill and Artimé, their younger twin sisters journey beyond Artimé in the third novel in the New York Times bestselling sequel series to The Unwanteds, which Kirkus Reviews called “The Hunger Games meets Harry Potter.” Devastated by loss and hampered by a civil war in the Land of the Dragons, Fifer and Simber struggle to lead the rest of their team in a seemingly hopeless search for Fifer’s twin. Meanwhile, Thisbe, pounded by images of Grimere’s dark history and her growing feelings of abandonment, considers leaving Rohan behind in a desperate gamble that could lead her home...or to her death. Back in Artimé, chaos reigns. A new mage steps up to restore the magical land, but finds unexpected trouble at home and discovers—too late—that the Revinir’s controlling grip has reached into the vulnerable heart of Artimé.

JIGSAW PUZZLE KING
By: GINA MCMURCHY-BARBER | Paperback Canadian
JUNIOR FICTION

Being yourself isn’t always easy. People say, “Just be yourself.” But when you’re new in school, all you want is to fit in — to be like everyone else. When eleven-year-old Warren and his family move to a new city, his twin brother, who has Down syndrome, attracts too much attention for Warren’s liking. Bennie lives his life happily. He’s different and doesn’t care about it. But while he may be oblivious to those who are curious or uneasy with him, Warren notices every smirk, comment, and sideways glance. Warren is weary of flip-flopping between trying to be just like everyone else and being the protective brother of a boy with special needs. Sometimes he thinks his life would be easier if he had no brother. But what he really needs is to stop worrying about what other people think.

GET ME OUT OF HERE
By: ANDY MCNAB | Paperback
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Humour, Survival

Friendship, heart, and awkward middle-school humor come together in this laugh-out-loud adventure as a group of kids take a class trip that doesn't quite live up to their expectations. It's all fun and games until you lose cell service. When an epic class trip to "Wild Out," an Outward Bound-like adventure weekend involving rock climbing, kayaking, and zip lining, is announced, Danny Mack and his best friends are thrilled. But when one of the teachers gets sick and Danny's mean older brother volunteers to chaperone, the weekend seems doomed to be a disaster. When the group arrives at the campground, they discover that they'll be sleeping in tents instead of cabins, milking cows for their breakfast oatmeal, and using a toilet without modern plumbing OR TOILET PAPER. Not at all the adventure they thought it would be. Bestselling author Andy McNab and award-winning author Phil Earle join forces for the very first time, and the results are hilarious! Brilliantly illustrated by Robin Boydon, Get Me Out of Here! is full of laughs and heart, but at its core, it's a story of friendship, resilience, and determination.

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HURRICANE SEASON
By: NICOLE MELLEBY | Paperback
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): LGBTQ2S+, Family Relationships

For Fig’s dad, hurricane season brings the music. For Fig, hurricane season brings the possibility of disaster. Fig, a sixth grader, loves her dad and the home they share in a beachside town. She does not love the long months of hurricane season. Her father, a once-renowned piano player, sometimes goes looking for the music in the middle of a storm. Hurricane months bring unpredictable good and bad days. More than anything, Fig wants to see the world through her father’s eyes, so she takes an art class to experience life as an artist does. Then Fig’s dad shows up at school, confused and looking for her. Not only does the class not bring Fig closer to understanding him, it brings social services to their door. As the walls start to fall around her, Fig is sure it’s up to her alone to solve her father’s problems and protect her family’s privacy. But with the help of her best friend, a cute girl at the library, and a surprisingly kind new neighbor, Fig learns she isn’t as alone as she once thought . . . and begins to compose her own definition of family. Nicole Melleby’s Hurricane Season is a radiant and tender novel about taking risks and facing danger, about friendship and art, and about growing up and coming out. And more than anything else, it is a story about love—both its limits and its incredible healing power.

CHIRP
By: KATE MESSNER | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION

When Mia moves to Vermont the summer after seventh grade, she's recovering from the broken arm she got falling off a balance beam. And packed away in the moving boxes under her clothes and gymnastics trophies is a secret she'd rather forget. Mia's change in scenery brings day camp, new friends, and time with her beloved grandmother. But Gram is convinced someone is trying to destroy her cricket farm. Is it sabotage or is Gram's thinking impaired from the stroke she suffered months ago? Mia and her friends set out to investigate, but can they uncover the truth in time to save Gram's farm? And will that discovery empower Mia to confront the secret she's been hiding--and find the courage she never knew she had? In a compelling story rich with friendship, science, and summer fun, a girl finds her voice while navigating the joys and challenges of growing up.

PLANET OMAR 01 ACCIDENTAL TROUBLE MAGNET
By: ZANIB MIAN | Hardcover
ISBN: 9780593109212 | Price: $15.19
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Bullying Issues, Diversity

Welcome to the imaginative brain of Omar! Omar and his family have just moved, and he is NOT excited about starting at a new school. What if the work is too hard or the kids are mean or the teacher is a zombie alien?! But when Omar makes a new best friend, things start looking up. That is, until a Big Mean Bully named Daniel makes every day a nightmare! Daniel even tells Omar that all Muslims are going to be kicked out of the country . . . Could that possibly be true? Luckily, Omar’s enormous imagination and goofy family help him get through life's ups and downs. Omar’s funny, relatable narrative is the perfect answer to the call for both mirrors and windows to fill bookshelves with diverse stories.

DRAGGED FROM UNDER 01 THE BULL SHARK
By: JOSEPH MONNINGER | Paperback
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Survival

An action-packed story perfect for fans of shark attack novels, with a touch of STEM, that will keep readers on the edge of their seats. Barn Whimbrel is a shark-obsessed sixth grader living in Florida. When a deadly shark attack happens in a canal near his home, he heads off to the scene. As he tries to figure out what has caused these bull sharks to become more aggressive, Barn will face several hazards both in and out of the water.
BEGINNER'S GD TO GOODBYE
By: MELANIE MOSHER | Paperback Canadian
ISBN: 9781771088466 | Price: $12.56
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Death & Grief

Every summer, Laney's family visits their cottage on Tidnish Beach. Summertime on Nova Scotia's north shore is slow and sweet: there are long days in the water until fingers turn pruney, bottomless glasses of cherry Kool-Aid, and bonfires with the other families summering along the shore. But this year the baking heat and bright red sand provide cold comfort. This year Laney's little sister, Jenny, is gone. Ten-year-old Laney grapples with the loss. She carries immense, secret guilt that she can only work out by writing letters to her sister. Laney's mother won't even say Jenny's name, so writing quickly becomes Laney's coping mechanism, to the detriment of her social skills. She avoids the other kids until she makes a new friend--one who doesn't look at her with pity. It's a tough lesson for a preteen, but Laney must learn to acknowledge her grief in order to overcome it. When a situation arises and Laney needs to help her new friend, she finally understands that even though she will miss Jenny forever, she can find happiness again. A tender meditation on life and loss through the lens of a childhood summer, A Beginner's Guide to Goodbye will fill readers with warmth and spark important conversations.

COO
By: KÆLÁ NØEL | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION

Ten years ago, an impossible thing happened: a flock of pigeons picked up a human baby who had been abandoned in an empty lot and carried her, bundled in blankets, to their roof. Coo has lived her entire life on the rooftop with the pigeons who saved her. It's the only home she's ever known. But then a hungry hawk nearly kills Burr, the pigeon she loves most, and leaves him gravely hurt. Coo must make a perilous trip to the ground for the first time to find Tully, a retired postal worker who occasionally feeds Coo's flock, and who can heal injured birds. Tully mends Burr's broken wing and coaxes Coo from her isolated life. Living with Tully, Coo experiences warmth, safety, and human relationships for the first time. But just as Coo is beginning to blossom, she learns the human world is infinitely more complex--and cruel--than she could have imagined.

MAGNIFICENT MONSTERS OF CEDAR STREET
By: LAUREN OLIVER | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION

Cordelia Clay loves the work she and her father do together: saving and healing the remarkable creatures around Boston at the end of the nineteenth century. Their home on Cedar Street is full to the brim with dragons, squelches, and diggles, and Cordelia loves every one of them. But their work must be kept secret--others aren't welcoming to outsiders and immigrants, so what would the people of Boston do to the creatures they call "monsters"? One morning, Cordelia awakens to discover that her father has disappeared--along with nearly all the monsters. With only a handful of clues and a cryptic note to guide her, Cordelia must set off to find out what happened to her father, with the help of her new friend Gregory, Iggy the farting filch, a baby dragon, and a small zuppy (zombie puppy, that is).

GUARD DOG NAMED HONEY
By: DENISE ORENSTEIN | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION

What happens when a girl tries to steal a dog -- but the dog steals her heart instead? I made my birthday vow: I would get Willis out of jail, no matter what. When Bean's brother gets arrested for joyriding in a stolen car, Bean is devastated. She's determined to get him out of jail by raising the bail their mom can't afford. She tries everything, from applying for summer jobs, to offering to paint summer mansions. It's at one of those old mansions that she meets a young girl named Phoebe and her giant (and very valuable) guard dog, Honey. Bean quickly hatches her

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plan: She'll convince Phoebe to sell Honey and let her use some of the cash for bail. But when Honey's sale takes a
dangerous turn, Bean is torn between her desire for her brother's freedom and her loyalty to Phoebe and sweet,
drooly, affectionate Honey. Can Bean fight for her family without betraying her new friends?

LONELY HEART OF MAYBELLE LANE
By: KATE OSHAUGHNESSY | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Family Relationships

Eleven-year-old Maybelle Lane collects sounds. She records the Louisiana crickets chirping, Momma strumming
her guitar, their broken trailer door squeaking. But the crown jewel of her collection is a sound she didn't collect
herself: an old recording of her daddy's warm-sunshine laugh, saved on an old phone's voicemail. It's the only thing
she has of his, and the only thing she knows about him. Until the day she hears that laugh—his laugh—pouring out
of the car radio. Going against Momma's wishes, Maybelle starts listening to her radio DJ daddy's new show, drinking
in every word like a plant leaning toward the sun. When he announces he'll be the judge of a singing contest in
Nashville, she signs up. What better way to meet than to stand before him and sing with all her heart? But the road
to Nashville is bumpy. Her starch-stiff neighbour Mrs. Boggs offers to drive her in her RV. And a bully of a boy
from the trailer park hitches a ride, too. These are not the people May would have chosen to help her, but it turns out
they're searching for things as well. And the journey will mold them into the best kind of family— the kind you
choose for yourself.

THINGS SEEN FROM ABOVE
By: SHELLEY PEARSSALL | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Mental Health, Bullying Issues, Special Needs

A shift in perspective can change everything. This brilliant new novel from the author of The Seventh Most
Important Thing celebrates kids who see the world a little differently. April is looking for an escape from the sixth-
grade lunch hour, which has become a social-scene nightmare, so she signs up to be a "buddy bench monitor" for the
fourth graders' recess. Joey Byrd is a boy on the fringes, who wanders the playground alone, dragging his foot
through the dirt. But over time, April realizes that Joey isn't just making random circles. When you look at his
designs from above, a story emerges... Joey's "bird's eye" drawings reveal what he observes and thinks about every
day. Told in alternating viewpoints—April's in text and Joey's mostly in art— the story gives the "whole picture" of
what happens as these two outsiders find their rightful places.

CITY SPIES
By: JAMES PONTI | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Spy

In this thrilling new series that Stuart Gibbs called "a must-read," Edgar Award winner James Ponti brings together
five kids from all over the world and transforms them into real-life spies—perfect for fans of Spy School and Mrs.
Smith's Spy School for Girls. Sara Martinez is a hacker. She recently broke into the New York City foster care
system to expose her foster parents as cheats and lawbreakers. However, instead of being hailed as a hero, Sara finds
herself facing years in a juvenile detention facility and banned from using computers for the same stretch of time.
Enter Mother, a British spy who not only gets Sara released from jail but also offers her a chance to make a home for
herself within a secret MI6 agency. Operating out of a base in Scotland, the City Spies are five kids from various
parts of the world. When they're not attending the local boarding school, they're honing their unique skills, such as
sleight of hand, breaking and entering, observation, and explosives. All of these allow them to go places in the world
of espionage where adults can't. Before she knows what she's doing, Sarah is heading to Paris for an international
youth summit, hacking into a rival school's computer to prevent them from winning a million euros, dangling thirty
feet off the side of a building, and trying to stop a villain...all while navigating the complex dynamics of her new
team. No one said saving the world was easy…
DRAGONFELL
By: SARAH PRINEAS | Paperback
JUNIOR FICTION

"An adventurous dragon tale that delivers an emotionally satisfying ending.” --Kirkus Fly with the dragons in this stunning fantasy from Sarah Prineas, author of the acclaimed Magic Thief series! Rafi Bywater is unlike anyone else. The people in his village don't trust him because he spends too much time in an abandoned dragon lair. When a stranger, Mister Flitch, accuses Rafi of being "dragon-touched," Rafi sets off to discover the truth about dragons--and about himself. On his journey, Rafi befriends a brilliant scientist, Maud, who has secrets of her own. Together they search for dragons while escaping from a dangerous dragon hunter, engaging in a steam-engine car chase, and figuring out what Mister Flitch really wants with Rafi. And, oh yes, they do find the dragons. Sarah Prineas delivers a sweeping adventure filled with glorious dragons of all kinds!

MEG & GREG A DUCK IN A SOCK
By: ELSPETH RAE | Paperback Canadian
JUNIOR FICTION

Meg and Greg are hanging out for the summer doing what ten-year-olds do--helping an injured duckling, finding a lost pet fish, saving ranch animals from a wildfire and catching a wandering sloth! Jump inside to join Meg and Greg on their adventures.

GOOD KIND OF TROUBLE
By: LISA RAMEE | Paperback
JUNIOR FICTION

From debut author Lisa Moore Ramée comes this funny and big-hearted debut middle grade novel about friendship, family, and standing up for what’s right, perfect for fans of Angie Thomas’s The Hate U Give and the novels of Renée Watson and Jason Reynolds. Twelve-year-old Shayla is allergic to trouble. All she wants to do is to follow the rules. (Oh, and she’d also like to make it through seventh grade with her best friends intact, learn to run track, and have a cute boy see past her giant forehead.) But in junior high, it’s like all the rules have changed. Now she’s suddenly questioning who her best friends are and some people at school are saying she’s not black enough. Wait, what? Shay’s sister, Hana, is involved in Black Lives Matter, but Shay doesn’t think that’s for her. After experiencing a powerful protest, though, Shay decides some rules are worth breaking. She starts wearing an armband to school in support of the Black Lives movement. Soon everyone is taking sides. And she is given an ultimatum. Shay is scared to do the wrong thing (and even more scared to do the right thing), but if she doesn’t face her fear, she’ll forever tripping over the next hurdle. Now that’s trouble, for real.

INCREDIABLY DEAD PETS OF REX DEXTER
By: AARON REYNOLDS | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Paranormal, Humour, Ghosts

Rex Dexter is itching to have a dog. He was practically born to have one. His name is Rex, for crying out loud. It's a dog's name. Any pooch is preferable, but a chocolate Labrador is the pinnacle. The best of the best. The dream of all dreams. When Rex's B-Day for Me-Day finally arrives, his parents surprise him with a box. A box with holes. A box with holes and adorable scratchy noises coming from inside. Could it be? Yes! It has to be! A . . . a . . . Chicken? Pet poultry? How lucky. One hour and fourteen minutes later, the chicken is dead (by a steamroller), Rex is cursed (by the Grim Reaper), and wild animals are haunting Rex's room (hounding him for answers). Even his best friend Darvish is not going to believe this, and that kid believes everything. Rex's uninvited ghostly guests are a chatty, messy bunch. And they need Rex to solve their mysterious deadly departures from the Middling Falls Zoo before it happens again. But how? New York Times best-selling author Aaron Reynolds delivers a wickedly funny debut title in The Incredibly Dead Pets of Rex Dexter series.

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BLACK BROTHER BLACK BROTHER
By: JEWELL RHODES | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Diversity, Prejudice

Sometimes, 12-year-old Donte wishes he were invisible. As one of the few black boys at Middlefield Prep, most of the students don't look like him. They don't like him either. Dubbing him "Black Brother," Donte's teachers and classmates make it clear they wish he were more like his lighter-skinned brother, Trey. When he's bullied and framed by the captain of the fencing team, "King" Alan, he's suspended from school and arrested for something he didn't do. Terrified, searching for a place where he belongs, Donte joins a local youth center and meets former Olympic fencer Arden Jones. With Arden's help, he begins training as a competitive fencer, setting his sights on taking down the fencing team captain, no matter what. As Donte hones his fencing skills and grows closer to achieving his goal, he learns the fight for justice is far from over. Now Donte must confront his bullies, racism, and the corrupt systems of power that led to his arrest.

REVENGE OF MAGIC 03 THE FUTURE KING
By: JAMES RILEY | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION

Fort’s continued adventures take more surprising twists and turns in this third novel in a thrilling series from the author of the New York Times bestselling Story Thieves! Dealing with monster attacks and his missing father has been hard enough for Fort Fitzgerald in his first month at the Oppenheimer School. But there’s another school for magic, this one in the United Kingdom, that's about to create even bigger problems. Six of the Carmarthen Academy students found themselves lost in time when they first started learning magic. Now they’ve returned, with news of a coming war that the students claim only they can stop. But their new plan for the world might lead to an even worse future, one that Fort and his friends are destined to help bring about, no matter how much they might want to fight it. Can Fort change the future that the Time students have already seen play out? Or is he destined to pay for his past mistakes for all of time?

REVENGE OF MAGIC 01
By: JAMES RILEY | Paperback
JUNIOR FICTION

"Perfect for fans of Rick Riordan." —Booklist When long-dead magical creatures are discovered all around the world, each buried with a book of magic, only children can unlock the dangerous power of the books in this start to an “imaginative and exciting” (Brandon Mull, #1 New York Times bestselling author) series from the author of the New York Times bestselling Story Thieves! Thirteen years ago, books of magic were discovered in various sites around the world alongside the bones of dragons. Only those born after “Discovery Day” have the power to use the magic. Now, on a vacation to Washington, DC, Fort Fitzgerald’s father is lost when a giant creature bursts through the earth, attacking the city. Fort is devastated, until an opportunity for justice arrives six months later, when a man named Dr. Opps invites Fort to a government-run school, the Oppenheimer School, to learn magic from those same books. But life’s no easier at the school, where secrets abound. What does Jia, Fort’s tutor, know about the attacks? Why does Rachel, master of destructive magic, think Fort is out to destroy the school? And why is Fort seeing memories of an expelled girl every time he goes to sleep? If Fort doesn’t find out what’s hiding within the Oppenheimer School, more attacks will come, and this time, nothing will stop them!
RACE TO THE SUN
By: REBECCA ROANHORSE | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Indigenous, Diversity

Lately, seventh grader Nizhoni Begay has been able to detect monsters, like that man in the fancy suit who was in
the bleachers at her basketball game. Turns out he's Mr. Charles, her dad's new boss at the oil and gas company, and
he's alarmingly interested in Nizhoni and her brother, Mac, their Navajo heritage, and the legend of the Hero Twins.
Nizhoni knows he's a threat, but her father won't believe her. When Dad disappears the next day, leaving behind a
message that says "Run!", the siblings and Nizhoni's best friend, Davery, are thrust into a rescue mission that can
only be accomplished with the help of Diné Holy People, all disguised as quirky characters. Their aid will come at a
price: the kids must pass a series of trials in which it seems like nature itself is out to kill them. If Nizhoni, Mac, and
Davery can reach the House of the Sun, they will be outfitted with what they need to defeat the ancient monsters Mr.
Charles has unleashed. But it will take more than weapons for Nizhoni to become the hero she was destined to be .
. . Timeless themes such as the importance of family and respect for the land resonate in this funny, fast-paced, and
exciting quest adventure set in the American Southwest.

WE'RE NOT FROM HERE
By: GEOFF RODKEY | Paperback
ISBN: 9781524773076 | Price: $8.79
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Science Fiction

Imagine being forced to move to a new planet where YOU are the alien! From the creator of the Tapper Twins, New
York Times bestselling author Geoff Rodkey delivers a topical, sci-fi middle-grade novel that proves friendship and
laughter can transcend even a galaxy of differences. The first time I heard about Planet Choom, we'd been on Mars
for almost a year. But life on the Mars station was grim, and since Earth was no longer an option (we may have
blown it up), it was time to find a new home. That's how we ended up on Choom with the Zhuri. They're very smart.
They also look like giant mosquitos. But that's not why it's so hard to live here. There's a lot that the Zhuri don't like:
singing (just ask my sister, Ila), comedy (one joke got me sent to the principal's office), or any kind of emotion. The
biggest problem, though? The Zhuri don't like us. And if humankind is going to survive, it's up to my family to
change their minds. No pressure.

AMAL UNBOUND
By: AISHA SAEED | Paperback
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Diversity, SOCIAL JUSTICE

In Pakistan, Amal holds onto her dream of being a teacher even after becoming an indentured servant to pay off her
family's debt to the wealthy and corrupt Khan family.

CAN YOU SEE ME
By: LIBBY SCOTT | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Special Needs, Diversity

A coming-of-age story about learning to celebrate yourself -- and teaching the world to recognize you, too -- perfect
for fans of R. J. Palacio's Wonder! "This glimpse into the world of a young autistic girl is astonishingly insightful
and honest. Tally's struggles to 'fit in' are heart-wrenching, and her victories are glorious." -- Ann M. Martin,
Newbery Honor and New York Times bestselling author of Rain Reign
Things Tally is dreading about sixth grade:--
Being in classes without her best friends-- New (scratchy) uniforms-- Hiding her autism
Tally isn't ashamed of being autistic -- even if it complicates life sometimes. It's part of who she is. But this is her first year at Kingswood
Academy, and her best friend, Layla, is the only one who knows. And while a lot of other people are uncomfortable
around Tally, Layla has never been one of them . . . until now. Something is different about sixth grade, and Tally
now feels like she has to act "normal." But as Tally hides her true self, she starts to wonder what "normal" means

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after all and whether fitting in is really what matters most. Inspired by young coauthor Libby Scott's own experiences with autism, this is an honest and moving middle-school story of friends, family, and finding one's place.

SECRET OF THE SANDS 01 LOST SCROLL OF TH
By: ALISHA SEVIGNY | Paperback Canadian
JUNIOR FICTION

Sesha must race to find a priceless scroll before time runs out. After a brutal fire takes their parents’ lives, Sesha and Ky, children of the pharaoh’s royal physician, are left charming snakes and stealing food to survive. Unsure of who to trust, the pair are found and brought back to the palace, where the pharaoh tasks Sesha with finding a rare medical document her father was transcribing. But are the royals hiding something? Befriended by a fellow scribe and a young princess, Sesha navigates palace intrigue and temple treachery while urgently seeking the valuable papyrus. For the scroll doesn’t just have the power to keep the pharaoh’s army alive and reveal the secrets around her parents’ death — it may be the only thing that can save Ky’s life.

MY NAME IS KONISOLA
By: ALISA SIEGEL | Paperback Canadian
ISBN: 9781772601190 | Price: $8.76
JUNIOR FICTION

On a freezing cold winter night, nine-year-old Konisola and her mother step off a plane in Canada, having left Nigeria with nothing but the clothes on their backs. They are running for their lives, having lived under the threat of violence from a controlling family member. Soon after they land disaster strikes—Konisola’s mother is hospitalized and Konisola is forced to fend for herself in a strange country with no family and no friends. Help comes in the form of a nurse who befriends Konisola’s mother. But still everything remains uncertain. Will this new life Konisola has found be taken from her? Will she be allowed to stay in Canada as a refugee, or will she and her mother be sent back across the ocean? This is a story of bravery and determination, of loss, and of generosity and good will that paved the way for a new family.

WAR BELOW
By: MARSHA SKRYPUCH | Paperback Canadian
JUNIOR FICTION

This companion novel to Skrypuch's Making Bombs for Hitler follows a boy who joins the underground Ukrainian resistance in the fight against Hitler. The Nazis took Luka from his home in Ukraine and forced him into a labor camp. Now, Luka has smuggled himself out -- even though he left behind his dearest friend, Lida. Someday, he vows, he’ll find her again. But first, he must survive. Racing through the woods and mountains, Luka evades capture by both Nazis and Soviet agents. Though he finds some allies, he never knows who to trust. As Luka makes difficult choices in order to survive, desperate rescues and guerilla raids put him in the line of fire. Can he persevere long enough to find Lida again or make it back home where his father must be waiting for him? Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch delivers another action-packed story, inspired by true events, of daring quests and the crucial decisions we make in the face of war.

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TO NIGHT OWL FROM DOGFISH
By: HOLLY SLOAN | Paperback
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): LGBTQ2S+, LGBTQ2S+

Unhappy about being sent to the same summer camp after their fathers start dating, Bett and Avery, eleven, eventually begin scheming to get the couple back together after a break-up. Told entirely through emails.

SIZE OF THE TRUTH
By: ANDREW SMITH | Paperback
ISBN: 9781534419568 | Price: $8.79
JUNIOR FICTION

A boy who spent three days trapped in a well tries to overcome his PTSD and claustrophobia so he can fulfill his dream of becoming a famous chef in Andrew Smith’s first middle grade novel. When he was four years old, Sam Abernathy was trapped at the bottom of a well for three days, where he was teased by a smart-aleck armadillo named Bartleby. Since then, his parents plan every move he makes. But Sam doesn’t like their plans. He doesn’t want to go to MIT. And he doesn’t want to skip two grades, being stuck in the eighth grade as an eleven-year-old with James Jenkins, the boy he’s sure pushed him into the well in the first place. He wants to be a chef. And he’s going to start by entering the first annual Blue Creek Days Colonel Jenkins Macaroni and Cheese Cook-Off. That is, if he can survive eighth grade, and figure out the size of the truth that has slipped Sam’s memory for seven years.

CLEAN GETAWAY
By: NIC STONE | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Diversity

How to Go on an Unplanned Road Trip with Your Grandma: Grab a Suitcase: Prepacked from the big spring break trip that got CANCELLED. Fasten Your Seatbelt: G'ma's never conventional, so this trip won't be either. Use the Green Book: G'ma's most treasured possession. It holds history, memories, and most important, the way home. What Not to Bring: A Cell Phone: Avoid contact with Dad at all costs. Even when G'ma starts acting stranger than usual. Set against the backdrop of the segregation history of the American South, take a trip with this New York Times bestseller and an eleven-year-old boy who is about to discover that the world hasn't always been a welcoming place for kids like him, and things aren't always what they seem--his G'ma included.

WINGS OF FIRE LEGENDS - DRAGONSLAYER
By: TUI SUTHERLAND | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION

This special edition of the #1 New York Times bestselling Wings of Fire series soars back in time to give readers a glimpse of Pyrrhia through new eyes. In the shadow of wings... humans fight for survival. Ivy doesn't trust the Dragonslayer. He may be her father and the beloved ruler of Valor, but she knows he's hiding more than the treasure from the sand dragon he killed two decades ago. Leaf doesn't trust dragons. They're the reason his favorite sister, Wren, is dead, and now he'll do whatever it takes to slay even one. Wren doesn't trust anyone. She swore off humans after her village tried to sacrifice her to the dragons. She only has one friend, a small, wonderful mountain dragon named Sky, and they don't need anyone else. In a world of dragons, the humans who scramble around underfoot are easy to overlook. But Ivy, Leaf, and Wren will each cross paths with dragons in ways that could shape the destiny of both species. Is a new future possible for all of them... one in which humans can look to the skies with hope instead of fear?
WINGS OF FIRE 12 THE HIVE QUEEN
By: TUI SUTHERLAND | Paperback
JUNIOR FICTION

The #1 New York Times bestselling series continues with a thrilling revelation -- three brand-new tribes of dragons! Growing up in the hives, Cricket has always had a million questions. Why are trees forbidden, even in art? Why do her parents seem to hate her? And the biggest, most dangerous and secret question of all: Why is Cricket immune to Queen Wasp's powers? Whenever the queen takes control of all the HiveWings, speaking through their mouths and seeing through their eyes, Cricket has to hide, terrified of being discovered. Now she's hiding again, wanted for stealing the Book of Clearsight along with her new SilkWing friends, Blue and Swordtail, and the fierce LeafWing, Sundew. The fugitives need answers, and fast, in order to prevent a LeafWing attack. But Cricket has more questions than ever. How can she stay hidden and discover the queen's deadliest secret? And if she does succeed -- can a powerless dragonet really do anything to topple a regime and stop a war?

IN THE RED
By: CHRISTOPHER SWIEDLER | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Survival, Science Fiction

Michael Prasad knows he shouldn't go out on the Mars surface alone. It's dangerous. His parents have forbidden it. And the anxiety he feels almost every time he puts on a spacesuit makes it nearly impossible for him to leave the safety of the colony. But when his best friend, Lilith, suggests they sneak out one night, he can't resist the chance to prove everyone—including himself—wrong. As the two ride along the Mars surface in a stolen rover, miles from the colony, a massive solar flare hits the planet, knocking out power, communication, and navigation systems, and the magnetic field that protects the planet from the sun's deadly radiation. Stranded hours from home with an already limited supply of food, water, and air, Michael and Lilith must risk everything if they're to get back to the colony alive.

TALES FROM THE FRINGES OF FEAR
By: JEFF SZPIRGLAS | Paperback Canadian
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Horror

A collection of stories for middle readers that ranges from perplexing to petrifying.

CANADIAN SABOTAGE COUNTDOWN TO DANGER
By: JEFF SZPIRGLAS | Paperback Canadian
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Survival

30 minutes. 30 dangerous paths. YOU choose the path to survive! Readers choose their own path as they dodge obstacles like giant sea monsters, double-crossing villains, hungry great white sharks . . . and maybe even a Canadian Bermuda Triangle! What starts as a boring tour boat experience on the east coast of Canada quickly turns into chaos. It seems your parents have a very valuable map to the locations of some very important objects, and a group of criminal masterminds will stop at nothing to get their hands on it. You've somehow made it off the boat with the map, but then do you suit up for a dive, swim to a nearby island or hitch a ride on a suspicious-looking speedboat? Can you find the treasure in time? And even if you do, will you be able to avoid booby traps, criminals hot on your trail and mutant creatures standing guard? You've got 30 minutes to get to the treasure, stop the criminal masterminds, and save your parents . . . or die trying!

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GARGANTIS
By: THOMAS TAYLOR | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION

In the second fantasy set in Eerie-on-Sea, Herbert and Violet team up to solve the mystery of Gargantis -- an ancient creature of the deep with the power to create life-threatening storms. There's a storm brewing over Eerie-on-Sea, and the fisherfolk say a monster is the cause. Someone has woken the ancient Gargantis, who sleeps in the watery caves beneath this spooky seaside town where legends have a habit of coming to life. It seems the Gargantis is looking for something: a treasure stolen from her underwater lair. And it just might be in the Lost-and-Foundery at the Grand Nautilus Hotel, in the care of one Herbert Lemon, Lost-and-Founder. With the help of the daring Violet Parma, ever-reliable Herbie will do his best to figure out what the Gargantis wants and who stole her treasure in the first place. In a town full of suspicious, secretive characters, it could be anyone!

LIGHT JAR
By: LISA THOMPSON | Paperback
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Mystery

"Thoughtful and hugely empathetic" (The Guardian). The Light Jar is a compelling mystery that celebrates imagination and the light within. Nate and his mother are running away. Fleeing from a bad situation at home, they hide out in an abandoned cottage in the middle of a forest. Though it's old and run-down, at least it's a place of their own. Then Nate's mother heads off for groceries and doesn't return. Has she run into trouble, or simply abandoned him? He is left alone and afraid, with the dark -- and all his old fears -- closing in on him. But comfort can come from the most unexpected of places: like a strange girl trying to solve the mystery of a treasure hunt, and the reappearance of a friend from his past. Will Nate find the bravery he needs to face down his fears, survive on his own, and ultimately illuminate his future? From the author of The Goldfish Boy, comes a captivating story of fear and hope, loneliness and friendship, and finding the light within, even in the darkest of times.

DAY I WAS ERASED
By: LISA THOMPSON | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Bullying Issues

"Sometimes I think everyone would be better off if I'd never existed in the first place." Nothing's going right for Maxwell Beckett. He's being blamed for his best friend's bloody nose -- it was an accident! -- his parents can't stop shouting at each other, and he just broke his neighbor's bright pink flamingo lawn ornament. So when Maxwell turns off the power in his school during a giant fundraiser, it's the last straw. He's sure that now the whole town hates him. Maxwell is sick and tired of getting things wrong. He wishes he had never been born. And then... his wish comes true. He's been erased. Though Maxwell can walk through the world, nobody recognizes him. Even his own parents don't know him! Every impact he's ever had on his town is gone. But the world might not actually be a better place without Maxwell in it. Can he find a way back in, or is it too late? With echoes of It's a Wonderful Life, this is a humorous and poignant book about the positive impact each of us has on our community and on the people who love us.

EXPLORER ACADEMY 04 STAR DUNES
By: TRUDI TRUEIT | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION

Cruz, Sailor, Emmett, and the gang are on their way to Africa when Nebula misses their intended target and someone close to Cruz ends up on the brink of death. Secrets creep out from the shadows and leave Cruz with more questions than answers in this fourth title in the hit series. A major discovery forces the Explorer Academy into the limelight in The Star Dunes, but Cruz has much more on his mind than 15 minutes of fame. A new face on board the ship bring Cruz's worlds colliding, just as a major close call tears them apart. En route to Africa, Team Cousteau is
EXPLORER ACADEMY 03 DOUBLE HELIX
By: TRUDI TRUEIT | Paperback
JUNIOR FICTION

The mystery deepens and the action intensifies for 12-year-old Cruz Coronado and friends in the exciting third book in the Explorer Academy series. The adventure continues for Cruz, Emmett, Sailor, and Bryndis as they continue their studies at sea and travel to exotic locations around the world. A mysterious person alerts Cruz to impending danger while he and a few trusted pals explore ancient ruins in Petra, Jordan, and search for another piece of the puzzle his mother left behind. Worst of all, now his father has gone missing, which prompts Aunt Marisol, his number one protector, to leave the ship in search of him. Who is the new professor who takes her place? How does the new technology he introduces help or hurt Cruz's quest? Why is Nebula determined to stop Cruz before he turns 13? The clock is ticking as his first teen birthday draws near ... a milestone that will change his life forever, one way or another.

EXPLORER ACADEMY 02 FALCON'S FEATHER
By: TRUDI TRUEIT | Paperback
JUNIOR FICTION

It's an adventure of a lifetime when Cruz Coronado sets sail aboard the Explorer Academy ship to continue his studies at sea. But, things take a turn while exploring the icy north, when he embarks on a dangerous mission to uncover the first piece of an important puzzle his mother left behind. In the exciting follow-up to The Nebula Secret in the 7-book Explorer Academy series, Cruz, Sailor, and Emmett, along with their new ally Bryndis, embark on their first globe-trotting mission aboard the ship Orion. Cruz jumps right back into school and starts using the latest technology in submersible underwater dives, but is soon reminded of the dangers of exploration when his equipment fails and he almost drowns. Determined to keep his eyes on the prize, Cruz sneaks away to try to find answers, but unknowingly lures his friends into bigger trouble. When a friend of Cruz's mom meets an untimely end, Cruz's luck really seems about to run out and the questions multiply. What does the message mean? Where will it lead? Who is following him? And why? This captivating book is the sequel every Explorer Academy fan is waiting to read!

SAM WU IS NOT AFRAID OF SPIDERS
By: KATIE TSANG | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION

Sam Wu is NOT afraid of anything. Well, maybe ghosts, sharks, and the dark. Now he has something new to worry about: Tulip, the pet tarantula that lives in the sixth-grade science lab. But Sam can't let anyone know. So when Tulip disappears from her cage, Sam decides it's up to him and his friends to step up, save the school from the eight-legged escapee . . . and prove, once again that he's no scaredy cat!
STARFELL 01 WILLOW MOSS & THE LOST DAY
By: DOMINIQUE VALENTE | Hardcover
JUNIOR FICTION
Willow Moss's small magic has always seemed unremarkable. But when the most feared witch in the land of Starfell appears on the Moss family's doorstep looking for help, it's not Willow's talented sisters she seeks, it's Willow. Because Willow is a finder of lost things—and Moreg Vaine says that last Tuesday has gone missing. Willow and Moreg set out on a perilous journey across the wilds of Starfell, looking for what they've lost. If they don't discover what happened to the missing day, the repercussions could be devastating for the entire kingdom. Can Willow find the day, to save the day?

FRIENDROID
By: MM VAUGHAN | Paperback
JUNIOR FICTION
“[A]n unrelentingly funny sc-fi story.” —BCCB (starred review) Stranger Things meets robots in this sweet and “noteworthy” (Booklist) story about an unlikely friendship between two boys—one human, one android. Danny’s a kid. Eric’s a kid, too. He’s also a robot, but he doesn’t know that. For Danny, it becomes hard to ignore Eric’s super strange tendencies. He has weekly “dentist” appointments and parents who never stop smiling. It’s almost impossible to wake him up and he’s always getting fancy gifts from his mysterious uncle. Danny always assumed that Eric was just a spoiled rich kid…until he discovers Eric’s hidden robot reality. As the two friends dig deeper into Eric’s origins and purpose, powerful forces swarm into town, and Danny and Eric are left with more questions than answers—and more danger than humanly possible.

HARBOR ME
By: JACQUELINE WOODSON | Paperback
JUNIOR FICTION
Jacqueline Woodson is the 2018-2019 National Ambassador for Young People's Literature A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER! Jacqueline Woodson's first middle-grade novel since National Book Award winner Brown Girl Dreaming celebrates the healing that can occur when a group of students share their stories. It all starts when six kids have to meet for a weekly chat—by themselves, with no adults to listen in. There, in the room they soon dub the ARTT Room (short for “A Room to Talk”), they discover it's safe to talk about what's bothering them—everything from Esteban's father's deportation and Haley's father's incarceration to Amari's fears of racial profiling and Ashton's adjustment to his changing family fortunes. When the six are together, they can express the feelings and fears they have to hide from the rest of the world. And together, they can grow braver and more ready for the rest of their lives.

PRETTIEST
By: BRIGIT YOUNG | Paperback
JUNIOR FICTION
THE PRETTIEST: It's the last thing Eve Hoffmann expected to be, the only thing Sophie Kane wants to be, and something Nessa Flores-Brady knows she'll never be . . . until a list appears online, ranking the top fifty prettiest girls in the eighth grade. Eve is disgusted by the way her body is suddenly being objectified by everyone around her. Sophie is sick of the bullying she's endured after being relegated to number two. And Nessa is tired of everyone else trying to tell her who she is. It's time for a takedown. As the three girls band together, they begin to stand up not just for themselves, but for one another, too.

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JON LE BON SEASON 2 01 VIRTUAL ADVENTURE
By: A ALEX | Paperback Canadian
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

The era of Big Beaver is over. All is calm on Earth A. A little too calm. So calm that there's not a single threat in sight. To keep boredom at bay, the members of the Agency play with Billy's new virtual console. But while they're in the middle of a game of Turbo Filipo, an old enemy takes control of the machine! Pixel bombs, the invincible heart, the multidimensional triangle... Agent Jon has more than one cyper-surprise in store before declaring game over.

PETER & ERNESTO - SLOTHS IN THE NIGHT
By: GRAHAM ANNABLE | Hardcover Canadian
ISBN: 9781250211309 | Price: $19.60
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

Peter and Ernesto love the jungle, but they know how dangerous it can be at night. From clumsy bats to crazed owls to rumors of a dragon, there are countless things that make the darkness perilous for sloths. That’s why, one day, when their friend Bernard goes missing just as the sun is setting, Peter and Ernesto quickly gather their tribe to form a search party. However, while these sloths have some sense of the dangers that they’ll face while looking for Bernard, there are surprises lurking in the shadows that will surpass their wildest imaginings!

TRESPASSERS
By: BREENA BARD | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

Gabby Woods loves a mystery, but is breaking into an abandoned lake house going too far to uncover the truth? Gabby Woods is looking forward to another summer vacation at her family's lake house, even though she would rather bury herself in a mystery novel than make new friends. But soon Gabby meets Paige, a snarky kid from Chicago, and they get caught up in a local mystery: the sudden disappearance of a glamorous couple and the extravagant lake house they left behind. To gather clues about the missing couple, Paige coaxes Gabby into trespassing. Though Gabby knows it's wrong, each sneaky visit to the abandoned lake house uncovers new mysteries. With suspicions mounting about foul play, Gabby must decide what she's willing to risk to uncover the truth, or if solving this mystery -- and keeping her friendship with Paige -- are more trouble than they're worth.

CATWAD 03
By: JIM BENTON | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

Catwad, the snarky blue furball with a funny take on just about everything, is BACK in this third graphic novel in an all-new series from New York Times bestselling author Jim Benton! Catwad and Blurmp are back and ready for more adventures in this newest volume in which they meet new friends, try out yoga (spoiler alert: Catwad hates it), and more! It's a laugh-out-loud romp not to be missed, even if Catwad claims otherwise.
CATHERINES WAR
By: JULIA BILLET | Paperback
ISBN: 9780062915597 | Price: $12.79
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S | Theme(s): Survival

“A shining story of a young girl who struggles to come of age and find her place in a world fraught with danger.” —Susan Campbell Bartoletti, Newbery Honor-winning author of Hitler Youth * Winner of the Youth Prize at the Angoulême International Comics Festival (voted by readers) * Winner of the Artémisia Prize for Historical Fiction * Winner of the Andersen Premio Prize * This middle grade graphic novel is an excellent choice for tween readers in grades 7 to 8, especially during homeschooling. It’s a fun way to keep your child entertained and engaged while not in the classroom. A magnificent narrative inspired by a true survival story that asks universal questions about a young girl’s coming of age story, her identity, her passions, and her first loves. At the Sèvres Children’s Home outside Paris, Rachel Cohen has discovered her passion—photography. Although she hasn’t heard from her parents in months, she loves the people at her school, adores capturing what she sees in pictures, and tries not to worry too much about Hitler’s war. But as France buckles under the Nazi regime, danger closes in, and Rachel must change her name and go into hiding. As Catherine Colin, Rachel Cohen is faced with leaving the Sèvres Home—and the friends she made there—behind. But with her beautiful camera, Catherine possesses an object with the power to remember. For the rest of the war, Catherine bears witness to her own journey, and to the countless heroes whose courage and generosity saved the lives of many, including her own. Based on the author’s mother’s own experiences as a hidden child in France during World War II, Catherine’s War is one of the most accessible historical graphic novels featuring a powerful girl since Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi—perfect for fans of Markus Zusak’s The Book Thief, Anne Frank, or Helen Keller. Includes a map and photographs of the real Catherine and her wartime experiences, as well as an interview with author Julia Billet. “Many of the settings are beautifully detailed, and the characters undeniably expressive. Catherine’s ability to find beauty in the world makes for a forward-looking read.” —Booklist *(starred review)*

WE’LL SOON BE HOME AGAIN
By: JESSICA BONDE | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

Based on interviews with six Holocaust survivors, these first-person point of view stories relate living through the de-humanization and starvation in concentration camps and the industrial-scale mass murder in extermination camps.

SPARKS SOUBLE DOG DARE SPARKS 02
By: IAN BOOTHBY | Paperback Canadian
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

Sparks is in for trouble when he starts seeing double! Who’s a good dog?! Charlie and August, the two cats that control the mechanical superhero dog, Sparks, are keeping the city safe. But when a second, evil Sparks shows up and starts causing trouble around town, everybody blames the real Sparks. Determined to prove that Sparks is still the hero everyone can count on, Charlie and August set out to uncover the shocking truth about who is responsible for all the chaos.
CATSTRAUTS 06 DIGITAL DISASTER
By: DREW BROCKINGTON | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

In the sixth CatStronauts graphic novel, the elite team gets invited to test the first-ever space hotel! With a highly sophisticated Artificial Intelligence running the hotel and attending to the CatStronauts’ every need, what could possibly go wrong? Darby Fuzzelton, the world's richest cat, is determined to open the first-ever space hotel! Her first guests? The elite CatStronauts along with a few kittens who were top of their class at Space Camp. Their job? To prove that her space hotel is safe to the public. When the cats and kittens arrive, they're greeted by AVA, an advanced Artificial Intelligence system programmed to handle countless hotel operations. Upon seeing Cat-Stro-Bot and his ability to go ANYWHERE, AVA becomes obsessed with gaining her own freedom. With AVA distracted, all the hotel systems go on the fritz! Will the CatStronauts escape this hotel of horror? In this full-color graphic novel, author/illustrator Drew Brockington pushes the CatStronauts team further than ever, but there's still lots of humor, teamwork, and tuna fish by the ton! This book will publish simultaneously in hardcover.

BIRD & SQUIRREL 06 ALL OR NOTHING
By: JAMES BURKS | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

Squirrel helps Bird overcome his biggest challenge yet -- FAMILY! The dangerous Horned Toad 500 cross-country race is coming up and Bird's father has always won it. But when his dad gets injured, Bird reluctantly joins the race to save the family honor. While dealing with the scorching desert heat and dirty tricks from another team, Bird and Squirrel are put to the ultimate test of endurance and sportsmanship. Along the way, the duo learns that, win or lose, having good friends and family will always get you to the finish line.

SUPER SISTERS
By: CHRISTOPHE CAZENOVE | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

THE SISTERS can't stay out of trouble on a normal day. Can you imagine what would happen if they had super powers? Being a sister is super! Being a super sister is even better! From the pages of THE SISTERS and spinning out of Maureen and Wendy’s imagination, these two siblings are donning flight packs and space suits to keep the galaxy safe! They battle intergalactic thieves and multi-limbed troublemakers but can all their sisterly-fights prepare them for their greatest foes...their clones?
CAT & CAT 01 GIRL MEETS CAT  
By: CHRISTOPHE CAZENOVE | Paperback  
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S  
Life was quiet for Cath and her dad, living alone. But when they adopt a cat named Sushi, things get a bit too exciting! Between turning everything into either a personal scratching post or litter box, and the constant cat and mouse game of “love me/leave me alone,” Cath and Dad have a lot to learn! Cath also learns how good it is to have a constant companion, a role Cath’s dad is trying to fill on his own. It’s a hilarious and heartwarming adventure of daily life of this little girl...with a dad and a cat along for the ride!

GOOD BOYS  
By: GMB CHOMICHUK | Paperback Canadian  
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S | Theme(s): Bullying Issues, Character Education, Also Appropriate for High School  
A graphic novel that asks readers to examine their own biases. In a world of Cats and Dogs, which would you be? When some Cats at school bully the Dogs, Oliver doesn't say anything; he doesn't want to get bullied too. But as the new president drags the country into a civil war, the bullying doesn't stop at the school yard gate. Soon, the city is out of control: signs and protests, fights and rallies rattle the city. Then Oliver's classmates, mostly Dogs, disappear from school, and they don't come back. It's almost too late when Oliver's parents realize they must get out of the City. When the fighting breaks out, Mom and Dad's old military unit, the Good Boys, must fight their way clear of a regime that wants to put half its population on a leash. In Good Boys, author, artist, and educator GMB Chomichek asks readers to examine their own biases. Where is bias learned? What are the consequences when bias goes unchecked? Using Cats and Dogs as an analogy, this stunning graphic novel presents a nonthreatening platform to discuss the difficult subject of bias with your students.

NARWHAL & JELLY 04 NARWHAL'S OTTER FRIEND  
By: BEN CLANTON | Paperback  
ISBN: 9780735262492 | Price: $8.79  
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S  
"Hilarious and charming. The most lovable duo since Frog and Toad." --NYT-bestselling creator of the Dog Man and Captain Underpants series, Dav Pilkey Narwhal and Jelly . . . and Otty?! Exuberant Narwhal and skeptical Jelly test the waters of adding a new friend to their pod when they meet Otty the super-adventurous otter in the fourth book of this blockbuster early graphic novel series! Dive into three new stories about the joy of adventure and the power of friendship! In the first story, Otty the otter makes her debut splash; while Narwhal greets her with immediate enthusiasm, Jelly's not so sure about her...mostly because he worries she'll take his place as Narwhal's best friend. Readers will easily see why Narwhal's so excited to meet Otty, a boisterous explorer who even has an aunt who's a real live sea captain! But readers will also relate to Jelly's uneasiness seeing his best friend making a new pal. Jelly tries to work out his jealousy in story two, and in story three, the new trio say "Ahoy, adventure!" and discover they all have more in common than they thought . . . including a love of waffles! Jelly also takes over the "Super Waffle and Strawberry Sidekick" comic providing a sidekick's-eye-view of defeating the dreaded dEVILed egg!

CUB  
By: CYNTHIA COPELAND | Paperback  
ISBN: 9781616208486 | Price: $15.16  
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S  
A laugh-out-loud funny and empowering graphic memoir about growing up and finding your voice. Twelve-year-old Cindy has just dipped a toe into seventh-grade drama—with its complicated friendships, bullies, and cute boys—when she earns an internship as a cub reporter at a local newspaper in the early 1970s. A (rare) young female reporter takes Cindy under her wing, and Cindy soon learns not only how to write a lede, but also how to
respectfully question authority, how to assert herself in a world run by men, and—as the Watergate scandal unfolds—how brave reporting and writing can topple a corrupt world leader. Searching for her own scoops, Cindy doesn’t always get it right, on paper or in real life. But whether she’s writing features about ghost hunters, falling off her bicycle and into her first crush, or navigating shifting friendships, Cindy grows wiser and more confident through every awkward and hilarious mistake.

GERONIMO STILTON GN 01 SEWER RAT STINK
By: ELISABETA DAMI | Hardcover
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

Geronimo and his friend Hercule Poirat venture into the sewers to find the origin of the horrible stink that is driving all the mice away from New Mouse City—and learn an important lesson about recycling.

SHE-RA GN 01 LEGEND OF THE FIRE PRINCESS
By: GIGI DG | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

Don't miss the first epic She-Ra and the Princesses of Power graphic novel, based on stories by showrunner Noelle Stevenson! Even after everything that's happened, the world outside the Horde's walls is still a strange one to Adora. Each day she's learning more about her growing powers as She-Ra, including something new: the ability to heal corrupted runestones. Runestones are the magical source from which princesses like Frosta, Mermista, and Perfuma draw their power, but Glimmer knows of another runestone -- one with a dark past. Long ago a fire princess ruled the lands to the west, until her thirst for power corrupted her, and led to the ruin of her kingdom. Glimmer thinks the lost fire runestone could give the Rebellion an edge in the fight against the Horde, but claiming this ancient power won't be easy... especially not when the Horde has their eyes set on the same prize. Don't miss this original graphic novel based on stories by She-Ra showrunner and New York Times bestselling author Noelle Stevenson, with script by Gigi D.G. and art by Paulina Ganucheau!

RED'S PLANET 03 ALIEN FAMILY ROAD TRIP
By: PITTMAN EDDIE | Hardcover
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

The epic conclusion to this intergalactic trilogy from Disney cartoonist Eddie Pittman: In this rollicking conclusion to the Red’s Planet trilogy, Red discovers evidence that aliens may have abducted her mother and father, and is convinced her parents are still alive. But the only humans who fit their description are on a spaceship headed back to Earth. With help from her friends, Goose and Tawee, Red embarks on an epic adventure to find them, in a journey that takes them across the vast distance of space and the rocky deserts of the American West. But will Red find her family? Or will she end up losing her friends along the way?

MONSTER MAYHEM
By: CHRISTOPH ELIOPOULOS | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S | Theme(s): Diversity

In this funny, action-packed graphic novel adventure, a science-obsessed girl finds herself in the middle of one of her favorite monster movies. Can she invent her way out of disaster while also saving the monster who has become her friend? Zoe's favorite thing to do—besides invent and build robots—is watch classic monster movies. She has never been comfortable with kids her own age, and so she pretends she doesn't need friends while inside she's

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longing for connection. And then one day, Zoe finds a mysterious ring on her way home from school. She puts it on, gives it a twist, and--FRZAAAKK! There's a massive burst of light! The next morning, a familiar monster appears at Zoe's window. He's from one of her favorite kaiju movies, and he likes Zoe--he wants to be her friend. Has her secret wish been fulfilled? But it turns out that Zoe's ring has brought more than just this friendly monster to life. More monsters have arrived, and they are hungry! Now she'll need to reach out to other people to help her save her town from destruction. Good thing she's a robotics genius!

COSMIC COMMANDOS
By: CHRISTOPH ELIOPOULOS | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

In this graphic novel adventure for readers of Hilo and Roller Girl, a pair of twin brothers accidentally bring their favorite video game to life--and now they have to find a way to work together to defeat it. Jeremy and Justin are twins, but they couldn't be any more different from each other. Jeremy is a risk taker who likes to get his hands dirty; Justin prefers to read, focus, and get all his facts straight before jumping in. But they do have one important thing in common: They both love video games. When Jeremy wins a cereal-box charm that brings his favorite video game to life, villains and all, he finds that he's in way over his head. Justin knows everything there is to know about the rules of the game--he read the handbook, of course--and Jeremy isn't afraid to try new things. Can these two mismatched brothers work together to beat the video game that has become their life?

FOX & RABBIT 01
By: BETH FERRY | Hardcover
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S | Theme(s): Friendship

Easygoing Fox and anxious Rabbit seem like total opposites, but they're the best of friends, discovering their favorite things and overcoming their fears together.

SCOOBY-DOO TEAM UP - IT'S SCOOBY TIME
By: SHOLLY FISCH | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

Get ready for more groovy team-ups of Scooby and he gang as they are joined by guest stars the Doom Patrol, Mister Miracle, Black Lightning and more in Scooby-Doo Team-Up: It's Scooby Time! Scooby and the gang have teamed up with dozens of superheroes to face some of the world's weirdest menaces and now they have to team up with the world's strangest heroes, the Doom Patrol! And if the heroes make Scooby and Shaggy nervous, just wait until they meet the Doom Patrol's enemies... Scooby and Shaggy can escape from trouble faster than anyone...except the greatest super-escape artist in the universe, Mister Miracle! But can even Mister Miracle and his super-strong wife Big Barda help the gang--and the Earth--escape an invasion of monsters from Apokolips? And free their teammates from the clutches of the merciless Granny Goodness before Daphne and Velma are transformed into Granny's latest Female Furies? Check out all the latest wacky adventures from author Sholly Fisch in Scooby-Doo Team Up: It's Scooby Time! Collects issues #43-48.
I SURVIVED GN 01 SINKING OF THE TITANIC
By: GERVASIOANDJOK | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S | Theme(s): Survival

A thrilling graphic novel adaptation of Lauren Tarshis's bestselling I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic, 1912! Ten-year-old George Calder can't wait to explore every inch of the Titanic, even if his little sister, Phoebe, has to tag along. But when George sneaks away without her and ventures into the first class baggage room, a terrible boom shakes the entire boat. Suddenly, water is everywhere, and George's life changes forever... Lauren Tarshis's New York Times bestselling I Survived series takes on vivid new life in full-color graphic novel editions. Perfect for readers who prefer the graphic novel format, or for existing fans of the I Survived chapter book series, these graphic novels combine historical facts with high-action storytelling that's sure to keep any reader turning the pages.

SHIRLY & JAMILA SAVE THEIR SUMMER
By: GILLIAN GOERZ | Hardcover
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

This middle-grade graphic novel for fans of Roller Girl and Smile introduces Jamila and Shirley, two unlikely friends who save each other's summers while solving their neighborhood's biggest mysteries. Jamila Waheed is staring down a lonely summer in a new neighborhood—until she meets Shirley Bones. Sure, Shirley's a little strange, but both girls need a new plan for the summer, and they might as well become friends. Then this kid Oliver shows up begging for Shirley's help. His pet gecko has disappeared, and he's sure it was stolen! That's when Jamila discovers Shirley's secret: She's the neighborhood's best kid detective, and she's on the case. When Jamila discovers she's got some detective skills of her own, a crime-solving partnership is born. The mystery of the missing gecko turns Shirley and Jamila's summer upside down. And when their partnership hits a rough patch, they have to work together to solve the greatest mystery of all: What it means to be a friend.

DONUT THE DESTROYER
By: SARAH GRALEY | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

A hilarious and unique graphic novel of friendship, family, and what happens when you defy and exceed expectations. Donut (middle name: The; last name: Destroyer) has a heart of gold and incredible strength. She lives in a world where everyone is born with a special ability and can choose whether to develop it for good or evil. Donut has just received the best news of her life -- she's been accepted to Lionheart School for Heroes! But her parents are the most infamous villains around, and her best friend, Ivy, can't understand why Donut would choose a life of boring heroism and ruin their plans to cause chaos. Donut is determined to prove that, despite her last name, she's meant to go her own way and be a hero. Meanwhile, Ivy cooks up a plan to get Donut kicked out of Lionheart -- and back on track to villainy!

PUPPY IN MY HEAD
By: ELISE GRAVEL | Paperback Canadian
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S | Theme(s): Mental Health

Puppy in My Head, by award-winning author-illustrator Elise Gravel, helps children identify and deal with anxiety in an age-appropriate comic-style format.
COCKROACH
By: ELISE GRAVEL | Hardcover Canadian
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN’S

Hilarious illustrated non-fiction about cockroaches perfect for beginning readers. You'll bug out over this perfect pairing of humorous text and funny illustrations about this insect that's been around for over 335 million years! Fast cockroach facts: * Distinctive trait: Flat and oval-shaped body * Diet: Everything! (Especially if it's greasy and sweet . . .) * Special talent: Running The Cockroach covers lifestyle (cockroaches prefer the dark and only come out during the day when their colonies get big enough), anatomy (cockroaches have wings but rarely fly), habitat (they prefer heat to cold), life cycle (a female can give birth to up to 350 babies during her lifetime) and much more. Although silly and off-the-wall, The Cockroach contains factual information that will both amuse and teach at the same time.

BAT
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Hilarious illustrated nonfiction about bats perfect for beginning readers. Conversational text and silly illustrations will have you up all night reading about the only flying mammal on Earth! Fast bat facts: * Distinctive trait: The only flying mammal * Diet: Insects, fruit and even animal blood * Special talent: Sleeping upside down The Bat covers habitat (bats live everywhere except Antarctica!), species (there are over 1,200 kinds of bats), echolocation, hibernation (bats hibernate just like bears!), conservation (don't disturb a sleeping bat!) and much more. Although silly and off-the-wall, The Bat contains factual information that will both amuse and teach at the same time.

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ALMOST AMER GIRL
By: ROBIN HA | Paperback
ISBN: 9780062685094 | Price: $12.79
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN’S | Theme(s): Diversity

A powerful and moving teen graphic novel memoir about immigration, belonging, and how arts can save a life--perfect for fans of American Born Chinese and Hey, Kiddo. For as long as she can remember, it's been Robin and her mom against the world. Growing up as the only child of a single mother in Seoul, Korea, wasn't always easy, but it has bonded them fiercely together. So when a vacation to visit friends in Huntsville, Alabama, unexpectedly becomes a permanent relocation--following her mother's announcement that she's getting married--Robin is devastated. Overnight, her life changes. She is dropped into a new school where she doesn't understand the language and struggles to keep up. She is completely cut off from her friends in Seoul and has no access to her beloved comics. At home, she doesn't fit in with her new stepfamily, and worst of all, she is furious with the one person she is closest to--her mother. Then one day Robin's mother enrolls her in a local comic drawing class, which opens the window to a future Robin could never have imagined.

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APOCALYPSE TACO  
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From bestselling author Nathan Hale, a fast-food run turns strange when the drive-through becomes a portal to another dimension. A sinister drive-through threatens to end the world—and three kids in a beat-up truck are humanity's only hope! The night before dress rehearsal, a school theater troupe is working late and very hungry. So 11-year-old twins Axl and Ivan—along with their 16-year-old driver, Sid—volunteer to make a late-night fast-food run. At the drive-through, their tacos start to move. And they don't seem friendly! Even after they get rid of the food, the world around them isn't quite right. There are strangely-moving cars, buildings, and people—and they seem intent on swallowing everything in their path. Now the trio will have to use their wits, their truck, and even their windshield scraper to escape . . . before they're replaced by monstrous versions of themselves!

DIANA - PRINCESS OF THE AMAZONS  
By: SHANNON HALE | Paperback  
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S  

From New York Times bestselling authors Shannon Hale and Dean Hale comes a heartfelt story about making mistakes, learning the hard way, and growing up to become a hero. Eleven-year-old Diana leads an idyllic life on the island of Themyscira. Cut off from the rest of the world, she's beginning to feel more and more isolated. Though she has a loving mother and many "aunties," she is an only child. THE only child on the island, in fact. After an escapade goes wrong, Diana gets in trouble for not living up to the Amazonian standard. She just can't seem to measure up no matter what she does. Every other person on the island is an adult proficient in their trade and mighty in body, while she is gangly, sometimes clumsy, and not particularly good at anything. She's not Wonder Woman yet. What Diana needs is a friend; someone her own age whom she can talk to. But when she decides to take matters into her own hands, she may just make a monster instead of a friend.

WHAT ABOUT WORMS  
By: RYAN HIGGINS | Hardcover  
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S  

Tiger is big. Tiger is tough. And Tiger has an important note for you. Dear Reader, WATCH OUT FOR WORMS! They are everywhere! They might even be in this book! Your friend, Tiger P. S. Tiger is afraid of worms.

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The life of Henrietta Achilles is about to change. After years of living as an orphan, she receives a summons to the strange town of Malrenard. To her surprise, she's the only living relative of Ornun Zol—a notorious wizard, now deceased, who leaves Henrietta with his house and everything in it. With Ornun Zol gone, escaped creatures and misfired curses have been spilling out into Malrenard. If that's not enough, Henrietta will discover countless squabbling squatters inside her uncle's abode: soldiers, bandits, tiny monsters, and more. Then there's the matter of the strange black cat following Henrietta around . . .
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GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

"From the imagination of Rowley Jefferson comes an adventure of epic proportions. Join Roland and his best friend, Garg the Barbarian, as they leave the safety of their village and embark on a quest to save Roland's mom from the White Warlock. Will our heroes survive? Find out in Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Adventure!" --

SUPER POTATO & THE MUTANT ANIMAL 04
By: ARTUR LAPERLA | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

Super Potato is back, and crime is running wild! When a giant chicken goes on a rampage, only a tiny potato can stop it. But is the bird's mutation an accident or fowl play? An enemy linked to Super Potato's past has set a feathery trap. What could be worse? Well, he'll also meet a winged monkey with a bad attitude . . .

GREEN LANTERN - LEGACY
By: MINH LE | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S | Theme(s): Diversity

The owner of the Jade Market has a secret—one that will soon change her grandson's life. Thirteen-year-old Tai Pham lives in the apartment above his grandmother's store, where his bedroom is crammed with sketchpads and comic books. But not even his most imaginative drawings could compare to the colorful adventure he's about to embark on. When Tai inherits his grandmother's jade ring, he soon finds out it's more than it appears. Suddenly he's being inducted into a group of space cops known as the Green Lanterns, his neighborhood is being overrun by some racist bullies, and every time he puts pen to paper, he's forced to confront that he might not be creative enough or strong enough to uphold his ba's legacy. Now Tai must decide what kind of hero he wants to be: will he learn to soar above his insecurities or will the past keep him grounded?

SNAPDRAGON
By: KAT LEYH | Paperback
ISBN: 9781250171115 | Price: $14.00
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

Snap's town had a witch. At least, that’s how the rumor goes. But in reality, Jacks is just a crows-wearing, internet-savvy old lady who sells roadkill skeletons online—after doing a little ritual to put their spirits to rest. It’s creepy, sure, but Snap thinks it’s kind of cool, too. They make a deal: Jacks will teach Snap how to take care of the baby opossums that Snap rescued, and Snap will help Jacks with her work. But as Snap starts to get to know Jacks, she realizes that Jacks may in fact have real magic—and a connection with Snap’s family’s past.

GIVER GRAPHIC NOVEL
By: LOIS LOWRY | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

The Giver is a modern classic and one of the most influential books of our time. Now in graphic novel format, Lois Lowry's Newbery Medal-winning classic story of a young boy discovering the dark secrets behind his seemingly ideal world is accompanied by renowned artist P. Craig Russell's beautifully haunting illustrations. Placed on countless reading lists, translated into more than forty languages, and made into a feature film, The Giver is the first
book in the Giver Quartet, which also includes Gathering Blue, Messenger, and Son. In this new graphic novel edition, readers experience the haunting story of twelve-year-old Jonas and his seemingly ideal, if colorless, world of conformity and contentment through the brilliant art of P. Craig Russell that truly brings The Giver to life. Witness Jonas’s assignment as the Receiver of Memory, watch as he begins to understand the dark secrets behind his fragile community, and follow the explosion of color into his world like never before.

NOISEMAKERS - 25 WOMEN WHO RAISED THEIR
By: KAZOO MAGAZINE | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN’S | Theme(s): Biography

“Thoughtful, timely and Super-Engaging. So glad the powerhouse young people coming up have Kazoo as a blueprint, a roadmap, and a glimpse into history.” -Jacqueline Woodson "All the women in this book were discouraged from doing the work they were born to do. Fortunately, they didn't let that stop them. Here are their riveting stories, told in unputdownable comics. I wish I'd had NOISEMAKERS when I was growing up." -Alison Bechdel From the creator of Kazoo magazine, a quarterly magazine for girls ages 5-12, which Amy Poehler's Smart Girls called "required reading," comes a graphic novel anthology of women who are not afraid to make some noise! Did anyone ever get anywhere by being quiet? To change anything, you have to make some noise! From the creator of the popular Kazoo magazine comes a look at the lives of 25 extraordinary women through the eyes of 25 extraordinary comic artists. In chapters titled Grow, Tinker, Play, Create, Rally, and Explore, you’ll meet Eugenie Clark, who swam with sharks, Raye Montague, who revolutionized the design process for ships, Hedy Lamarr, a beautiful actress and brilliant inventor, Julia Child, a chef who wasn't afraid to make mistakes, Kate Warne, the first female detective, who saved the life of President-Elect Abraham Lincoln, and many more. In 25 distinct styles from some of the most exciting comic artists, Noisemakers is for everyone who is not afraid to use their voice and for those who could use a little boost.

CLEOPATRA IN SPACE 06 QUEEN OF THE NILE
By: MIKE MAIHACK | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN’S

The conclusion to Mike Maihack's thrilling graphic novel series starring a young Cleopatra and her adventures in space! The time has come for Cleo to fulfill the ancient prophecy that declares her a savior and a hero, a prophecy she still struggles to accept. Cleo is joined by old and new friends as they fight to defend the galaxy she's come to call home against the evil Xaius Octavian. The Queen of the Nile must summon the strength to face down her enemy one last time, and keep her friends -- and herself -- alive. Now a TV series on NBCUniversal's streaming service, Peacock!

BABY SITTERS LITTLE SISTER 02 KAREN'S RO
By: ANN MARTIN | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN’S

Another graphic novel in this fresh and fun series spin-off of The Baby-sitters Club, featuring Kristy's little stepsister! It's going to be a great weekend! Karen has new roller skates and is a very good skater. She's looking forward to trying some new tricks. But, oh no! Karen falls down and has to go to the hospital. Her wrist is broken! Karen is determined to get everyone she knows -- plus someone famous -- to sign her cast. It isn't going to be easy, but she won't give up until the job is done.

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REAL PIGEONS 01 FIGHT CRIME
By: ANDREW MCDONALD | Hardcover
ISBN: 9780593119426 | Price: $15.19
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S | Theme(s): Humour

Ever wonder why pigeons act so weird? Because they are secretly chasing bad guys and flying around saving your butt! This hilarious illustrated series is perfect for fans of BAD GUYS and DOG MAN. What do REAL PIGEONS do? They fight crime, of course! Wait, what? You didn't know your town is protected by a secret squad of crime-fighting feathered friends? Well, you are about to get schooled. REAL PIGEONS solve mysteries! REAL PIGEONS fight bad guys! And REAL PIGEONS won't stop until your neighborhood is safe and the questions are all answered: Like, why have all the breadcrumbs disappeared? And which food truck smells the best?

FUN FUN FUN WORLD
By: YEHUDI MERCADO | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

Yehudi Mercado, author of Sci-Fu, is back with another fast-paced, graphic novel adventure for middle graders! The Devastorm 5 is an alien warship whose prime directive is to seek out planets to invade and conquer in tribute to the almighty Alien Queen. The only problem is that the crew of the Devastorm 5 is the worst in the fleet. In a last ditch effort to be taken more seriously, the Devastorm 5 crew vows to conquer Earth once and for all. Ground zero for operation "Conquer Earth" is a defunct amusement park called Fun Fun Fun World, overrun by cats and hiding a major secret. Will the crew of the Devastorm 5 be able to complete their mission?

ACT
By: KAYLA MILLER | Paperback
ISBN: 9780358206354 | Price: $15.19
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

Act is the funny and honest follow-up to the middle school graphic novel sensations, Click and Camp. Perfect for fans of Raina Telgemeier, Shannon Hale, and Victoria Jamieson.

COURTNEY CRUMRIN VOL 6
By: TED NAIFEH | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

The penultimate volume in the New York Times bestselling Courtney Crumrin series is now available in paperback! Courtney Crumrin has never shied away from making sure justice is served, but now it will cost her dearly. On the run from the Coven with her former teacher Calpurnia, Courtney quickly learns just how sinister the witches and warlocks of Hillsborough can be—but she never thought she’d see the day when Uncle Aloysius turned on her as well. And it’s much harder to fight a battle when the only family you care about stands against you. Courtney’s only salvation lies in the Twilight Kingdom, where witches and wizards dare not enter. But Aloysius is no ordinary wizard, and he won't give up on his niece so easily... even if it means going to war with the night creatures.
MYTHICS 01 HEROES REBORN
By: PHILIPPE OGAKI | Paperback
ISBN: 9781545804346 | Price: $15.60
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

In the ancient times of Gods and heroes, evil attempted to seize the world disguising themselves as six different gods. While they were spreading all their power of destruction, six heroes, each with extraordinary powers and brandishing sacred weapons, rose against these incarnations of evil. The evil was defeated and sealed in a secret place within the red desert on the planet Mars ...Today, enter six young heirs: Yuko of Japan, Parvati of India, Amir of Egypt, Abigail of Germany, Miguel of Mexico, and Neo of Greece suddenly pulled from their everyday lives. About to face the greatest threat that the contemporary world has ever known, in a flash, they get to discover just how worthy successors they may be of the ancient heroes.

PRINCESS PRINCESS EVER AFTER
By: KATIE ONEILL | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

Available for the first time in paperback, Princess Princess Ever After is the award-winning, queer graphic novel from Katie O'Neill, the author of The Tea Dragon Society, 2014 Cybils Awards Finalist 2014 Autostraddle Comic Art Award for Favorite Graphic Novel 2017 ALA Rainbow Book List Top Ten 2018 Sakura Medal Nominee When the heroic princess Amira rescues the kind-hearted princess Sadie from her tower prison, neither expects to find a true friend in the bargain. Yet as they adventure across the kingdom, they discover that they bring out the very best in the other person. They'll need to join forces and use all the know-how, kindness, and bravery they have in order to defeat their greatest foe yet: a jealous sorceress, who wants to get rid of Sadie once and for all. Join Sadie and Amira, two very different princesses with very different strengths, on their journey to figure out what “happily ever after” really means—and how they can find it with each other. Don't miss Katie O'Neill's next queer fantasy, The Tea Dragon Society, in stores now!

ASTRONAUTS - WOMEN ON THE FINAL FRONTIER
By: JIM OTTAVIANI | Hardcover
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

The U.S. may have put the first man on the moon, but it was the Soviet space program that made Valentina Tereshkova the first woman in space. It took years to catch up, but soon NASA’s first female astronauts were racing past milestones of their own. The trail-blazing women of Group 9, NASA’s first mixed gender class, had the challenging task of convincing the powers that be that a woman’s place is in space, but they discovered that NASA had plenty to learn about how to make space travel possible for everyone. In Astronauts: Women on the Final Frontier, Jim Ottaviani and illustrator Maris Wicks capture the great humor and incredible drive of Mary Cleave, Valentina Tereshkova, and the first women in space.

TIMMY FAILURE PREQUEL - ZERO TO HERO
By: STEPHAN PASTIS | Hardcover
ISBN: 9781368065115 | Price: $15.59
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

The prequel to the New York Times best-selling series that's soon to be a movie on Disney+! "Timmy Failure is a winner!"-Jeff Kinney, author of Diary of a Wimpy Kid Timmy Failure is not just any detective-he is the greatest detective in his town, perhaps the nation. He is so famous that there have been seven books written about his life. Plus a movie. And so he has agreed to provide the world with his extraordinary origin story, as dictated to his biographer and best friend, Charles "Rollo" Tookus. New York Times best-selling author Stephan Pastis is back with the hilariously heartwarming tale of how it all started for our favorite clueless detective-including how he got that red scarf!
JACKY HA-HA
By: JAMES PATTERSON | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

Adapted from James Patterson's #1 bestselling story, this hilarious and heartwarming graphic novel introduces Jacky Ha-Ha, a class clown who makes people laugh with her so they can't laugh at her! With her irresistible urge to tell a joke in every situation—even when it's a bad idea—Jacky Ha-Ha loves to make people laugh. And cracking wise helps distract her from thinking about not-so-funny things in her life, like her mom serving in a dangerous, faraway war, and a dad who's hardly ever home. But no matter how much fun Jacky has, she can't entirely escape her worries. So one starlit night, she makes a promise to keep her family together—even if she has to give up the one thing that makes her happy. But can she stop being Jacky Ha-Ha, if that's who she really is? Bright, funny, and fast-paced artwork will have readers laughing their way through Jacky's ha-ha-heartwarming story!

SUPER SONS ESCAPE TO LANDIS
By: RIDLEY PEARSON | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

Finishing the thrilling adventure that began in The PolarShield Project, a mysterious new foe plans to release a deadly virus, leaving the sons of the world's two greatest superheroes on their biggest mission yet! With the news of the Four Fingers taking refuge in the land of Landis, Batkid, Superboy, and Tilly begin their journey to stop the deadly virus from being unleashed onto the world. Meanwhile, Candace has already found her way to Landis and is taken underground to a group of people who still believe her to be the true queen of Landis. This brings our team fully together in an action-packed adventure through the desert of Landis, an unknown territory filled with unknown dangers! New York Times bestselling author Ridley Pearson (Kingdom Keepers) and artist Ile Gonzalez bring an epic conclusion to a story two books in the making. From start to finish, don't miss the Super Sons of Superman and Batman springing into action on what might be their final mission!

BIG NATE BLOW THE ROOF OFF
By: LINCOLN PEIRCE | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

Big Nate has played many roles — cartoonist, athlete, prankster, detention regular — but how about "boyfriend"? After Nate is reunited with his fleeting crush from the summer carnival, a whole new chapter begins for everyone's favorite sixth-grade renaissance man. But romantic inclinations can't change Nate's outlaw image, and he joins up with friends Teddy and Francis to present the most rocking concert yet by their band, Enslave The Mollusk. This latest Big Nate installment by bestselling author Lincoln Peirce will take readers on an amorous, rocking, and highly comedic adventure.

DOG MAN 09 GRIME & PUNISHMENT
By: DAV PILKEY | Hardcover
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GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

The next great Dog Man adventure from the worldwide bestselling author and artist Dav Pilkey. You'll howl with laughter! The Supa Buddies bamboozled the baddies, but all's not right in the world. Dog Man has a new problem to pound, and he's going to need his entire pack to help him. Will he go barking up the wrong tree? Dav Pilkey's wildly popular Dog Man series appeals to readers of all ages and explores universally positive themes, including empathy, kindness, persistence, and the importance of doing good.
BALONEY & FRIENDS
By: GREG PIZZOLI | Hardcover
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

Meet Baloney! This book is about him. And also Peanut the horse, his best friend. There's Bizz the bumblebee, too, of course. And Krabbit. He'd rather not be here, but what can you do? In this graphic novel for young readers, watch our pig protagonist perform some questionable magic, cheer him on as he braves the swimming pool, and root for Baloney and his friends when a case of the blues gets him down. Brought to you by Geisel Medalist Greg Pizzoli, these delightful tales will get kids giggling in no time!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISADVENTURES OPERATION HA
By: JASON PLATT | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

In Jason Platt's second Middle School Misadventures graphic novel, Newell's favorite hat gets taken away! With the help of his most talented friends, he concocts the perfect plan to get it back. Operation: Hat Heist is a go! Newell's favorite show of all time is The Captain! Newell is beyond excited when he learns that the Captain himself, Patrick O'Shaughnessy, will be at Monster Comic Con. He can't wait to meet The Captain wearing his once-worn-by-The-Captain WWII crusher hat that his dad gave him. But when Newell brings the hat to school, it gets stolen from his backpack! Fart. When Newell finally spots the culprit wearing his hat in the hall, Mr. Todd confiscates it and reminds the students, "There are no hats to be worn in school!" Double fart. What will Newell do?! He wants his hat back so he doesn't let his dad down and so he can impress his hero, but Mr. Todd refuses to return it! Just when Newell is about to give up, he receives a note from 8th grader Ethan: "I have an idea. Also, bring your friends. They can help too." Can Newell, Ethan, and this ragtag group of friends pull off the perfect hat heist? In this fun and imaginative full-color graphic novel, Jason Platt sends fast-talking, daydreaming, Newell on another desperate quest to save his favorite hate before he meets his all-time hero. This title will be simultaneously available in hardcover.

DINOSAUR EXPLORERS 06 ESCAPING THE JURASSIC
By: REDCODE | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

After recovering from a few missteps while lost in the Jurassic, Rain, Stone, Sean, and Emily—the Dinosaur Explorers—are finally ready to explore the prehistoric era! And they're going to need the help of Doctor Da Vinci, Diana, and robot helper Starz plus all the luck they can get to escape the world's largest dinosaurs! It's going to be a rough ride, but the team is up for the challenge, and ready to get one step closer to their return to their present-day home!

BRINA THE CAT 01 GANG OF THE FELINE SUN
By: GIORGIO SALATI | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

Brina, a city cat, moved to the mountains with the owners for a summer holiday. Here she meets some stray cats who call themselves “The Gang of the Feline Sun”. The new friends convince her to escape her owners and become a free cat. But while Brina enjoys her newfound freedom and all the new types of delectable bugs the countryside has to offer, her young owners are panicking over losing her, a member of their family. Brina must make a choice to live with her owners, where it’s safe (but confined) or go in the wilderness. A heartwarming tender cat tale.
GEORGE & HAROLD'S EPIC COMIX 02 CAPTAIN
By: SCHOLASTIC | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

This collection of Captain Underpants TV comics features some of the Waistband Warrior's stretchiest and most exciting bad-guy battles! George Beard and Harold Hutchins are back with original new comic adventures starring the world-famous Waistband Warrior, Captain Underpants! This second collection features even more of George and Harold's hilarious comix from the first three seasons of the TV show -- nearly 200 pages of comics total! Each epic adventure features a brand-new villain from the hit Netflix TV series.

SNOOPY 1ST BEAGLE IN SPACE BOOK 14
By: CHARLES SCHULZ | Paperback
ISBN: 9781524855628 | Price: $12.79
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

Join Snoopy and the rest of the Peanuts gang as he seeks new milestones in the space race! Even though the first moon landing was 50 years ago, Snoopy has a bold new mission: to be the first beagle in space! Join Snoopy as he sets out on his ambitious quest, while also leading Woodstock and friends as a Beagle Scout and keeping the company of his owner, the round-headed kid Charlie Brown.

NAT ENOUGH
By: MARIA SCRIVAN | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

Making friends isn't easy, but losing them is even harder! Natalie has never felt that she's enough -- athletic enough, stylish enough, or talented enough. And on the first day of middle school, Natalie discovers that things are worse than she thought -- now she's not even cool enough for her best friend, Lily! As Natalie tries to get her best friend back, she learns more about her true self and natural talents. If Natalie can focus on who she is rather than who she isn't, then she might realize she's more than enough, just the way she is.

WONDER PONY
By: MARIE SENALE | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

Louison dreads going back to school for sixth grade -- but luckily she's able to transform herself into a super-heroine named Wonder Pony to keep watch over the school and rid it of its mysterious monsters! Middle school wasn't exactly stable before, but it becomes a real struggle when sixth grader Louison is given the strength and powers of a pony by… a tiny pink toy pony that insists on being called Jean-Pierre? Now, Louison is saddled with the responsibility of reining in the monsters that are up to no good in her new school! It's time to horse around with Wonder Pony! Acclaimed writer and artist Marie Spénale presents a magical adventure full of friends and fun for anyone who's ever wished they had the power to save the day!
KNIGHTS CLUB 03 BURIED CITY
By: SHUKY | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

This middle-grade graphic novel series makes YOU the valiant hero of a fantasy quest—pick your panel, find items, gain abilities, solve puzzles, and play through new storylines again and again! After years of dedicated training and adventure, you are finally a full-fledged knight! You are sent on your first official mission by Elliot, a famous merchant. Impressed by your strength and skill, Elliot entrusts you with the search for a list of precious objects, all hidden on a distant island. Can you find all the objects and bring them back? Can you even return alive from this treacherous and mysterious island? Your success depends on your choices alone, because the hero is you! HERE’S HOW TO PLAY: • To begin your quest, select your character. • Numbers are hidden in every panel. Decide where you want to go next, and then flip to the panel with the matching number. • Solve puzzles, collect supplies, and defeat enemies in your quest for success. • If your mission fails, just start again at the beginning! You can play the book over and over again, making different choices every time. Remember, this is no ordinary comic book—what happens next is up to you!

BIG BREAK
By: MARK TATULLI | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

A full-color graphic novel about growing up, growing apart, and monster hunting, perfect for fans of Real Friends and All's Faire in Middle School. Andrew and Russ are best friends obsessed with finding the legendary Jersey Devil that supposedly lives in the Pine Barrens of New Jersey, right in their own backyards. They're even making a movie about their desperate search for any sign of the mythical creature. But when Russ starts spending less time on their movie, and more time with artsy, first-chair violinist Tara, Andrew feels the cracks in their friendship begin to form. Suddenly, all of Andrew's favorite things are too babyish for Russ, and Andrew is left trying to figure out where he belongs without his best friend by his side. Then a rash of Jersey Devil sightings excite their small town, and the boys are thrown back together on a fevered hunt. Can Andrew and Russ put aside their differences for one last chance to find the monster of their dreams, or will the break in their friendship be too big to mend?

AMELIA EARHART
By: S.S. TAYLOR | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S | Theme(s): Biography

"Women must try to do things as men have tried. When they fail, their failure must be but a challenge to others." -- Amelia Earhart Amelia Earhart developed a love of flying at a very young age. What began as a simple joy became something much deeper--a commitment to open doors for all women. As Amelia built a name for herself in the field of aviation--breaking numerous records along the way--she inspired future trailblazers to soar to new heights. With an introduction by astronaut pioneer Eileen Collins, Amelia Earhart: This Broad Ocean focuses on Amelia's triumphant crossing of the Atlantic Ocean in 1928. Panel by panel, it offers a glimpse of her relentless ambition and tireless will to promote women's rights. Above all, it leaves us with a sense of her deep-rooted desire to touch the sky.

CHLOE & CARTOON
By: GREG TESSIER | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

By now, you all know Chloe “Misty” Blin, the breakout middle school star of her own Charmz graphic novel series. Now, get to know the origin story of the Blin family feline, the mischievous Cartoon! Cartoon arrives as a three-month-old kitten to Blin household many years ago, back when an excitable Chloe is not embarrassed to be called Misty and before her brother Arthur is born. Chloe’s dad is not as excited to share his house with a cat. Little does...
the family know that Cartoon is about to make their lives much more animated!

**PLANTS VS ZOMBIES VOL 15 BETTER HOMES AN**

*By: PAUL TOBIN | Hardcover*  
*ISBN: 9781506713052 | Price: $11.19*

**GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S**

When the evil Dr. Zomboss hears of the plants’ plan to destroy the zombies he comes up with a plan of his own, a plan which the plants, Crazy Dave, and Nate and Patrice, must now try and counter.

**BATTLE BORN**

*By: MAXMILIAN URIARTE | Hardcover*  
*ISBN: 9780316448963 | Price: $28.00*

**GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S**

The new graphic novel by the New York Times bestselling author, a heartbreaking and visceral examination of prejudice and the military remnants of colonialism set against the stark beauty of Afghanistan's mountain villages. Lapis Lazuli is a rich blue semi-precious gemstone found deep within the Saresang Mountains of Afghanistan's Badakhshan province. For thousands of years, the people of Badakhshan have lived peacefully, seemingly untouched by time itself. However, in recent years, war has found its way into these remote villages, as the Taliban have sought the riches buried within the mountains of Badakhshan. This extremist group of Talib fighters, known to the locals as the Horsemen, have recently taken control of the lucrative gemstone export market, focusing much of their energy on the sale of Lapis Lazuli. At the behest of the fledgling Afghan government, United States Marines are sent to this treacherous and remote region to combat the Taliban and restore the gemstone trade to the people of the mountains. Led by Sergeant King—a stoic and commanding presence whose contained exterior hides a violent shadow—the Marines find themselves in an epic clash of kings for control of the Badakhshan Mountains. *Battle Born* is about violence in all its forms—"civilized" and detached; close, brutal and extreme. But, most of all, it is also the story of human connection and human kindness.

**SCIENCE COMICS - CROWS GENIUS BIRDS**

*By: KYLA VANDERKLUGT | Paperback Canadian*  
*ISBN: 9781626728028 | Price: $14.00*

**GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S**

That's something to crow about! Learn all about these genius birds in Kyla Vanderklugt's *Science Comics: Crows*, the latest volume in First Second’s action-packed nonfiction graphic novel series for middle-grade readers! Every volume of Science Comics offers a complete introduction to a particular topic—dinosaurs, the solar system, volcanoes, bats, robots, and more. These gorgeously illustrated graphic novels offer wildly entertaining views of their subjects. Whether you're a fourth grader doing a natural science unit at school or a thirty-year-old with a secret passion for airplanes, these books are for you! Did you know that crows make their own tools, lead complex social lives, and never forget a human face? Scientists are just beginning to unlock the secrets of the crow's brain to discover how these avian Einsteins can be as smart as some primates, and even perform some of the same cognitive feats as human children! Crows have problem-solving skills that will make you you rethink what it means to be a bird brain!
GIRL CALLED ECHO 03 NORTHWEST RESISTANCE
By: KATHERENA VERMETTE | Paperback Canadian
ISBN: 9781553798316 | Price: $17.06
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S | Theme(s): Indigenous

Northwest Resistance is volume three in the graphic novel series, A Girl Called Echo, by Katherena Vermette, a Governor General Award-winning writer and author of The Seven Teaching Stories (HighWater Press).

ALL MY FRIENDS ARE GHOSTS
By: S.M. VIDAURRI | Paperback
ISBN: 9781684154982 | Price: $15.19
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

Effie is lost and only feels like a ghost – till she discovers an actual ghost school in the nearby woods and begins an unforgettable journey of self-discovery. Effie is lost, and feels like a ghost. She skips school because she doesn't think anyone will notice, and doesn't feel like she belongs, or that school offers her anything that she wants. Simply, she has stopped trying. One day, when she realizes no one will notice, she escapes from her every day life... and discovers a ghost school in the nearby woods. But just as she’s beginning to learn all about the amazing things that ghosts can do – like possession, poltergeist-ing, demon magic and more – Effie is asked by her new friends to help track down a mysterious spirit that’s been spotted. But if Effie’s going to succeed, she’ll not only have to show her friends that she’s got something special, but also learn to believe she’s got it too. Eisner Award-winning writer S.M. Vidaurri (Iron, Steven Universe) and artist Hannah Krieger (Psychic Mansion) present a new original graphic novel about discovering what makes you special and helping others be seen for who they are.

ALIEN NATE
By: DAVE WHAMOND | Hardcover Canadian
ISBN: 9781525302091 | Price: $12.79
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

An alien, government agents and … pizza? Nate’s on a mission to Earth from the planet Vega. His goal: eat pizza! Luckily, soon after crash-landing he meets Fazel, who helps him create a disguise, learn the ways of Earthlings and, most importantly, stuff himself with pizza! What a blast Earth is! There’s only one problem. Two Men in Beige (government agents) have been trying to capture him — and they’re starting to close in. Can Nate and Fazel repair Nate’s spacecraft before the agents find him? And will Nate have had his fill of pizza by then? Kids will laugh so hard, they’ll be primed for liftoff!

HILO 06 ALL THE PIECES FIT
By: JUDD WINICK | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

Being a hero isn’t easy. But Hilo had no idea it would be this hard. Hilo came to earth because he was running from Razorwark. But he’s done running. Razorwark has come to earth. And the time has come for one final face to face showdown. What happens will decide the fate of the robot world... and Hilo’s future. The sacrifice will be great. But with Izzy’s help, Hilo finally knows what he has to do. Because THIS is how all the pieces fit.
DC SUPER HERO GIRLS POWERLESS
By: AMY WOLFRAM | Paperback
GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S

When the electric grid and Gotham's cloud computing technology get knocked out on the same night, the Metropolis High Hamsters must figure out how to deal with the city's loss of power.

EXPLORER ACADEMY FIELD JOURNAL
By: NATIONALGEOGRAPHIC | Hardcover

Unleash your inner adventurer in your very own Explorer Academy field journal as you undertake missions to explore your favorite spots, boldly plot future world travels, and record your innermost thoughts and feelings along the way. You've read along as Cruz Coronado and his fellow explorers travel the globe. Now let National Geographic Kids help YOU explore and chronicle your own adventures! Go on cool training missions in your backyard, draw your own pair of emotoglasses, plan out your future world travels, learn the tips and tricks that real National Geographic explorers use in the field, and plot where you would hide your cipher pieces in your own mission-saving scavenger hunt! These and many more exciting prompts will help you discover your inner explorer and determine if you have what it takes to be a part of the Explorer Academy!

SCARE ME
By: K.R. ALEXANDER | Paperback
INTERMEDIATE FICTION | Theme(s): Horror

A haunted house has come to life in this spine-tingling novel from the author of The Collector They've lost control of the haunted house. Every year, the town of Happy Hills holds its haunted house contest. In a spooky old manor, teams of kids come up with new ways to frighten people. The scariest team wins. But this year, all the teams are going to lose. Because this year the house itself has awakened . . . and it won't be happy until it's devoured all the people inside. What started out as a game has turned into something much more deadly. Is there any way out?

BURY ME
By: KR ALEXANDER | Paperback
INTERMEDIATE FICTION | Theme(s): Horror

You can't keep a dead doll down in this creepy new novel from the author of The Collector. Some dolls never die. No one ever leaves Copper Hollow. It's a town with a deadly history . . . but nobody ever talks about it. Kimberly thinks there might be something strange going on. She's not sure what - until the menacing doll appears with two words written across its clothes: BURY ME Kimberly and her friends try to destroy the doll . . . but every time they think it's gone, it comes back again. Is there any way to rid themselves of the evil once and for all?
HUMMINGBIRD DAGGER
By: CINDY ANSTEY | Paperback Canadian
INTERMEDIATE FICTION | Theme(s): Detective, Mystery

From the author of Suitors and Sabotage comes a suspenseful and enthralling new YA Regency novel, perfect for readers who like their Jane Austen classics with a side of mystery and murder. 1833. A near-fatal carriage accident has deposited an unconscious young woman on the doorstep of Hardwick Manor and into the care of young Lord James Ellerby. But when she finally awakens, it is with no memory of who she is or where she came from. Beth, as she calls herself, has no identity; the only clue to her circumstances is a recurring nightmare of a hummingbird, blood dripping from its steel beak. With the help of James and his sister, Caroline, Beth tries to solve the mystery of her own identity and the appalling events that brought her to their door. But nothing could prepare her for the escalating dangers that threaten her and the Ellerby clan. From the hazardous cliffs of Dorset to the hostile streets of London, Beth will fight to reclaim her past, hunted by a secretive foe with murderous intentions. Fans of Cindy Anstey's previous novels won't want to miss The Hummingbird Dagger, a dark and twisty new offering that blends romance, danger and mystery. Praise for The Hummingbird Dagger: "A blend of Jane Austen, Jack the Ripper, and your favorite cozy mystery. ... The romance was lovely, sweet and a perfect subplot to the darker tones of murder, mystery and mayhem. " -Isabel Ibañez, author of Woven in Moonlight "Quite fun. ... There is a softness when it comes to Cindy Antsey's historical novels ... it calms me somewhat while still letting me enjoy the twists and turns." -Whatever You Can Still Betray

WAR STORM
By: VICTORIA AVEYARD | Paperback
INTERMEDIATE FICTION

The #1 New York Times bestselling Red Queen series comes to a stunning conclusion in War Storm. VICTORY COMES AT A PRICE. Mare Barrow learned this all too well when Cal's betrayal nearly destroyed her. Now determined to protect her heart--and secure freedom for Reds and newbloods like her--Mare resolves to overthrow the kingdom of Norta once and for all . . . starting with the crown on Maven's head. But no battle is won alone, and before the Reds may rise as one, Mare must side with the boy who broke her heart in order to defeat the boy who almost broke her. Cal's powerful Silver allies, alongside Mare and the Scarlet Guard, prove a formidable force. But Maven is driven by an obsession so deep, he will stop at nothing to have Mare as his own again, even if it means demolish everything--and everyone--in his path. War is coming, and all Mare has fought for hangs in the balance. Will victory be enough to topple the Silver kingdoms? Or will the little lightning girl be forever silenced? In the epic conclusion to Victoria Aveyard's stunning series, Mare must embrace her fate and summon all her power . . . for all will be tested, but not all will survive. And don't miss Broken Throne: A Red Queen Collection, featuring three brand-new novellas and other exclusive content, coming in April!

CANDLE & THE FLAME
By: NAFIZA AZAD | Paperback Canadian
INTERMEDIATE FICTION | Theme(s): Diversity, Romance

Azad's sumptuous debut YA fantasy is set in a city along the Silk Road that is a refuge for those of all faiths, where a young woman is threatened by the war between two clans of powerful djinn. Fatima lives in the city of Noor, a thriving stop along the Silk Road. There the music of myriad languages fills the air, and people of all faiths weave their lives together. However, the city bears scars of its recent past, when the chaotic tribe of Shayateen djinn slaughtered its entire population - except for Fatima and two other humans. Now ruled by a new maharajah, Noor is protected from the Shayateen by the Ifrit, djinn of order and reason, and by their commander, Zulfikar. But when one of the most potent of the Ifrit dies, Fatima is changed in ways she cannot fathom, ways that scare even those who love her. Oud in hand, Fatima is drawn into the intrigues of the maharajah and his sister, the affairs of Zulfikar and the djinn, and the dangers of a magical battlefield. Nafiza Azad weaves an immersive tale of magic and the importance of names; fiercely independent women; and, perhaps most importantly, the work for harmony within a city of a thousand cultures and cadences.

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EGYPTIAN MIRROR
By: MICHAEL BEDARD | Hardcover Canadian
INTERMEDIATE FICTION | Theme(s): Mystery

A darkly fantastic middle-grade mystery with the ominous atmosphere loved by fans of Jonathan Auxier and Jonathan Stroud. Thirteen-year-old Simon's life has been knocked askew ever since his family moved into his deceased grandfather's house. First there's his eccentric neighbor Mr. Hawkins, who is laid up with a broken leg. Simon's mother begins sending him over there with dinner for the elderly man, and soon Mr. Hawkins is depending on Simon to fetch old books and manuscript pages from all over his eerie, mirror-filled house. There's one mirror in particular, an ancient Egyptian piece, that keeps showing Simon visions of a disturbing figure emerging from its depths. No one else sees the figure, though--just like they don't see the huge, gaunt dog lurking in Mr. Hawkins' bushes. As Simon himself becomes increasingly plagued by a mysterious illness, he is powerless to help as his neighbor descends into paranoia about dark forces encircling his house. The terrible part is, Mr. Hawkins is right. Everything is about to get much, much worse. With an eerie atmosphere perfect for fans of Jonathan Auxier and Jonathan Stroud, The Egyptian Mirror is a deliciously unsettling mystery from Michael Bedard, the author of The Green Man, A Darker Magic, and the Governor General's Award-winning Redwork.

BLACKBIRD GIRLS
By: ANNE BLANKMAN | Hardcover
INTERMEDIATE FICTION | Theme(s): Historical Fiction

On a spring morning, neighbors Valentina Kaplan and Oksana Savchenko wake up to an angry red sky. A reactor at the nuclear power plant where their fathers work--Chernobyl--has exploded. Before they know it, the two girls, who've always been enemies, find themselves on a train bound for Leningrad to stay with Valentina's estranged grandmother, Rita Grigorievna. In their new lives in Leningrad, they begin to learn what it means to trust another person. Oksana must face the lies her parents told her all her life. Valentina must keep her grandmother's secret, one that could put all their lives in danger. And both of them discover something they've wished for: a best friend. But how far would you go to save your best friend's life? Would you risk your own?

24 HOURS IN NOWHERE
By: DUSTI BOWLING | Paperback
ISBN: 9781454940166 | Price: $8.76
INTERMEDIATE FICTION

Welcome to Nowhere, Arizona, America's least livable town. For Gus, a bright 13-year-old with dreams of escaping, life there is made even worse by bully Bo Taylor. When Bo tries to force Gus to eat a spiny cactus, Rossi Scott, one of the best racers in Nowhere, rescues him by relinquishing her prized dirt bike. Gus agrees to do anything to get it back--even if it means going into a deadly mine to hunt for gold. A gripping story about friendship, hope, and finding the power within ourselves.

BALLAD OF SONGBIRDS & SNAKES
By: SUZANNE COLLINS | Hardcover
INTERMEDIATE FICTION

The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes will revisit the world of Panem sixty-four years before the events of The Hunger Games, starting on the morning of the reapining of the Tenth Hunger Games.
COLOR ME IN
By: NATASHA DIAZ | Paperback
INTERMEDIATE FICTION | Theme(s): Diversity

Growing up in an affluent suburb of New York City, sixteen-year-old Nevaeh Levitz never thought much about her biracial roots. When her Black mom and Jewish dad split up, she relocates to her mom's family home in Harlem and is forced to confront her identity for the first time. Nevaeh wants to get to know her extended family, but because she inadvertently passes as white, her cousin thinks she's too privileged, pampered, and selfish to relate to the injustices African Americans face on a daily basis. In the meantime, Nevaeh's dad decides that she should have a belated bat mitzvah instead of a sweet sixteen, which guarantees social humiliation at her posh private school. But rather than take a stand, Nevaeh does what she's always done when life gets complicated: she stays silent. Only when Nevaeh stumbles upon a secret from her mom's past, finds herself falling in love, and sees firsthand the prejudice her family faces does she begin to realize she has her own voice. And choices. Will she continue to let circumstances dictate her path? Or will she decide once for all who and where she is meant to be?

GREYSTONE SECRETS 02 THE DECEIVERS
By: MARGARET HADDIX | Hardcover
INTERMEDIATE FICTION

Told from separate viewpoints, as Finn, Emma, and Chess Greystone and Natalie Mayhew, ages eight to thirteen, continue their quest to rescue their mothers they must return to the alternate dimension where truth is illegal.

GREYSTONE SECRETS 01 THE STRANGERS
By: MARGARET HADDIX | Paperback
INTERMEDIATE FICTION

New York Times bestselling author Margaret Peterson Haddix takes readers on a thrilling adventure filled with mysteries and plot twists aplenty in this absorbing series about family and friendships. Perfect for fans of A Wrinkle in Time and The City of Ember! What makes you you? The Greystone kids thought they knew. Chess has always been the protector over his younger siblings, Emma loves math, and Finn does what Finn does best—acting silly and being adored. They’ve been a happy family, just the three of them and their mom. But everything changes when reports of three kidnapped children reach the Greystone kids, and they’re shocked by the startling similarities between themselves and these complete strangers. The other kids share their same first and middle names. They’re the same ages. They even have identical birthdays. Who, exactly, are these strangers? Before Chess, Emma, and Finn can question their mom about it, she takes off on a sudden work trip and leaves them in the care of Ms. Morales and her daughter, Natalie. But puzzling clues left behind lead to complex codes, hidden rooms, and a dangerous secret that will turn their world upside down. Praise for The Strangers: "A secret-stacked, thrilling series opener about perception, personal memories, and the idiosyncrasies that form individual identities." (Publishers Weekly, starred review) * Winter 2018–2019 Kids' Indie Next List Pick * Indie Bestseller * Time for Kids Book Club: Top 10 Summer Reads *

GUEST
By: MARY HAHN | Paperback
INTERMEDIATE FICTION | Theme(s): Horror

From the master of spookiness, Mary Downing Hahn, comes a tale of malicious sprites called the Kinde Folke who snatch Mollie's baby brother and replace him with a hideous changeling, and of Mollie’s journey through eerie, perilous lands to save him.

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DEEPLIGHT
By: FRANCES HARDINGE | Hardcover
INTERMEDIATE FICTION
The gods are dead. Decades ago, they turned on one another and tore each other apart. Nobody knows why. But are they really gone forever? When 15-year-old Hark finds the still-beating heart of a terrifying deity, he risks everything to keep it out of the hands of smugglers, military scientists, and a secret fanatical cult so that he can use it to save the life of his best friend, Jelt. But with the heart, Jelt gradually and eerily transforms. How long should Hark stay loyal to his friend when he's becoming a monster—and what is Hark willing to sacrifice to save him?

WINK
By: ROB HARRELL | Hardcover
INTERMEDIATE FICTION | Theme(s): Humour, Illness
Ross Maloy just wants to be a normal seventh grader. He doesn't want to lose his hair, or wear a weird hat, or deal with the disappearing friends who don't know what to say to “the cancer kid.” But with his recent diagnosis of a rare eye cancer, blending in is off the table. Based on Rob Harrell's real life experience, and packed with comic panels and spot art, this incredibly personal and poignant novel is an unforgettable, heartbreaking, hilarious, and uplifting story of survival and finding the music, magic, and laughter in life's weirdness.

NIGHTSHADE
By: ANTHONY HOROWITZ | Hardcover
INTERMEDIATE FICTION
Get ready for action, adrenaline and adventure in this explosive, brand new Alex Rider mission by bestselling author, Anthony Horowitz. In this adrenaline-fueled adventure in the number one bestselling series, Alex Rider is sent by MI6 Special Operations to infiltrate a new and sinister organisation known only as Nightshade. Alex is on his own, with the fate of thousands of people resting in his hands.

PLACE TO BELONG
By: CYNTHIA KADOHATA | Paperback
INTERMEDIATE FICTION | Theme(s): Diversity, Historical Fiction
Five starred reviews! “Another gift from Kadohata to her readers.” —Booklist (starred review) A Japanese American family, reeling from their ill treatment in the Japanese imprisonment camps, gives up their American citizenship to move back to Hiroshima, unaware of the devastation wreaked by the atomic bomb in this piercing and all too relevant look at the aftermath of World War II by Newbery Medalist Cynthia Kadohata. World War II has ended, but while America has won the war, twelve-year-old Hanako feels lost. To her, the world, and her world, seems irrevocably broken. America, the only home she’s ever known, imprisoned then rejected her and her

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family—and thousands of other innocent Americans—because of their Japanese heritage, because Japan had bombed Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Japan, the country they’ve been forced to move to, the country they hope will be the family’s saving grace, where they were supposed to start new and better lives, is in shambles because America dropped bombs of their own—one on Hiroshima unlike any other in history. And Hanako’s grandparents live in a small village just outside the ravaged city. The country is starving, the black markets run rampant, and countless orphans beg for food on the streets, but how can Hanako help them when there is not even enough food for her own brother? Hanako feels she could crack under the pressure, but just because something is broken doesn’t mean it can’t be fixed. Cracks can make room for gold, her grandfather explains when he tells her about the tradition of kintsukuroi—fixing broken objects with gold lacquer, making them stronger and more beautiful than ever. As she struggles to adjust to find her place in a new world, Hanako will find that the gold can come in many forms, and family may be hers.

LAST OF HER NAME
By: JESSICA KHOURY | Paperback
INTERMEDIATE FICTION

From Jessica Khoury, author of the Corpus Trilogy, comes a gripping story of royalty and rebellion, coursing across a faraway star system like a trail of jewels. Sixteen years ago, rebellion swept the galaxy known as the Belt of Jewels. Every member of the Leonov royal family was murdered—down to their youngest child, Princess Anya—making way for the Union government to seize power. But Stacia doesn't think much about politics. She spends her days half-wild, rambling her father's vineyard with her friends, Clio and Pol. That all changes when a Union ship appears burning through the sky, bearing the leader of the Union, the Direktor Eminent himself, who declares that Stacia's sleepy village is a den of empire loyalists. Even more shocking, the Direktor claims that Princess Anya Leonova is alive—and Stacia is the lost princess. As their home explodes into chaos, Pol smuggles Stacia to a hidden escape ship, leaving Clio in the hands of the Union. With everything she knows threading away into the stars, Stacia sets her heart on a single mission: She will find and rescue Clio, even with the whole galaxy on her trail.

I LOVE YOU SO MOCHI
By: SARAH KUHN | Paperback
INTERMEDIATE FICTION | Theme(s): Romance

Perfect for fans of Jenny Han and Kasie West, I Love You So Mochi is a delightfully sweet and irrepressibly funny novel from accomplished author Sarah Kuhn. As sweet and satisfying as actual mochi... a tender love story wrapped up in food, fashion, and family. I gobbled it up. -- Maurene Goo, author of The Way You Make Me Feel

Kimi Nakamura loves a good fashion statement. She's obsessed with transforming everyday ephemera into Kimi Originals: bold outfits that make her and her friends feel like the Ultimate versions of themselves. But her mother disapproves, and when they get into an explosive fight, Kimi's entire future seems on the verge of falling apart. So when a surprise letter comes in the mail from Kimi's estranged grandparents, inviting her to Kyoto for spring break, she seizes the opportunity to get away from the disaster of her life. When she arrives in Japan, she's met with a culture both familiar and completely foreign to her. She loses herself in the city's outdoor markets, art installations, and cherry blossom festival -- and meets Akira, a cute aspiring med student who moonlights as a costumed mochi mascot. And what begins as a trip to escape her problems quickly becomes a way for Kimi to learn more about the mother she left behind, and to figure out where her own heart lies. In I Love You So Mochi, author Sarah Kuhn has penned a delightfully sweet and irrepressibly funny novel that will make you squee at the cute, cringe at the awkward, and show that sometimes you have to lose yourself in something you love to find your Ultimate self.
IT WASN'T ME
By: DANA LEVY | Paperback
ISBN: 9781524766467 | Price: $8.79
INTERMEDIATE FICTION

“Every reader will find some piece of themselves in Levy's sharp, humorous, and heartfelt novel. A twisty mystery with quirky, unforgettable characters and a positive message to boot.” --JOHN DAVID ANDERSON, the critically acclaimed author of Ms. Bixby’s Last Day and Posted The Breakfast Club meets middle school with a prank twist in this hilarious and heartwarming story about six very different seventh graders who are forced to band together after a vandalism incident. When Theo’s photography project is mysteriously vandalized at school there are five suspected students who all say “it wasn't me.” Theo just wants to forget about the humiliating incident but his favorite teacher is determined to get to the bottom of it and has the six of them come into school over vacation to talk. She calls it "Justice Circle." The six students--the Nerd, the Princess, the Jock, the Screw Up, the Weirdo, and the Nobody--think of it as detention. AKA their worst nightmare. That is until they realize they might get along after all, despite their differences. But what is everyone hiding and will school ever be the same? *PW Best Books *Winter Kids’ Indie Next List * JLG selection * Three starred reviews “What at first seems like a novel solely about bullying becomes a story about six kids who find their way to true friendship and fierce loyalty, and why restorative justice is worth the time and effort it takes.” --Publishers Weekly, starred review "A timely, introspective whodunit with a lot of heart.” --Kirkus Reviews, starred review "Levy writes in an easy style with laugh-out-loud humor, offering characters that slowly reveal deeper complexity.” --School Library Journal, starred review

KINGDOM OF BACK
By: MARIE LU | Hardcover
INTERMEDIATE FICTION | Theme(s): Historical Fiction

Two siblings. Two brilliant talents. But only one Mozart. Born with a gift for music, Nannerl Mozart has just one wish—to be remembered forever. But even as she delights audiences with her masterful playing, she has little hope she'll ever become the acclaimed composer she longs to be. She is a young woman in 18th century Europe, and that means composing is forbidden to her. She will perform only until she reaches a marriageable age--her tyrannical father has made that much clear. And as Nannerl's hope grows dimmer with each passing year, the talents of her beloved younger brother, Wolfgang, only seem to shine brighter. His brilliance begins to eclipse her own, until one day a mysterious stranger from a magical land appears with an irresistible offer. He has the power to make her wish come true--but his help may cost her everything.

UNTIL NIAGARA FALLS
By: JENNIFER MARUNO | Paperback Canadian
INTERMEDIATE FICTION | Theme(s): Historical Fiction, Coming of Age

Is friendship supposed to feel like walking over the falls? Brenda is afraid of heights, being in the dark, and dog poop. Then she meets daring, rule-breaking Maureen and realizes their friendship is a bit like walking a tightrope — exciting but dangerous. Maureen encourages Brenda to use fire escapes, sleep outside in a tent, and walk through strange backyards. Their friendship strains when Maureen makes fun of Harvey, Brenda's special needs neighbour. It strains even further when Maureen borrows Gran's bracelet and lies about returning it. Suddenly, Brenda realizes she has to be as brave as The Great Blondin, the man who walked across the falls, to get it back.
**BLOOM**

By: KENNETH OPEL | Hardcover Canadian  
INTERMEDIATE FICTION

The first book in bestselling author Kenneth Oppel's explosive new trilogy It was just rain. But after the downpour, odd black plants begin to shoot up. Suddenly-- They. Are. Everywhere. They take over fields and twine around houses. They bloom and throw off toxic pollen--and feed. Strangely, three Salt Spring Island teens seem immune. Anaya, Petra and Seth. What's their connection? What's their secret? A week ago, they wouldn't have thought they had one. But they'd better figure it out fast--the invasion has already begun.

**GHOST HUNTERS DAUGHTER**

By: DAN POBLOCKI | Hardcover  
INTERMEDIATE FICTION | Theme(s): Horror, Ghosts

A spooky stand-alone middle-grade novel from Dan Poblocki, perfect for fans of John Bellairs and Mary Downing Hahn. "They say if you see him, it's already too late." Claire doesn't believe in ghosts, even though her dad is a ghost hunter on TV. But then her dad disappears. And a strange boy in her class, Lucas, knows something about ghosts. One of them has a message for her: Her dad has been taken, and he's in grave danger. Together, Claire and Lucas set out for the town of Hush Falls, where her dad was last seen. Legend says that a tall man in a dark tattered coat lurks near the local reservoir, and anyone who gets too close to old Lemuel Hush is never heard from again. Claire and Lucas are determined to rescue her father. But how can they save him from the ghost of Hush when everyone knows that seeing the ghost means that you're destined to die...

**MY BEST FRIEND & OTHER ILLUSIONS**

By: SURI ROSEN | Paperback Canadian  
INTERMEDIATE FICTION | Theme(s): Mental Health

What if your imaginary friend from childhood suddenly reappeared . . . only this time he's no figment of your imagination. Charlie, a budding acrobat, is desperate to attend a gymnastics camp that will qualify her for a spot in the renowned travelling circus Circo Circo. But her mom can barely make ends meet and Charlie knows she must find a way to earn the money on her own. The solution seems to come when the perfect gymnastics partner mysteriously appears and they can put on shows. There's just one small thing though . . . this perfect partner is someone Charlie knows well. He's Rody, her imaginary childhood friend - only this time he's real. The problem with imaginary friends is that they know things about you . . . things that can jeopardize not only Charlie's acrobatic dreams, but also threaten to tear her family even farther apart. This truthful and often funny story is the mark of a rising new voice in Canadian children's literature, and a moving exploration of how to reconcile memory, family, forgiveness and the search for belonging.

**LOST RAINFOREST 03 RUMIS RIDDLE**

By: ELIOT SCHREFER | Hardcover  
INTERMEDIATE FICTION | Theme(s): Environment

The action-packed conclusion to the Lost Rainforest series by award-winning and bestselling author Eliot Schrefer delivers one last thrilling adventure as the shadowwalkers are pushed to the limit to protect Caldera. Perfect for fans of Warriors and Spirit Animals. When the shadowwalkers were victorious in their battle against the Ant Queen, they hoped their work to save Caldera was done. But the rainforest has begun to rumble. Rumi, a scholarly tree frog who can control the wind, must bring his band of animal friends to face the greatest danger they've yet encountered—the giant volcano beneath the jungle itself. While the volcano roars, rumors of a mysterious evil blanket Caldera—the Elemental of Darkness has emerged and is building a legion of followers. When the shadowwalkers are forced to divide and conquer, Rumi finds himself an unlikely leader and must grapple with his own secrets before he can unlock the full scope of his magical powers. Can Rumi rally the shadowwalkers to save their rainforest home?

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**POINT PAPERBACKS**

By: LYDIA SHARP | Paperback  
INTERMEDIATE FICTION

He's having the worst prom ever... over and over again. Does a perfect prom night exist? JJ's about to find out. All year, JJ's been looking forward to going to prom with his best friend, Lucy. It will be their last hurrah before graduation -- a perfect night where all their friends will relax, have fun together, and celebrate making it through high school. But nothing goes according to plan. When a near car crash derails JJ before he even gets to prom, a potential new romance surfaces, and Lucy can't figure out what happened to him, things spiral out of control. The best night of their lives quickly turns into the worst. That is... until JJ wakes up the next day only to find that it's prom night all over again. At first, JJ thinks he's lucky to have the chance to get innumerable chances at perfecting the night of his life. But each day ends badly for him and Lucy, no matter what he does. Can he find a way to escape the time loop and move into the future with the girl he loves? In the end, JJ might not get the prom he wanted, but he may well get the prom he needed...

**PARKED**

By: DANIELLE SVETCOV | Hardcover  
INTERMEDIATE FICTION | Theme(s): Poverty

"Newly homeless Jeanne Ann and wealthy Cal form a vital friendship as they both search for stability and community, finding it through love of books, art, and food"--

**CROSSING THE FARAK RIVER**

By: MICHELLE THIN | Paperback Canadian  
INTERMEDIATE FICTION | Theme(s): Diversity, Immigration/Citizenship

Fourteen-year-old Hasina is forced to flee everything she knows in this gripping account of the crisis in Myanmar. For Hasina and her younger brother Araf, the constant threat of Sit Tat, the Myanmar Army, is a way of life in Rakhine province--just uttering the name is enough to send chills down their spines. As Rohingyas, they know that when they hear the wop wop wop of their helicopters there is one thing to do--run, and don't stop. So when soldiers invade their village one night, and Hasina awakes to her aunt's fearful voice, followed by smoke, and then a scream, run is what they do. Hasina races deep into the Rakhine forest to hide with her cousin Ghadiya and Araf. When they emerge some days later, it is to a smouldering village. Their house is standing but where is the rest of her family? With so many Rohingyas driven out, Hasina must figure out who she can trust for help and summon the courage to fight for her family amid the escalating conflict that threatens her world and her identity.

**COME NOVEMBER**

By: KATRIN VANDAM | Paperback  
INTERMEDIATE FICTION | Theme(s): Family Relationships, Mental Health

This refreshingly original, contemporary YA debut centers on Rooney, a teen girl struggling to hold her family together in the face of her mother's delusions.
GENESIS BEGINS AGAIN
By: ALICIA WILLIAMS | Paperback
INTERMEDIATE FICTION | Theme(s): Bullying Issues, Poverty, Self Esteem

There are ninety-six reasons why thirteen-year-old Genesis dislikes herself. She knows the exact number because she keeps a list. Because her family is always being put out of their house. Because her dad has a gambling problem. And maybe a drinking problem too. Because Genesis knows this is all her fault. Because she wasn't born looking like Mama. Because she is too black. Genesis is determined to fix her family, and she's willing to try anything to do so...even if it means harming herself in the process. But when Genesis starts to find a thing or two she actually likes about herself, she discovers that changing her own attitude is the first step in helping change others.

SHOUT
By: LAURIE ANDERSON | Paperback
YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Award-winning Speak author Laurie Halse Anderson's New York Times bestselling poetic memoir and call to action, which garnered eight starred reviews! Bestselling author Laurie Halse Anderson is known for the unflinching way she writes about, and advocates for, survivors of sexual assault. Now, inspired by her fans and enraged by how little in our culture has changed since her groundbreaking novel Speak was first published twenty years ago, she has written a critically acclaimed poetry memoir that is as vulnerable as it is rallying, as timely as it is timeless. In free verse, Anderson shares reflections, rants, and calls to action woven among deeply personal stories from her life that she's never written about before. Praised as "captivating," "powerful," and "essential" by critics, this searing and soul-searching memoir is a denouncement of our society's failures and a love letter to all the people with the courage to say #MeToo and #TimesUp, whether aloud, online, or only in their own hearts. SHOUT speaks truth to power in a loud, clear voice--and once you hear it, it is impossible to ignore.

FACELESS
By: ALYSSA SHEINMEL | Paperback
YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Faceless is an emotionally gripping novel about a girl who gets a face transplant -- and has to rediscover her identity. While on a run one day, Maisie gets into a terrible accident. A hot-burning electrical fire consumes her, destroying her face. Where her nose, cheeks, and chin used to be, now there is...nothing. She is lucky enough to qualify for a face transplant. But with someone else's features staring back at her in the mirror, Maisie looks -- and feels -- like a stranger. The doctors promised that the transplant was her chance to live a normal life again, but nothing feels normal anymore. Before, she knew who she was -- a regular girl who ran track and got good grades, who loved her boyfriend and her best friend. Now, she can't even recognize herself. From the New York Times bestselling author of A Danger to Herself and Others comes a gripping and gorgeously written tale of identity and love. This is a story of losing yourself, and the long, hard fight to find your way back.

90 DAYS OF DIFFERENT
By: ERIC WALTERS | Paperback Canadian
YOUNG ADULT FICTION

In this novel for teens, Sophie graduates from high school, her boyfriend breaks up with her because she's boring, and her best friend challenges her to try 90 different things.
YOU TOO? 25 VOICES SHARE THEIR #METOO STORIES
By: JANET GURTLER | Hardcover Canadian
HIGH SCHOOL - LITERATURE ANTHOLOGIES

When #MeToo went viral, Janet Gurtler was among the millions of people who began to reflect on her past experiences. Things she had reluctantly accepted--male classmates groping her at recess, harassment at work--came back to her in startling clarity. She needed teens to know what she had not: that no young person should be subject to sexual assault, or made to feel unsafe, less than or degraded. You Too? was born out of that need. By turns thoughtful and explosive, these personal stories encompass a wide range of experiences and serve as a reminder to readers that they, too, have a voice worthy of being heard--and that only by listening and working together can we create change.

THOUSAND BEGINNINGS & ENDINGS
By: ELLEN OH | Paperback Canadian
HIGH SCHOOL - LITERATURE ANTHOLOGIES

A mountain loses her heart. Two sisters transform into birds to escape captivity. A young man learns the true meaning of sacrifice. A young woman takes up her mother's mantle and leads the dead to their final resting place. Bestselling and award-winning authors explore the timeless themes of East and South Asian lore in sixteen original stories that will appeal to every reader. From fantasy to science fiction to contemporary, from romance to tales of revenge, these stories will beguile readers from start to finish. Edited by We Need Diverse Books co-founder Ellen Oh and Elsie Chapman, this anthology contains stories from sixteen Asian and South Asian authors, including New York Times bestsellers and award-winners.

WORLDS BEST & WORST SCHOOL JOKES
By: JESSICA RUSICK | Paperback
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"What is a math teacher's favorite dessert? Pi! Show off your wit to your classmates with these hilarious jokes about school"--

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By: JESSICA RUSICK | Paperback
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By: JESSICA RUSICK | Paperback
JOKES AND RIDDLES
"How do fleas travel? And what is a mouse's favorite game? These jokes are perfect for bugging your friends, and some will even have you groaning and laughing at the same time"

RISING WATER
By: MARC ARONSON | Paperback
ISBN: 9781534444410 | Price: $8.79
SOCIAL STUDIES - GENERAL | Theme(s): Survival
The incredible true story of the twelve boys trapped with their coach in a flooded cave in Thailand and their inspiring rescue. On June 23rd, 2018, twelve members of the Wild Boars soccer team and their coach were exploring the Tham Luang Nang Non cave complex in northern Thailand when disaster struck. A rainy season downpour flooded the tunnels, trapping them as they took shelter on a shelf of the dark cave. Eight days of searching yielded no signs of life, but on July 2nd they were discovered by two British divers. The boys and their coach were eventually rescued in an international operation that took three days. What could have been a terrible tragedy became an amazing story of survival. Award-winning author Marc Aronson brings us the backstory behind how this astounding rescue took place. Rising Water highlights the creative thinking and technology that made a successful mission possible by examining the physical, environmental, and psychological factors surrounding the rescue. From the brave Thai Navy SEAL who lost his life while placing oxygen tanks along the passageways of the cave, to the British divers that ultimately swam the boys to safety, to the bravery of the boys and their coach, this is the breathtaking rescue that captivated the entire world.

WHAT WAS THE BOMBING OF HIROSHIMA
By: JESS BRAILLIER | Paperback
SOCIAL STUDIES - GENERAL
Hiroshima is where the first atomic bomb was dropped. Now readers will learn the reasons why and what it's meant for the world ever since. By August 1945, World War II was over in Europe, but the fighting continued between American forces and the Japanese, who were losing but determined to fight till the bitter end. And so it fell to a new president--Harry S. Truman--to make the fateful decision to drop two atomic bombs--one on Hiroshima and one on Nagasaki--and bring the war to rapid close. Now, even seventy years later, can anyone know if this was the right choice? In a thoughtful account of these history-changing events, Jess Brallier explains the leadup to the bombing, what the terrible results of it were, and how the threat of atomic war has colored world events since.

ART OF THE POSSIBLE - AN EVERYDAY GD TO
By: EDWARD KEENAN | Paperback Canadian
ISBN: 9781771474139 | Price: $11.16
SOCIAL STUDIES - GENERAL
We all know what a politician looks like, right? They're old people who wear suits and make long, boring speeches full of indecipherable words. Not so fast! As The Art of the Possible explains, everyone is a politician -- even young people who aren't yet eligible to vote. We all have influence over how politics function. But what are politics, and why do we need them? This book answers the universal query in nine short chapters that explain everything from why we form societies and the basic types of governments to the power of public opinion, methods of rhetoric, and the reasons why politicians "lie." Written in an accessible, conversational voice and packed with anecdotes and case studies from across history and around the world, this book helps foster independent thought and curiosity about how a government works -- or doesn't work. Readers will come away equipped with the knowledge they need to understand current events and elections, and maybe even be empowered to civic action themselves. Informational text features: table of contents, chapters, diagrams, sidebars, in-text definitions of key terms, glossary, index, and

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WHAT DO SCIENTISTS DO ALL DAY
By: MAGGIE LI | Hardcover
SOCIAL STUDIES - GENERAL | Theme(s): Careers

What do scientists do all day? Find out in this fully illustrated book that features more than 100 scientists at work. Little ones can explore fourteen scenes of scientists at work in different environments – discover dinosaur bones with the paleontologist on a dig, meet zoologists at the nature reserve, see a doctor doing experiments on the International Space Station, collect seeds with a plant biologist at the botanical gardens, build a robot with a robotics scientist in the testing centre – turn the page to find out what each scientist is doing and how

WHERE WERE THE 7 WONDERS OF THE ANCIENT
By: YONA MCDONOUGH | Paperback
SOCIAL STUDIES - GENERAL

Explore the most amazing wonders of the ancient world! More than 2,000 years ago, travelers wrote about the incredible sights they saw while on their journeys. They told tales of hanging gardens that were built for a Babylonian queen, and a colossal statue that guided ships through the harbor of Rhodes in Greece. These writers compiled a list of the very best of these sights that are now known as the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Author Yona Zeldis McDonough takes the readers on a trip to the Great Pyramids in Egypt (the only Wonder still standing), the Statue of Zeus at Olympia in ancient Greece, and the other spectacles, detailing the creativity and skill that these early civilizations possessed.

IT SEEMED LIKE A GOOD IDEA CANADIAN FEAT
By: TED STAUNTON | Paperback Canadian
SOCIAL STUDIES - GENERAL

A hilarious collection of misfires, creative solutions, dumb luck - and startling victories! Where else but Canada would you find a town that turns its main street into a giant tubing run? Or witness a Mission Impossible-style heist where a thief drops down through the ceiling and makes off with over $120,000 worth of hockey sticks? Not to mention the slippery - or was that sticky? - bandits who stole 20,000 litres of maple syrup. And where else would you find an aircraft carrier made out of blocks of ice, a man building a miniature version of the entire country, or a moose giving you a carwash? It all makes perfect sense, really. Living in Canada means responding uniquely to a unique environment. And it's our - sometimes highly questionable - ideas that makes us who we are. In an engaging, hilarious and always fascinating exploration of geography, history, wildlife, science, culture, food, art . . . and giant roadside attractions - this is our nation at its most jaw-droppingly unusual and innovative. Though we can poke fun at ourselves, readers will walk away with a sense that there is so much to celebrate about what it means to be Canadian.

HAUNTED CANADA 10 MORE SCARY TRUE STORIES
By: JOEL SUTHERLAND | Paperback
SOCIAL STUDIES - GENERAL | Theme(s): Horror

The tenth book in the bestselling series of hauntingly true Canadian stories - back, and scarier than ever! Even more chilling ghost stories from all across our spooky land. Moody black-and-white illustrations and photographs enhance the hauntingly eerie read. In Victoria, British Columbia, the spirit of a killer haunts Fan Tan Alley. The ghost of a little girl with long dark hair inhabits a hockey arena in Canmore, Alberta. Mysterious knocking at the door of a

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TRUE HAUNTINGS 01 DEADLY DISASTERS  
By: DINAH WILLIAMS | Paperback  
SOCIAL STUDIES - GENERAL | Theme(s): Paranormal, Horror  
Scary stories of thrilling survival ... and restless spirits. Disasters can strike anytime, anywhere, leaving death and destruction in their wake. But what can also be left behind? Ghosts. In True Hauntings: Deadly Disasters, veteran ghost writer Dinah Williams explores the stories and alleged hauntings of some of the deadliest catastrophes in history, from lost souls left behind in the 2011 Japanese tsunami to a headless ghost frightening miners deep underground. With historical photos and sidebars that are equal parts educational and terrifying, readers will find that sometimes fact is even scarier than fiction.

WHAT IF SOLDIERS FOUGHT WITH PILLOWS  
By: HEATHER CAMLOT | Hardcover Canadian  
ISBN: 9781771473620 | Price: $15.96  
SOCIAL STUDIES - ISSUES (ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL) | Theme(s): War/Children and War  
What if the impossible were actually possible? What if we turned our dreams into action? What if our imagination could help solve real-world crises, like war, famine, and human rights violations? Through a series of seemingly whimsical questions, this middle-grade nonfiction book introduces readers to people and organizations that are subverting violence, war, and totalitarian power. What if soldiers refused to carry weapons? What if fighter pilots dropped seeds instead of bombs? What if music could be a creative force for democracy? None of these ideas are impossible--in fact, they are all true historical examples of ideas that have been put into action.

FLOWERS IN THE GUTTER  
By: K.R. GADDY | Hardcover  
SOCIAL STUDIES - ISSUES (ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL) | Theme(s): War/Children and War  
Flowers in the Gutter is told from the points of view Gertrude, Fritz, and Jean, three young people from working-class neighborhoods in Cologne, beginning with their pre-school years at the dawn of the Third Reich in the 1930s. Gaddy shows how political activism was always a part of their lives and how they witnessed first-hand the toll it took on their parents--and how they still carried the torch for justice when it was their turn. Once the war began, Gertrude, Fritz, and Jean and their friends survived and even resisted in one of the most heavily bombed cities in Germany. Gaddy includes tense accounts of fights with Hitler Youth and the Gestapo, of disseminating anti-Nazi pamphlets, of helping POWs and forced laborers, and even of sabotaging Nazi factories. Ultimately, the war ended tragically for several young pirates, and Gaddy shows how post-war politics and prejudices led to these young men and women being branded criminals for decades after the war.

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By: TOM JACKSON | Paperback
SOCIAL STUDIES - ISSUES (ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL)

What is fake news? How can the news be wrong? How do we know if what we're reading is true or not? The concept of fake news and the media as a whole is discussed as part of the What's the Issue series. What's the Issue asks ‘what’s all the fuss about?’ It reviews what is at stake when we think about fake news, with the aim of helping young people to understand this difficult subject and provide them with the tools to inform their own opinions on the issue.

RISE UP - THE ART OF PROTEST
By: JO RIPPO| Hardcover
SOCIAL STUDIES - ISSUES (ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL) | Theme(s): SOCIAL JUSTICE

Human rights belong to every single one of us, but they are often under threat. Developed in collaboration with Amnesty International, Rise Up! encourages young people to engage in peaceful protest and stand up for freedom. Photographs of protest posters celebrate the ongoing fight for gender equality, civil rights, LGBTQ rights, refugee and immigrant rights, peace, and the environment.

PRIDE THE CELEBRATION & THE STRUGGLE
By: ROBIN STEVENSON | Paperback Canadian
SOCIAL STUDIES - ISSUES (ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL) | Theme(s): LGBTQ2S+

This revised, updated and expanded edition of the award-winning book Pride: Celebrating Diversity & Community (2016) celebrates the LGBTQ+ community's diversity, the incredible victories of the past fifty years and the voices of young activists.

TRENDING - HOW & WHY STUFF GETS POPULAR
By: KIRA VERMOND | Hardcover Canadian
ISBN: 9781771473255 | Price: $15.96
SOCIAL STUDIES - ISSUES (ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL)

Fads and trends: How do they start? Why do they spread? And how deep can their impact be? Although trends might seem trivial, if you dig deeper, you'll find that our desire to chase the next big thing can have an even bigger impact than expected. Established middle-grade author Kira Vermond and cartoonist Clayton Hanmer team up in this fun and accessible nonfiction look at fads. In four short chapters, the book explores what a fad is, how the latest crazes catch on, and what makes us jump on the bandwagon. Finally, it looks at the fascinating and even frightening effects of fads both modern and historic. Who knew the beaver pelt craze in 17th century Europe would change ecosystems, start wars, and disrupt life as people knew it? Comic-strip illustrations, an upbeat tone, and reader-friendly text make this a fun and timely tool for young readers who are building critical-thinking skills in the age of fake news and a world gone viral.
LAST TRAIN - A HOLOCAUST STORY
By: RONA ARATO | Paperback Canadian
SOCIAL STUDIES - HISTORY
The Last Train is the harrowing true story about young brothers Paul and Oscar Arato and their mother, Lenke, surviving the Nazi occupation during the final years of World War II. Living in the town of Karcag, Hungary, the Aratos feel insulated from the war -- even as it rages all around them. Hungary is allied with Germany to protect its citizens from invasion, but in 1944 Hitler breaks his promise to keep the Nazis out of Hungary. The Nazi occupation forces the family into situations of growing panic and fear: first into a ghetto in their hometown; then a labor camp in Austria; and, finally, to the deadly Bergen Belsen camp deep in the heart of Germany. Separated from their father, 6-year-old Paul and 11-year-old Oscar must care for their increasingly sick mother, all while trying to maintain some semblance of normalcy amid the horrors of the camp. In the spring of 1945, the boys see British planes flying over the camp, and a spark of hope that the war will soon end ignites. And then, they are forced onto a dark, stinking boxcar by the Nazi guards. After four days on the train, the boys are convinced they will be killed, but through a twist of fate, the train is discovered and liberated by a battalion of American soldiers marching through Germany. The book concludes when Paul, now a grown man living in Canada, stumbles upon photographs on the internet of his train being liberated. After writing to the man who posted the pictures, Paul is presented with an opportunity to meet his rescuers at a reunion in New York -- but first he must decide if he is prepared to reopen the wounds of his past.

WE HAD TO BE BRAVE ESCAPING THE NAZIS ON
By: DEBORAH HOPKINSON | Hardcover
SOCIAL STUDIES - HISTORY
Sibert Honor author Deborah Hopkinson illuminates the true stories of Jewish children who fled Nazi Germany, risking everything to escape to safety on the Kindertransport. Ruth David was growing up in a small village in Germany when Adolf Hitler rose to power in the 1930s. Under the Nazi Party, Jewish families like Ruth's experienced rising anti-Semitic restrictions and attacks. Just going to school became dangerous. By November 1938, anti-Semitism erupted into Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass, and unleashed a wave of violence and forced arrests. Days later, desperate volunteers sprang into action to organize the Kindertransport, a rescue effort to bring Jewish children to England. Young people like Ruth David had to say good-bye to their families, unsure if they'd ever be reunited. Miles from home, the Kindertransport refugees entered unrecognizable lives, where food, clothes -- and, for many of them, language and religion -- were startlingly new. Meanwhile, the onset of war and the Holocaust visited unimaginable horrors on loved ones left behind. Somehow, these rescued children had to learn to look forward, to hope. Through the moving and often heart-wrenching personal accounts of Kindertransport survivors, critically acclaimed and award-winning author Deborah Hopkinson paints the timely and devastating story of how the rise of Hitler and the Nazis tore apart the lives of so many families and what they were forced to give up in order to save these children.

INTO THE CLOUDS THE RACE TO CLIMB THE WO
By: TOD OLSON | Hardcover
SOCIAL STUDIES - HISTORY | Theme(s): Survival, Good for Reluctant Readers
A nail-biting tale of survival and brotherhood atop one of the deadliest mountains on Earth. In 1953, as two men summit Mt. Everest for the first time, Charlie Houston and a team of mountaineers carve a path up the second-highest peak on Earth: the deadly K2. Four Houston, reaching the top of K2 is a lifelong dream, an obsession that began 15 years earlier on his first expedition there. Since then, another American expedition has fallen apart on the remote, windswept mass of rock and ice. Now, Houston's team follows in their tracks. With the summit in their grasp, a vicious storm and a sudden illness puts their own expedition on the edge of disaster, turning their quest to conquer a mountain into one of the most daring rescue missions ever. Three expeditions and a high-mountain rivalry. Three attempts at K2, one of the most grueling challenges the planet has to offer. Filled with displays of incredible strength and heart-stopping danger, Into the Clouds is the thrilling story of the men whose quest to conquer a mountain became a battle to survive the descent.
TO FLY AMONG THE STARS THE HIDDEN STORY
By: REBECCA SIEGEL | Hardcover
SOCIAL STUDIES - HISTORY

A searing look at the birth of America's space program, and the men and women aviators who set its course. In the 1960s, locked in a heated race to launch the first human into space, the United States selected seven superstar test pilots and former military air fighters to NASA's astronaut class -- the Mercury 7. The men endured grueling training and constant media attention for the honor of becoming America's first space heroes. But a group of 13 women -- accomplished air racers, test pilots, and flight instructors -- were enduring those same astronaut tests in secret, hoping to defy social norms and earn a spot among the stars. With thrilling stories of aviation feats, frustrating tales of the fight against sexism, and historical photos, To Fly Among the Stars recounts an incredible era of US innovation, and the audacious hope of the women who took their fight for space flight all the way to Washington, DC.

ANCIENT GAMES
By: IRIS VOLANT | Hardcover
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SOCIAL STUDIES - PRE-19TH CENTURY HISTORY

From the birth of the Olympics to the deadly sports of the Mayans, find out the history of the games that have kept people amused for thousands of years in this beautifully illustrated and informative guide. Coming to you and your kids just before the Summer 2020 Olympic Games, this lushly illustrated guide gives a thorough introduction to the history of sports, board games, and so much more. This is for your kids who are fact lovers and can't get enough of sports!

POWWOW - A CELEBRATION THROUGH SONG & DA
By: PHEASANT-NEGANIGWANE | Hardcover Canadian
INDIGENOUS

Part of the nonfiction Orca Origins series for middle readers. Illustrated with photographs, Powwow is a guide to the dance, music and culture of this Indigenous celebration.

MY NAME IS TSANI & I BELIEVE IN MIRACLES
By: TANI ADEWUMI | Paperback
BIOGRAPHY (INDIVIDUAL) | Theme(s): Diversity

At eight years old, Tani Adewumi, a Nigerian refugee, won the 2019 New York State Chess Championship after playing the game for only a year--and while homeless. His story is full of miracles and hope. Tani and his family's amazing story began amid Boko Haram's reign of terror in their native country of Nigeria. They fled their home to the United States, where they lived in a New York City homeless shelter as they waited to be granted religious asylum. Tani began attending PS 116, where his classmates were unaware that he and his family had no home. So when Tani asked his parents if he could join the chess program at school, which required a fee, it seemed unlikely. But his mother wrote to the coach, who offered Tani a scholarship.
JANE GOODALL A CHAMPION OF CHIMPANZEEES
By: SARAH ALBEE | Paperback
BIOGRAPHY (INDIVIDUAL) | Theme(s): Level 2 Beginning Reader

Learn about the life of Jane Goodall, a pioneering scientist who became the world expert on chimpanzees, in this early reader biography. Jane Goodall was the first person to study wild chimpanzees up close in a rain forest. She befriended the chimps and discovered amazing facts about their behaviors. What she learned forever changed how people look at these animals. Beginning readers will learn about the milestones in Jane Goodall's life in this Level Two I Can Read biography. This biography includes a timeline and photos all about the life of this inspiring scientist. This biography reader includes a timeline and historical photos all about the life of this inspiring figure. Jane Goodall: A Champion of Chimpanzees is a Level Two I Can Read, geared for kids who read on their own but still need a little help.

BOY WHO DREAMED OF INFINITY A TALE OF
By: AMY ALZNAUER | Hardcover
BIOGRAPHY (INDIVIDUAL) | Theme(s): Diversity, Math

A young mathematical genius from India searches for the secrets hidden inside numbers -- and for someone who understands him -- in this gorgeous picture-book biography. A mango . . . is just one thing. But if I chop it in two, then chop the half in two, and keep on chopping, I get more and more bits, on and on, endlessly, to an infinity I could never ever reach. In 1887 in India, a boy named Ramanujan is born with a passion for numbers. He sees numbers in the squares of light pricking his thatched roof and in the beasts dancing on the temple tower. He writes mathematics with his finger in the sand, across the pages of his notebooks, and with chalk on the temple floor. "What is small?" he wonders. "What is big?" Head in the clouds, Ramanujan struggles in school -- but his mother knows that her son and his ideas have a purpose. As he grows up, Ramanujan reinvents much of modern mathematics, but where in the world could he find someone to understand what he has conceived? Author Amy Alznauer gently introduces young readers to math concepts while Daniel Miyares's illustrations bring the wonder of Ramanujan's world to life in the inspiring real-life story of a boy who changed mathematics and science forever. Back matter includes a bibliography and an author's note recounting more of Ramanujan's life and accomplishments, as well as the author's father's remarkable discovery of Ramanujan's Lost Notebook.

PROTECTORS OF THE PLANET - ENVIRONMENTAL
By: JAMIE BASTEDO | Paperback Canadian
BIOGRAPHY (INDIVIDUAL) | Theme(s): Environment

Many young people are rudely awakening to the fact that unchecked climate change and other widespread environmental issues paint a gloomy picture of their future. This knowledge can lead to a sense of fear, helplessness or worse, apathy. This book aims to help stem those concerns by shining an inspiring and entertaining light on the lives of daring, dedicated individuals whose great passion, talents, and heart are helping to tip the environmental balance away from destruction and collapse towards hope, healing and personal empowerment. Based on personal interviews and extensive research, this book will tell engaging stories about a wide variety of people from across Canada who share a great passion for the environment. But beyond a deep personal connection with nature, these "environmental trailblazers" are doing truly unique and amazing things to protect the environment, while leading others down greener paths.

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WHAT IS THE STORY OF BATMAN
By: MICHAEL BURGAN | Paperback
ISBN: 9781524788339 | Price: $7.60
BIOGRAPHY (INDIVIDUAL)

Who HQ brings you the stories behind the most beloved characters of our time. His aliases include the Caped Crusader, the Dark Knight, and World's Greatest Detective, but he's best known as Batman, and he's leaping from the night sky onto the page in this fun biography. Bruce Wayne, a wealthy American philanthropist and business owner, and Batman, his crime-fighting alter ego, have been entertaining audiences since 1939. The character was so popular after appearing in Detective Comics that DC Comics decided to give Batman a comic book of his own. In doing so, they created one of the company's most successful franchises. Author Michael Burgan details the history of Batman—from his tragic origin story and his infamous arch enemies—to his iconic depictions in television and movies throughout the years. This book shows readers why this superhero with no superpowers is so beloved around the world.

DRAWING ON WALLS - A STORY OF KEITH HARING
By: MATTHEW BURGESS | Hardcover
BIOGRAPHY (INDIVIDUAL)

Often seen drawing in white chalk on the matte black paper of unused advertising space in the subway, Haring's iconic pop art and graffiti-like style transformed the New York City underground in the 1980s. A member of the LGBTQ community, Haring died tragically at the age of thirty-one from AIDS-related complications. Illustrated in paint by Josh Cochran, himself a specialist in bright, dense, conceptual drawings, this honest, celebratory book honors Haring's life and art, along with his very special connection with kids.

I AM NOT A LABEL
By: CERRIE BURNELL | Hardcover
BIOGRAPHY (INDIVIDUAL) | Theme(s): Special Needs, Diversity

In this stylishly illustrated biography anthology, meet 30 artists, thinkers, athletes, and activists with disabilities, from past and present. From Frida Kahlo to Stephen Hawking, find out how these iconic figures have overcome obstacles, owned their differences, and paved the way for others by making their bodies and minds work for them. These short biographies tell the stories of people who have faced unique challenges that have not stopped them from becoming trailblazers, innovators, advocates, and makers. Each person is a leading figure in their field, be it sports, science, math, art, breakdancing, or the world of pop. Challenge your preconceptions of disability and mental health with the eye-opening stories of these remarkable people: Ludwig van Beethoven, Gustav Kirchoff, Henri Matisse, Eliza Suggs, Helen Keller, Frida Kahlo, John Nash, Stephen Hawking, Temple Grandin, Stevie Wonder, Nabil Shaban, Terry Fox, Peter Dinklage, Wanda Diaz Merced, Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah, Dr Victor Pineda, Farida Bedwei, Stella Young, Lady Gaga, Arunima Sinha, Naoki Higashida, Isabella Spingmuhl Tejada, Aaron Philip, Catalina Devandas Aguilar, Redouan Ait Chitt, Jonas Jacobsson, Trischa Zorn, Ade Adepitan, and Nick Jonas.

WHO IS TEMPLE GRANDIN
By: PATRICIA DEMUTH | Paperback
BIOGRAPHY (INDIVIDUAL) | Theme(s): Special Needs

Autism did not stop her—indeed, it helped Temple Grandin become a brilliant scientist and inventor. Temple Grandin wasn't officially diagnosed with autism until she was in her 40s, but she knew at an early age that she was different from her family and classmates. She couldn't show affection, she acted out when noises or other stimuli overwhelmed her, and she only felt comfortable when spending time with the animals on her aunt's ranch. But instead of seeing her differences as limitations, Temple used them to guide her education and career in animal science. She has become a leading advocate for the autistic as well as for the humane treatment of animals at meat packing companies. This inspiring biography by Patricia Brennan Demuth shines a light on Temple Grandin's
intellect, creativity, and unique spirit.

RISE & FALL OF CHARLES LINDBERGH
By: CANDACE FLEMING | Hardcover
BIOGRAPHY (INDIVIDUAL)

First human to cross the Atlantic via airplane; one of the first American media sensations; Nazi sympathizer and anti-Semite; loner whose baby was kidnapped and murdered; champion of Eugenics, the science of improving a human population by controlled breeding; tireless environmentalist. Charles Lindbergh was all of the above and more. Here is a rich, multi-faceted, utterly spellbinding biography about an American hero who was also a deeply flawed man. In this time where values Lindbergh held, like white Nationalism and America First, are once again on the rise, The Rise and Fall of Charles Lindbergh is essential reading for teens and history fanatics alike.

WE ARE POWER
By: TODD HASAK-LOWY | Hardcover
BIOGRAPHY (INDIVIDUAL) | Theme(s): SOCIAL JUSTICE

We Are Power brings to light the incredible individuals who have used nonviolent activism to change the world. The book explores questions such as what is nonviolent resistance and how does it work? In an age when armies are stronger than ever before, when guns seem to be everywhere, how can people confront their adversaries without resorting to violence themselves? Through key international movements as well as people such as Gandhi, Alice Paul, Martin Luther King, Cesar Chavez, and Václav Havel, this book discusses the components of nonviolent resistance. It answers the question “Why nonviolence?” by showing how nonviolent movements have succeeded again and again in a variety of ways, in all sorts of places, and always in the face of overwhelming odds.

TOO YOUNG TO ESCAPE - A VIETNAMESE GIRL
By: VAN HO | Paperback Canadian
BIOGRAPHY (INDIVIDUAL) | Theme(s): Survival, Immigration/Citizenship

One day they will send for her, but how long must Van Ho wait for her family to find a way to get her out of South Vietnam?

FATTY LEGS - A TRUE STORY 10TH ANNIV ED
By: C JORDAN-FENTON | Paperback Canadian
ISBN: 9781773213507 | Price: $11.16
BIOGRAPHY (INDIVIDUAL) | Theme(s): Indigenous

The beloved story of an Inuvialuit girl standing up to the bullies of residential school, updated for a new generation of readers. Margaret Olemann Pokiak-Fenton's powerful story of residential school in the far North has been reissued to commemorate the memoir's 10th anniversary with updates to the text, reflections on the book's impact, and a bonus chapter from the acclaimed follow-up, A Stranger at Home. New content includes a foreword from Dr. Debbie Reese, noted Indigenous scholar and founder of American Indians in Children's Literature, while Christy Jordan-Fenton, mother of Margaret's grandchildren and a key player in helping Margaret share her stories, discusses the impact of the book in a new preface. With important updates since it first hit the shelves a decade ago, this new edition of Fatty Legs will continue to resonate with readers young and old.
MEET TERRY FOX
By: ELIZABETH MACLEOD | Hardcover Canadian
BIOGRAPHY (INDIVIDUAL) | Theme(s): Special Needs

Terry Fox's remarkable story, just in time to mark the 40th anniversary of the Marathon of Hope! The award-winning Scholastic Canada Biography series highlights the lives of remarkable Canadians, whose achievements and legacies have inspired and changed the lives of those that followed them. In Meet Terry Fox, the legendary story of how Terry Fox came to run the Marathon of Hope is chronicled: his love of sports as a child and teenager; his devastating bone cancer diagnosis; the hospital stay that inspired him to do something to raise awareness about this disease; the poignant moment he dipped his artificial leg in the waters of St. John's, Newfoundland; and the heartbreaking moment he ended his run. This was also the moment his truly inspiring legacy began. Written by award-winning author Elizabeth MacLeod, this portrait of Terry Fox couples simple yet compelling writing with full-colour, comic-flavoured illustrations by Mike Deas that help bring this unforgettable story to life!

CANADIAN WOMEN NOW & THEN
By: ELIZABETH MACLEOD | Hardcover Canadian
BIOGRAPHY (INDIVIDUAL) | Theme(s): Diversity

A timely and relevant collection of stories about groundbreaking Canadian women, present and past. Canadian women have long been trailblazers, often battling incredible odds and discrimination in the process. Here are biographies of more than one hundred of these remarkable women, from the famous to the lesser known. There are activists and architects, engineers and explorers, poets and politicians and so many more. Each category pairs a historical groundbreaker with a present-day woman making her mark in that same field. Together, these women tell the story of Canada. And together, they offer a vision of what’s possible. A unique look at Canadian history sure to inspire all children to blaze trails of their own.

WORK IT GIRL - MICHELLE OBAMA
By: CAROLINE MOSS | Hardcover
BIOGRAPHY (INDIVIDUAL)

In this imaginatively illustrated book from the Work It, Girl series, discover how Michelle became an inspirational leader, FLOTUS, lawyer, author, and role model in this true story of her life. Then, learn 10 key lessons from her work you can apply to your own life. Michelle Obama grew up on the South Side of Chicago in a little bungalow with a close-knit family. She loved going to school, and she knew that, one day, she would use her voice to empower other young girls, just like her. Young Michelle was a brilliant student and wonderful daughter. With hard work and talent, she propelled herself into the universities of Princeton and Harvard. She qualified as a lawyer and life was going smoothly...Then she met a guy named Barack. Work It, Girl is an empowering series of biographies featuring modern women in the world of work, from designers and musicians to CEOs and scientists. Each of these vibrantly illustrated books tells the story of a remarkable woman in 10 chapters that highlight transformative moments in her life, following the ups and downs that she faced on her road to success. At the end, 10 key lessons show what you can learn from these moments, and self-reflection questions help you apply these lessons to your own life. Brightly colored photo illustrations of 3-D cut paper artwork featuring inspiring quotes from these amazing women bring their stories to vivid life. Learn how to work it as you lay the foundations for your own successful career.

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WORK IT GIRL - MAE JEMISON
By: CAROLINE MOSS | Hardcover
BIOGRAPHY (INDIVIDUAL)
In this imaginatively illustrated book from the Work It, Girl series, discover how Mae Jemison became the first African American woman in space in this true story of her life. Then, learn 10 key lessons from her work you can apply to your own life. When Mae Jemison was a little girl, she loved science, dancing, and dinosaurs. She watched the Apollo moon landings and wondered why none of the astronauts were women—and she just didn't buy the answers she was given... Work It, Girl is an empowering series of biographies featuring modern women in the world of work, from designers and musicians to CEOs and scientists. Each of these vibrantly illustrated books tells the story of a remarkable woman in 10 chapters that highlight transformative moments in her life, following the ups and downs that she faced on her road to success. At the end, 10 key lessons show what you can learn from these moments, and self-reflection questions help you apply these lessons to your own life. Brightly colored photo illustrations of 3-D cut paper artwork featuring inspiring quotes from these amazing women bring their stories to vivid life. Learn how to work it as you lay the foundations for your own successful career.

IT'S TREVOR NOAH - BORN A CRIME
By: TREVOR NOAH | Paperback
BIOGRAPHY (INDIVIDUAL) | Theme(s): Diversity
A New York Times Bestseller The host of The Daily Show, Trevor Noah, tells the story of growing up half black, half white in South Africa under and after apartheid in this young readers' adaptation of his bestselling adult memoir Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood. BORN A CRIME IS SOON TO BE A MAJOR MOTION PICTURE STARRING OSCAR WINNER LUPITA NYONG'O! Trevor Noah, the funny guy who hosts The Daily Show on Comedy Central, shares his remarkable story of growing up in South Africa with a black South African mother and a white European father at a time when it was against the law for a mixed-race child to exist. But he did exist--and from the beginning, the often-misbehaved Trevor used his keen smarts and humor to navigate a harsh life under a racist government. This fascinating memoir blends drama, comedy, and tragedy to depict the day-to-day trials that turned a boy into a young man. In a country where racism barred blacks from social, educational, and economic opportunity, Trevor surmounted staggering obstacles and created a promising future for himself, thanks to his mom's unwavering love and indomitable will. It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime not only provides a fascinating and honest perspective on South Africa's racial history, but it will also astound and inspire young readers looking to improve their own lives. "Through the foreign, the familiar, and the funny, Born a Crime is a piercing reminder that every mad life--even yours--could end up a masterpiece." --JASON REYNOLDS, New York Times bestselling author “His mother raised him with an imagination and showed that there were no barriers to whatever he wanted to be. Readers will find this journey through Noah's formative years humorous and exciting.” --BOOKLIST "Startling in its honesty, humor, and humility." --KIRKUS REVIEWS "For readers who will appreciate and understand how a parent's love enabled Noah to become the successful man he is now." --SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL

EAGLE HUNTRESS
By: AISHOLPAN NURGAIV | Hardcover
BIOGRAPHY (INDIVIDUAL) | Theme(s): Diversity
The teenaged subject of the award-winning documentary The Eagle Huntress tells her story of becoming the first female eagle hunter to take part in a highly competitive festival. Aisholpan Nurgaiv, the subject of the award-winning documentary The Eagle Huntress, tells her own story for the first time, speaking directly with writer Liz Welch (I Will Always Write Back), who traveled to Mongolia for this book. Her story and fresh, sincere voice are not only inspiring but truly magnificent: with the support of her father, she captured and trained her own golden eagle and won the Ölgii eagle festival. She was the only girl to compete in the festival. Her triumphant story hits on multiple key nonfiction points of appeal: stories of survival, of unique animal-human bonds, and of girls accomplishing amazing things. One of the consistent highest-achieving trends in middle-grade nonfiction continues to be empowering stories about strong girls accomplishing tasks that had previously been considered impossible. Not only does Aisholpan's story deliver that sensation in spades, but it comes with strong media ties from the 2016 documentary about her and her achievements.

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HARRY HOUDINI
By: KJARTAN POSKITT | Paperback
BIOGRAPHY (INDIVIDUAL)

Discover the man behind the magic and see how Houdini pulled off his most daring escapes Before Harry Houdini (1874-1926) became the greatest magician in the world, he was just little Ehrich Weisz, a Hungarian-born immigrant who moved to America with his family and performed stage tricks for a little extra cash. He started off with card tricks and then eventually began performing the escape acts that would make him famous. Known for his daring and death-defying illusions, he would do some of the greatest tricks ever: escaping from a milk can, being buried alive, and being locked inside a crate and thrown into a river. He conquered each of these seemingly impossible feats and showed the world the power of a little magic. Fun, fast-paced, and highly illustrated, Harry Houdini tells the story of the curious boy who became the world's greatest magician and reveals how Houdini did some of his most stunning escapes. It includes a timeline, glossary, and index.

AMELIA EARHART
By: ANDREW PRENTICE | Paperback
BIOGRAPHY (INDIVIDUAL)

See how Amelia Earhart went from a little Kansas tomboy to a high-flying feminist icon Before Amelia Earhart (1897-1939) became a world-famous pilot, she was a little tomboy from Kansas with a taste for adventure. When she visited an airfield and took a short plane ride, she knew she had to be a pilot. She signed up for flying lessons and cropped her hair short so that the other pilots would take her seriously. She became the first woman to make a solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean. With each flight she took and each record she broke, Amelia became more and more of a celebrity. Her final flight was intended to be a trip around the whole world, but her plane disappeared after takeoff—and her disappearance is still a mystery today. Inspirational, highly illustrated, and full of adventure, Amelia Earhart tells the story of the feminist icon who changed the world of aviation. It includes a timeline, glossary, and index.

1 EARTH - PEOPLE OF COLOR PROTECTING THE
By: ANURADHA RAO | Paperback Canadian
BIOGRAPHY (INDIVIDUAL) | Theme(s): Diversity, Also Appropriate for High School

This nonfiction book for middle readers profiles twenty environmental defenders of color from around the world. Their individual stories show that the intersection of environment and ethnicity is an asset to protecting our planet. Illustrated with photos of each of the people profiled.

RUTH OBJECTS
By: DOREEN RAPPAPORT | Hardcover
BIOGRAPHY (INDIVIDUAL) | Theme(s): SOCIAL JUSTICE

Ruth Bader Ginsburg is a trailblazer. A fighter. A public servant who has dedicated her life to the pursuit of equality. When Ruth was a young girl, her mother encouraged her to read, be independent, and stand up for what she thought was right. Ruth graduated first in her class at Cornell University and tied for top of her graduating class at Columbia Law School. But she faced prejudice as both a woman and a Jew, making it difficult to get a job. Ruth eventually found work as a law clerk, and her determination, diligence, and skill led to a distinguished career as a lawyer. In 1993, she became the second woman ever appointed to the United States Supreme Court. As a Supreme Court justice, Ruth has inspired fierce admiration and faced fervent opposition for her judgments in high-profile cases, many of which have involved discrimination. She has been lauded for her sharp wit and boldness, even when her opinions differ from that of the majority. As a student, teacher, lawyer, and judge, Ruth often experienced unfair treatment. But she persisted, becoming a cultural icon, championing equality in pay and opportunity. Her brilliant mind, compelling arguments, and staunch commitment to truth and justice have convinced many to stand with her.

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and her fight continues to this day. This installment of the award-winning Big Words series brings a legendary figure into focus with Doreen Rappaport's incisive prose combined with Ruth's own words. Eric Velasquez's dynamic illustrations infuse every scene with life in a moving tribute that will inspire young justice seekers everywhere.

**PORTRAIT IN POEMS**

By: EVIE ROBILLARD | Hardcover

**BIOGRAPHY (INDIVIDUAL)**

A delightful introduction to one of the most influential figures of twentieth-century art and literature. Here’s an insider’s tour of the lives of Gertrude Stein and her partner, Alice B. Toklas, amusingly addressed directly to the reader (“The next time you go to Paris …”). It explores Gertrude and Alice’s art collection, their famous writer and artist friends and even their dog, Basket. It also describes how Gertrude’s book The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas was not about Alice, but more about Gertrude herself! A celebration of creativity and the creative process, this innovative and readable biography champions two women who dared to live unconventional lives. Poems, paintings and Paris come to life in this enchanting book.

**HT SOLVE A PROBLEM**

By: ASHIMA SHIRAISHI | Hardcover

**BIOGRAPHY (INDIVIDUAL) | Theme(s): Character Education**

From Ashima Shiraishi, one of the world’s youngest and most skilled climbers, comes a true story of strength and perseverance—in rock climbing and in life. To a rock climber, a boulder is called a “problem,” and you solve it by climbing to the top. There are twists and turns, falls and scrapes, and obstacles that seem insurmountable until you learn to see the possibilities within them. And then there is the moment of triumph, when there's nothing above you but sky and nothing below but a goal achieved. Ashima Shiraishi draws on her experience as a world-class climber in this story that challenges readers to tackle the problems in their own lives and rise to greater heights than they would have ever thought possible.

**EXQUISITE**

By: SUZANNE SLADE | Hardcover

**BIOGRAPHY (INDIVIDUAL) | Theme(s): Black History, Diversity**

A picture-book biography of celebrated poet Gwendolyn Brooks, the first Black person to win the Pulitzer Prize Gwendolyn Brooks (1917-2000) is known for her poems about “real life.” She wrote about love, loneliness, family, and poverty—showing readers how just about anything could become a beautiful poem. Exquisite follows Gwendolyn from early girlhood into her adult life, showcasing her desire to write poetry from a very young age. This picture-book biography explores the intersections of race, gender, and the ubiquitous poverty of the Great Depression—all with a lyrical touch worthy of the subject. Gwendolyn Brooks was the first Black person to win the Pulitzer Prize, receiving the award for poetry in 1950. And in 1958, she was named the poet laureate of Illinois. A bold artist who from a very young age dared to dream, Brooks will inspire young readers to create poetry from their own lives.
MALALA YOUSAFZAI
By: LISA WILLIAMSON | Hardcover

BIographies (InDviDUAL)

Meet the young activist who stood up for her rights--and changed millions of lives Before Malala Yousafzai (b. 1997) became the youngest Nobel Prize laureate, she was a girl fighting for her education in Pakistan. Growing up, Malala's father encouraged her to be politically active and speak out about her educational rights. When she did, she was shot by a member of the Taliban and the story received worldwide media coverage. Protests and petitions from around the world helped to pass an educational-rights bill in Pakistan, and Malala used this platform to continue her activism and fight for women's rights. Inspiring and moving, Malala Yousafzai tells the story of one girl's bravery in her fight for equal rights. It includes a timeline, bibliography, glossary, and index.

WOMEN'S ART WORK
By: SOPHIA BENNETT | Hardcover

THE ARTS - MUSIC, ART, ARCHITECTURE

Discover the work of female artists who have made their mark on the art world Women's Art Work introduces readers to the lives and work of the world's most renowned artists. With a foreword from Tate's first female director, Maria Balshaw, this collection celebrates the creativity of women in more than 30 biographies, investigating their practices and exploring their contributions to the art world. Readers will learn about a diverse group of innovators like Frida Kahlo, Cindy Sherman, Ana Mendieta, Lubaina Himid, Cao Fei, and the Guerrilla Girls. From early pioneers to today's most radical creators, these women have overcome obstacles, broken boundaries, and enriched our understanding of what art is and can be. With a glossary of art terms, a timeline of major milestones, and educational sidebars, this highly illustrated book is perfect for any art lover. Additionally, it features original interviews with living artists--including Yayoi Kusama, Lorna Simpson, and Rachel Whiteread.

SHIVA
By: DEMI | Hardcover
ISBN: 9781937786830 | Price: $22.95

RELIGIONS

Shiva ("the auspicious one") is the Hindu god of love, righteousness, forgiveness, longevity, protection, health, and prosperity. As Nataraja, or "Lord of the Dance", he controls the forces of creation, preservation, and destruction. Award-winning author, Demi, presents the life of this central Hindu god, replete with stunning illustrations that faithfully reflect the traditions of Hindu painting. Also included is an appendix featuring prayers to Shiva and notes on his representation as "Lord of the Dance".

YEAR FULL OF CELEBRATIONS
By: CHRISTOPHER CORR | Hardcover

HOLIDAY

Countless different festivals are celebrated all over the world throughout the year. Some are national holidays, celebrated for religious and cultural reasons or to mark an important date in history, while others are just for fun. Give thanks and tuck into a delicious meal with friends and family at Thanksgiving, get caught up in a messy tomato fight in Spain at La Tomatina, add a splash of colour to your day at the Holi festival of colours and celebrate the life and achievements of Martin Luther on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. With fact filled text accompanied by beautifully bright illustrations from the wonderfully talented Chris Corr, prepare yourself for a journey as we travel around the world celebrating and uncovering a visual feast of culture.
MAGIC SCHOOL BUS EXPLORES HUMAN EVOLUTION
By: JOANNA COLE | Hardcover
SCIENCE - GENERAL

When Arnold wishes he had more information for his family tree, Ms. Frizzle revs up the Magic School Bus and the class zooms back to prehistoric times. First stop: 3.5 billion years ago! There aren't any people around to ask for directions. Luckily Ms. Frizzle has a plan, and the class is right there to watch simple cells become sponges and then fish and dinosaurs, then mammals and early primates and, eventually, modern humans. It's the longest class trip ever! This is the story of a species, of our species, as only Ms. Frizzle can tell it. Joanna Cole and Bruce Degen tackle this essential topic with the insight and humor that have made the Magic School Bus the bestselling science series of all time. Hop on board for a class trip that spans billions of lifetimes!

EYEWITNESS FORENSIC SCIENCE
By: CHRIS COOPER | Paperback
SCIENCE - GENERAL

What is forensic science and how is it used to solve a crime? Explore the fascinating, and sometimes gory, world of forensics, where science helps crack the case. How do you know if a red stain is blood or ketchup, or whose blood it is? Can computers really recognize your face in a crowd? Why are fingerprints so important in an investigation? Learn why it is critical to quickly secure a crime scene, and how DNA sampling works. Find out how maggots can reveal how long someone has been dead, or how a single fabric fiber can lead to the murderer. From the scene of the crime to testing in the laboratory, you will get to know how all the clues are put together to tell a story and reveal the guilty person. Discover how methods have changed since the days of Sherlock Holmes, the latest technology in use today, and techniques of the future. Flip to the reference section to learn about pioneers in the field, see a timeline of forensic firsts, and locate museums and special websites to visit for further inspiration and exploration. The glossary gives you all the vocab you need to sound like a real CSI expert.

CURIOUS COMPARISONS A LIFE SIZE LOOK AT
By: JORGE DONEIGER | Hardcover
SCIENCE - GENERAL | Theme(s): Math, Good for Reluctant Readers

Which weighs more, a pound of lead or a pound of feathers? How many ants does it take to steal a piece of cake? Life-size photos and a clever text explore concepts of size, measurement, time, and more. Are you curious about numbers, size, and how something small stacks up to something big, like the number of grains of sand that fill a bucket? Using life-size photographs, engaging gatefolds, and witty asides, Jorge Doneiger beautifully demonstrates relative size, along with quantitative information that answers questions about all kinds of creatures and objects. If you unraveled all the thread from a T-shirt, how many times would that thread wrap around a city block? How many balloons could you fill with the air you breathe in one day? How many flowers must a hive of bees visit to collect enough pollen to make a pound of honey? Is it possible to measure time in colors? Back matter offers additional facts on the subjects for curious readers.

HOW MUCH DOES YOUR HEAD WEIGH THE BIG BOOK
By: MARG MEIKLE | Paperback Canadian
SCIENCE - GENERAL | Theme(s): Good for Reluctant Readers, Humour

An updated reissue of the bestselling title, with over 300 amazing facts! This funny, informative bind-up of three successful books, ALL of them Silver Birch Award winners or finalists - You Asked for It!, Funny You Should Ask and Ask Me Anything! - is now reissued with updated stats and information and a bright new cover. Why is 13 unlucky? Why don't tattoos come off? Do twins have the same DNA? Why is it called a funny bone? What did we use before toilet paper? Do animals dream? Why can't you tickle yourself? Almost 300 wacky but informative snippets that kids are dying to know about, illustrated with 142 equally wacky illustrations by Tina Holdcroft. Much
of the content in this book came from actual questions from kids.

WINGED WONDERS - SOLVING THE MONARCH MIGRATION MYSTERY
By: MEEG PINCUS | Hardcover
SCIENCE - GENERAL

For decades, as the monarch butterflies swooped through every year like clockwork, people from Canada to the United States to Mexico wondered, “Where do they go?” In 1976 the world learned the answer: after migrating thousands of miles, the monarchs roost by the millions in an oyamel grove in Central Mexico’s mountains. But who solved this mystery? Was it the scientist or the American adventurer? The citizen scientists or the teacher or his students? Winged Wonders shows that the mystery could only be solved when they all worked as a team—and reminds readers that there’s another monarch mystery today, one that we all must work together to solve.

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By: RICHARD PLATT | Hardcover
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SCIENCE - GENERAL

A deliciously humorous and comprehensive history of disease and pestilence, told from the point of view of the bugs and pests that cause them. Plagues, Pox, and Pestilence features case histories of specific epidemics, ‘eyewitness’ accounts from the rats, flies, ticks and creepy-crawlies who spread diseases, plus plenty of fascinating facts and figures on the biggest and worst afflictions. Illustrated throughout with brilliantly entertaining artworks and endearing characters, you’ll be entertained by a cabinet war room showing the war on germs, a rogues’ gallery highlighting the worst offenders, the very deadliest diseases examined under the microscope, and much more.

CHEMICAL WORLD SCIENCE IN OUR DAILY LIVE
By: ROWENA RAE | Hardcover Canadian
ISBN: 9781459821576 | Price: $15.96
SCIENCE - GENERAL

Part of the nonfiction Orca Footprints series for middle readers, this book examines the good and the bad of the chemicals we come into contact with in our daily lives.

BIG BANG BOOK
By: ASA STAHL | Hardcover
SCIENCE - GENERAL

The Big Bang presents the mystery of how the universe began in a way we can all understand. Written by an astrophysicist, the pages describe what we know--and what we don't--in a compelling, accessible way. Moving out into the farthest reaches of space, then back home on Earth again, this is a picture book Carl Sagan would love, introducing the wonder of our pale blue dot to the youngest readers.
HOW MANY MICE MAKE AN ELEPHANT?
By: TRACEY TURNER | Hardcover
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SCIENCE - GENERAL
How Many Mice Make an Elephant? And Other Big Questions about Size and Distance introduces children to a world of fascinating information by comparing sizes and distances in an easily relatable way. A wide range of subjects are covered, including animals, the human body, engineering, Earth, and space, to explore the answers to questions such as "How many ice cubes make an iceberg?", "How many high jumps to the Moon?" and "How many planet Earths fit inside the Sun?" The math and logic behind each comparison is explained clearly and simply. Includes an introduction by Kjartan Poskitt, author of the bestselling Murderous Math series.

DINOSAUR WORLD
By: EMILY BONE | Hardcover
SCIENCE - DINOSAURS, PREHISTORIC LIFE, FOSSILS & EVOLU.
From the Tyrannosaurus Rex to the Triceratops - this book contains lots of interesting facts and statistics about different dinosaurs. Each page provides essential information such as the dinosaur's habitat, size, diet and plenty more 'did-you-know' facts for young minds to absorb. Satisfy young children's fascination with dinosaurs with this thorough yet easy to read introduction to the exciting world of dinosaurs. A fun addition to the popular Beginners series, with easy-to-read text and step-by-step visual explanations. It covers all kinds of fierce and not-so-fierce dinosaurs, along with how they died out, and how we know what they look like today.

WEIRD BUT TRUE DINOSAURS
By: NATIONALGEOGRAPHIC | Paperback
SCIENCE - DINOSAURS, PREHISTORIC LIFE, FOSSILS & EVOLU.
Weird But True! is going prehistoric! This new addition to the wildly popular, mind-blowing, fact-packed series is taking on the jaws and claws that ruled the Mesozoic world. Calling all dino dynamos! Get ready to devour wacky wonders, facts, stats, and trivia about all things dinosaur. Did you know that the T. rex had vision 13 times better than the average human's? Or that people collect fossilized dino poop? And get this: There's a dinosaur named after Hogwarts--Harry Potter's wizarding school! Get ready to meet dinosaurs with horns and feathers, razor-sharp claws and gigantic teeth. You'll encounter the places they lived, the bizarre art they inspired, and the amazing paleontologists who discovered them.

IF YOU TAKE AWAY THE OTTER
By: SUSA BUHRMAN-DEEVER | Hardcover
SCIENCE - EARTH, ECOLOGY & ECOSYSTEMS | Theme(s): Environment
When the sea otters disappear, why does their kelp forest habitat disappear, too? On the Pacific Coast of North America, sea otters play, dive, and hunt for sea urchins, crabs, abalone, and fish in the lush kelp forests beneath the waves. But there was a time when people hunted the otters almost to extinction. Without sea otters to eat them, an army of hungry sea urchins grew and destroyed entire kelp forests. Fish and other animals that depended on the kelp were lost, too. But when people protected the sea otters with new laws, their numbers began to recover, and so did the kelp forests. Susannah Buhrman-Deever offers a beautifully written account of a trophic cascade, which happens when the removal of a single element affects an entire habitat. Asides that dig deeper are woven throughout Matthew Trueman's dynamic illustrations, starring a raft of charismatic sea otters. Back matter includes more information about sea otters and kelp forests, including their importance and current status, the effects of the international fur trade on indigenous peoples, and a list of books and websites for readers who wish to continue to explore.
BOREAL FOREST
By: LE CARMICHAEL | Hardcover Canadian
SCIENCE - EARTH, ECOLOGY & ECOSYSTEMS
The vast boreal forest spans a dozen countries in the northern regions like ‘a scarf around the neck of the world,’ making it the planet’s largest land biome. Besides providing homes for a diversity of species, this spectacular forest is also vitally important to the planet’s ecosystem. This beautifully written book explores this special wilderness on a tour of the forest throughout the four seasons, from one country to another. Evocative watercolour and collage artwork provides a rare glimpse of one of the world’s most magnificent places.

GREEN MACHINE THE SLIGHTLY GROSS TRUTH
By: REBECCA DONNELLY | Hardcover
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SCIENCE - EARTH, ECOLOGY & ECOSYSTEMS
Composting is cool! Celebrate the innovation and science that helps turn your food waste into green energy. See how food scraps are composted, collected, and processed, transforming trash into biogas and electricity. It’s a green machine! It’s a celebration of sustainability and the important role we humans play in the energy cycle. Call it Peels on Wheels! Or a truck full of yuck! It’s a food scraps collection machine! It takes all the waste! (And some slime, and some muck)! To a place where the garbage goes green.

ON OUR NATURE WALK
By: JILLIAN ROBERTS | Paperback
ISBN: 9781459821002 | Price: $15.96
SCIENCE - EARTH, ECOLOGY & ECOSYSTEMS | Theme(s): Environment
Young readers are introduced to environmental issues in their own neighborhoods in this illustrated nonfiction picture book.

OUR ENVIRONMENT - EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO
By: JACQUES PASQUET | Hardcover Canadian
ISBN: 9781771473897 | Price: $15.96
| Theme(s): Environment
A back-to-basics overview of our environment

DKFINDOUT CLIMATE CHANGE
By: DK | Hardcover
SCIENCE - WEATHER & SEASONS
Understand the facts about climate change and discover what we can do to improve the human impact on our environment. In 2019, kids around the world are going on strike for the future of the planet, and for their own futures. The British and Irish governments have become the first in the world to declare a climate emergency.
Climate change is now one of the biggest issues we face as a society. This book lays out the science behind a natural process that has been massively sped up by humans. It explains the different ways in which we have caused the climate to heat up, from traffic pollution to animal farming, and the widespread effects of this change. The book covers what we can do to help prevent further, damaging changes to the climate, both in our everyday lives and as potential activists. This timely entry into the award-winning DKfindout! series explores the past, present, and future of our climate. It covers key developments such as the industrial revolution, the advent of plane travel, and climate activism, from the People’s Climate March to Greta Thunberg and Extinction Rebellion.
WHAT'S THE WEATHER?
By: SHELLEY ROTNER | Hardcover
SCIENCE - WEATHER & SEASONS

Photos of puffy clouds, dramatic storms, and rainbows alternate with buoyant portraits of a diverse group of children experiencing the natural world. Seasons, precipitation, wind, clouds, storms, and climate change are all introduced in a format that younger children can grasp from a trusted name in children's nonfiction.

FLOWERS
By: EMILY BONE | Hardcover
SCIENCE - TREES, PLANTS & FLOWERS

Lots of children love flowers but don't know much about them. This book explains where and how different flowers grow, what sort of flowers exist and what the largest flower in the world is, with plenty of other interesting facts about flowers. A beautifully-illustrated addition to the popular Beginners series with simple text children can easily understand. An essential addition to any family bookshelf. A great book to take to school and share with friends, or study alone for interest.

NATURE ALL AROUND - PLANTS
By: PAMELA HICKMAN | Hardcover Canadian
SCIENCE - TREES, PLANTS & FLOWERS

The perfect introduction to plants. From crowded cities to open prairies, deserts to wetlands, plants grow everywhere! This comprehensive introduction will open children’s eyes to the plants that surround them and their importance to all of our lives. First it explores plant parts, life cycles and growing zones. Then it brings children up close to nature by taking them on a season-by-season tour of what plants are doing throughout the year. And for hands-on experience, there’s an interactive Q&A guide to help plant sleuths identify what they’ve spotted. Sure to inspire budding naturalists to stop and observe the wonders growing all around them!

JOEY A BABY KOALA & HIS MOTHER
By: NIC BISHOP | Hardcover
SCIENCE - ANIMALS

It's an exciting morning for Joey the baby koala in this beautifully photographed book from award-winning author Nic Bishop. High above the ground, in the shade of a eucalyptus tree, Joey the baby koala wakes up hungry! Crawling over his sleeping mom, Joey goes exploring... only to find that his mother's arms is where he's supposed to be after all. In this book featuring simple text and stunning photographs of a rare interaction between a koala and her little one, award-winning author-photographer Nic Bishop brings nature to life for the youngest children. Perfect for laptime reading, this visual treat in the style of Bishop's acclaimed Red-Eyed Tree Frog includes fun facts about koalas and their habitat.
UNDER THE GROUND
By: EMILY BONE | Hardcover
SCIENCE - ANIMALS

Take a journey down into the ground and discover all the fascinating creatures that live in burrows, dens, tunnels and nests. Along with foxes, rabbits and ants, find out about burrowing birds, tunnelling tarantulas, and strange blind rats that live underground too. Children can also read about how many plants start as seeds deep in the soil. Filled with delicate, soft illustrations and very simple, easy-to-read text. An essential addition to any family bookshelf. This book is a great source for answering children's questions about which animals live underground, and why.

CREepy CRAWLiES
By: EMILY BONE | Hardcover
SCIENCE - ANIMALS

An illustrated introduction to the miniature kingdom of bugs and other creepy-crawlies, packed with facts to help young nature-lovers find and observe insects all year round. Find out which bug is the biggest in the world, who is awake at night, learn about bugs that live underwater, and much more. A beautiful addition to the popular Beginners series with easy-to-read text and step-by-step visual explanations, with illustrations so vivid these weird and wonderful bugs will crawl off the page. A great book to take to school and share with friends, or study alone for interest. Includes internet links to websites with video clips showing lots of amazing creepy crawlies, including caterpillars turning into butterflies, and buggy games and activities.

BABY ANIMALS
By: EMILY BONE | Hardcover
SCIENCE - ANIMALS

This brilliant reference book is a lovely introduction to the babies all kinds of different animals have, from tiny rabbits in an underground nest, to caterpillars hatching out of eggs and becoming butterflies. Full of soft, warm illustrations with simple text that children can easily understand. A beautifully-illustrated addition to the popular Beginners series with easy-to-read text and step-by-step visual explanations. An unintimidating book, its contents is accessible to young children but of interest to all. Includes internet links to websites with video clips showing lots of different baby animals, and games and activities about them.

RANGER RICK: I WISH I WAS A LLAMA
By: JENNIFER BOVE | Paperback
SCIENCE - ANIMALS | Theme(s): Level 1 Beginning Reader

Explore the lives of llamas with Ranger Rick in this beginning reader with full-color photos of llamas in action! What if you wished you were a llama and then you became one? Could you talk like a llama, with gurgles and squeals? Could you roll in the dust like a llama, to keep bugs away? And would you want to? Find out about llamas and their wild cousins, guanacos (pronounced wah-nah-ko), as well as alpacas and vicuñas! Ranger Rick explorers will love this Level One I Can Read that helps beginning readers dig a little deeper into the lives of llamas. Ranger Rick: I Wish I Was a Llama is complete with vivid photographs, fascinating facts, a Wild Words glossary, and a hands-on activity about how to tell the difference between different camelids. Ranger Rick, the iconic raccoon ambassador from Ranger Rick magazines, engages young readers by comparing and contrasting the life of the llama to the life of the reader. For example, a call-out from Ranger Rick asks: do you hum when you feel happy? This Level One I Can Read answers questions for beginning readers about llamas and their wild cousins, guanacos. This format engages young readers by comparing and contrasting the life of these animals to the life of the reader. Ranger Rick: I Wish I Was a Llama is a Level One I Can Read book, which means it's perfect for children learning to sound out words and sentences.
IT CAN'T BE TRUE ANIMALS
By: DK | Hardcover
SCIENCE - ANIMALS
Did you know that one blue whale weighs as much as 32 Asian elephants? That can't be true, you say! Yes it is, and this book put the whale on the scales to show you! Packed with mind-blowing facts and awesome illustrations, this brilliant book for kids reveals incredible information about the weird and wonderful world of animals. Can you believe an ant recently discovered in the treetops of Borneo explodes when under attack, covering enemy ants in a toxic goo? Did you know that the ocean-dwelling bootlace worm is longer than a 50-metre Olympic-sized swimming pool? 'But it can't be true', you say. Yes, it really is!

ANIMAL ANTICS
By: DK | Hardcover
SCIENCE - ANIMALS
Animal Antics is jam-packed with funny photos of animals in action. Look out for goats popping up in unexpected places, zebras and chimpanzees grinning for the camera, and adorable chipmunks with bulging cheeks. Alongside high quality images, each page features mind-boggling facts about your favourite animals, including how they get around, what they like to eat, and how they stay cool or keep warm. Children will love this fresh glimpse into the lives of loads of weird and wonderful animals.

UNSTOPPABLE - TRUE STORIES OF AMAZING BI
By: NANCY FURSTINGER | Paperback
SCIENCE - ANIMALS
Praised as “inspiring and heartwarming,” these amazing animals making their way around the world with the help of prosthetics, braces, orthotics, and wheelchairs will wow science enthusiasts and animal lovers alike.

MYTHBUSTERS ANIMAL ERRORS
By: CLIVE GIFFORD | Paperback
SCIENCE - ANIMALS
Mythbusters takes readers on a wild ride through history, science, the natural world and the human body in search of the TRUTH! Conspiracy theories, popular trivia, old wives' tales, common misconceptions, misinterpretations and other fallacies are explored to untruth exactly why they are wrong, and how and why they were adopted as fact in the first place. Thoroughly entertaining with fun typography, fast-paced text, light and fascinating side-stories, and lively, photo-montaged illustrations, this big huge compendium of curriculum-led subjects appeals to today's technological-savvy children. Fully detailing each myth and error, along with its historical or scientific background, each falsehood is debunked, and then a full explanation of its true facts are presented.
WEST COAST WILD BABIES
By: DEBORAH HODGE | Hardcover Canadian
ISBN: 9781773062488 | Price: $15.96
SCIENCE - ANIMALS
In this second book in the West Coast Wild series, readers will meet the baby animals born in the pristine wilderness of the Pacific west coast, including land and marine mammals, fish, birds and amphibians.

ANIMAL TRACKS & TRACES
By: MARY HOLLAND | Hardcover
SCIENCE - ANIMALS
Animals are all around us. While we may not often see them, we can see signs that they've been there. Some signs might be simple footprints in snow or mud (tracks) and other signs include chewed or scratched bark, homes or even poop and pee (traces). Children will become animal detectives after learning how to 'read' the animal signs left all around. Smart detectives can even figure out what the animals were doing!

BRINGING BACK THE WOLVES
By: JUDE ISABELLA | Hardcover Canadian
SCIENCE - ANIMALS
By 1926, there were no grey wolves left in Yellowstone National Park, due to a programme by the US government to eliminate threats to livestock. As a result virtually every other part of the park's ecosystem was affected and the landscape was in distress. In 1995, in an attempt to reverse this decline, the government reintroduced grey wolves to the park, and a remarkable restoration took place. This fascinating tale is accompanied by beautiful nature art by Kim Smith as well as educational back-matter such as a glossary, food web infographics, and an index.

DOG PATROL - OUR CANINE COMPANIONS & THE
By: ROB LAIDLAW | Hardcover Canadian
SCIENCE - ANIMALS
In a full-color dog book unlike any other, acclaimed children's nonfiction author Rob Laidlaw delves into the history and evolution of dogs as human companions, and empowers young readers to promote the health and happiness of dogs in their own lives and beyond.

5 BEARS
By: ROB LAIDLAW | Hardcover Canadian
SCIENCE - ANIMALS
Our relationship with bears is complex. Some people think of bears as big, cuddly pets, while others see them as dangerous, wild animals. Many people want bears left undisturbed in the wild, while others want to hunt and kill them, confine them in zoos or use them for their fur, meat or body parts. It's clear that bears are popular animals almost everywhere in the world. They're featured in fables, cartoons, children's books, television shows, documentary films and other media. In 5 Bears I mention two that have become famous: Winnie, the real bear that led to the story Winnie the Pooh, and Wojtek, the soldier bear who became a war hero. I also talk about lesser known bears like Yupi, a polar bear who lived in Mexico, Jasper, who was rescued from a bear farm in China, and Vince who now lives at a sanctuary in the United States. I hope their stories show what their lives were, and are, really like and the issues and challenges that all bears face. There are many myths and misunderstandings about
bears. In 5 Bears I hope to set the record straight and convince you that bears deserve our respect, compassion and protection. Today, bears in the wild are threatened and many bears in captivity are suffering. They need our help to ensure they survive and prosper in the years ahead. I hope after reading this book you'll decide it's time for you to do your part to help bears.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC READERS LLAMAS L1
By: MAYA MYERS | Paperback
ISBN: 9781426337253 | Price: $5.59
SCIENCE - ANIMALS | Theme(s): Level 1 Beginning Reader

Learn all about the fascinating lives of llamas—including what they eat, where they live, how they help people, and their behavior in this new National Geographic Kids Reader. The level 1 text provides accessible, yet wide-ranging, information for beginning readers. National Geographic Kids Readers have been a hit in the beginning reader category, and this book builds on that success with the same combination of careful text, brilliant photographs, and fun approach to high-interest topics, such as llamas, that has proved to be a winning formula with kids.

EELS
By: RACHEL POLIQUIN | Paperback Canadian
SCIENCE - ANIMALS

This fourth installment in the hilarious and highly illustrated full-color Superpower Field Guide series features Olenka, an ordinary eel. Olenka may be slimy, wiggly, and the color of mud, but never, ever underestimate an eel. Meet Olenka, an ordinary eel. Did I hear you say, “but aren't eels just long slippery, slimy fishy-things that . . . hmm . . . . Is there anything else to know about eels?” You bet your buttons there is! Sit back and hold on tight because Olenka is going to amaze you with superpowers such as double invisibility, shape-shifting, and supersecret Lair of the Abyss (that means a top-secret deep-sea hideout). In fact, Olenka's life is so impossibly extraordinary, it has baffled the smartest scientists in the world for thousands of years. “Impossible!” you say. I say, you don't know eels. But you will. Includes a ruler printed along the book's back side to aid the observations of young field scientists everywhere!

BEAVERS
By: RACHEL POLIQUIN | Paperback Canadian
SCIENCE - ANIMALS

A delightfully informative, laugh-out-loud look at the most unsuspecting of animal heroes, perfect for readers who like their facts served with a large dose of humor.

HOME AWAY FROM HOME - TRUE STORIES OF WI
By: NICHOLAS READ | Paperback Canadian
ISBN: 9781772032192 | Price: $15.96
SCIENCE - ANIMALS

An informative book for middle-grade readers about sanctuaries across North America that rescue wild animals and provide them with safe places to live. Years ago, most major cities in North America had zoos full of exotic or wild animals in tiny cages. It was also not uncommon for wild animals to be kept as pets or trained to perform in circuses. Today, we have a different way of looking at animals and deciding if and how they should be kept in captivity. There are still zoos and aquariums, of course, but the best ones are more concerned with protecting animals than putting them on display. There is also a different sort of organization—the animal sanctuary—which provides comfortable homes for animals that have been housed in unaccredited zoos or caught up in the illegal exotic-animal

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**ICK**
By: MELISSA STEWART | Paperback
SCIENCE - ANIMALS

"From award-winning author Melissa Stewart comes the grossest journey through the animal world you'll ever take. From ants to zorillas, get ready to discover some seriously strange animal behaviors. Slurp up soupy insides with houseflies, spit sticky saliva to build nests with birds, and fend off predators with poop-flinging caterpillars and farting snakes. And that's just the tip of the dung pile! These yucky habits may seem surprising to us, but they're totally normal for these animals. In fact, their survival depends on them."--

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC READER WHALES PRE RE**
By: JENNIFER SZYMANSKI | Hardcover
ISBN: 9781426337260 | Price: $15.92
SCIENCE - ANIMALS | Theme(s): Level 1 Beginning Reader

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**WANTED CRIMINALS OF THE ANIMAL KINGDOM**
By: HEATHER TEKAVEC | Hardcover Canadian
SCIENCE - ANIMALS | Theme(s): Humour, Writing

Not your typical book about animal behavior! A fish who deceives her prey with an intriguing light? A bird who leaves her eggs in another bird’s nest? A frog who fakes his own death? Meet some of the animal kingdom’s most wanted criminals! Slippery Slick, Queenie the Meanie, Lil’ Cupid — they’re all here in this hilarious book of animal case files, with rap sheets, mug shots and more for each “criminal.” They all stand accused of playing dirty, but with Detective X hot on their trail, their criminal days may soon be behind them! It oughta be a crime to have this much fun learning science!

**RUNNING WILD - AWESOME ANIMALS IN MOTION**
By: GALADRIEL WATSON | Hardcover Canadian
ISBN: 9781773213705 | Price: $15.96
SCIENCE - ANIMALS

Creatures sprint, slither, and soar in this STEM-driven dive into the extraordinary, everyday ways animals move! A squid jets through the ocean like a rocket. A cheetah races after a zig-zagging gazelle. A fishing spider walks on water with its eight hairy legs. All animals must move. Whether on the hunt for something to eat, on the run from being eaten, or in search of a mate or a safe place to live, their lives depend on marvelous motion. In this fascinating introduction to biomechanics, seasoned non-fiction writer Galadriel Watson draws on biology, physics, and other sciences to show readers the incredible ways a variety of creatures move to meet their everyday needs--and

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NESTING
By: HENRY COLE | Hardcover
SCIENCE - BIRDS

In this black-and-white picture book highlighted with robin's egg blue, the reader will follow two robins as they build a nest with twigs and grass. Then mother robin lays four beautiful blue eggs and will keep the eggs warm in the nest until they hatch into four baby robins. The father robin protects the babies until they can fly on their own. The perils the babies encounter are many, including snakes and storms. The nest is always their safe place. Nesting provides introductory biology and animal science concepts for very young children, and also makes a spectacular springtime gift.

WOW! LOOK WHAT BIRDS CAN DO
By: CAMILLA DELABEDOYERE | Hardcover
SCIENCE - BIRDS

Which bird can fly backwards? How do penguins keep warm? Does an ostrich really bury its head in the sand? Find out the answers to these questions, and lots more, in this book featuring dancing, hooting, running and pecking birds. Wow! is a fantastic series not only filled with the best and most amazing facts about popular science topics, but each book also includes beautiful illustrations with fun and interactive artwork clues that lead readers through the book and stimulate discussion. This appealing series is certain to make readers say "Wow!" over and over again.

EAGLE MOTHER
By: BRETT HUSON | Hardcover Canadian
ISBN: 9781553798590 | Price: $23.00
SCIENCE - BIRDS

Return to the valleys of the River of Mists with award-winning author Hetxw'ms Gyetxw (Brett D. Huson). Nox xsygaak, the eagle mother, cares for her brood in the embrace of a black cottonwood with the help of her mate. Will both eaglets survive the summer in an environment that is both delicate and unforgiving? Learn about the life cycle of these stunning birds of prey, the traditions of the Gitxsan, and how bald eagles can enrich their entire ecosystem. Evocative illustration brings the Xsan's flora and fauna to life for middle years readers in book three of the Mothers of Xsan series.

BIRDING FOR KIDS
By: DAMON CALDERWOOD | Paperback Canadian
ISBN: 9781772031973 | Price: $15.96
SCIENCE - INSECTS & SPIDERS

An interactive full-colour field guide that teaches kids the fun, safe, and educational way to observe birds in their natural habitat. Join expert bird photographers Damon Calderwood and Donald E. Waite, and their young friends, as they highlight all the basics of birding. Birding for Kids is filled with full-colour photos, fascinating facts, and fun projects that allow children to get up close and personal with nature while respecting the habitats of birds in the wild. The book includes guidelines on how to look for or attract birds in backyards, city parks, and rural areas; how to take pictures of birds or record information about them in a log book; how to help endangered or at-risk species; what to do if you find a hurt bird or abandoned nest; and much more. This informative guide also includes a list of common and scientific species names, a glossary of birding terms, and all the basic equipment you need to become...
an avid or casual birder.

**BIRDS EYE VIEW**

By: ANN ERIKSSON | Hardcover Canadian
SCIENCE - REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS

Part of the nonfiction Wild series for middle readers, this book looks at wild birds around the world, the threats to their survival and what young people are doing to conserve their populations.

**SEA OTTERS**

By: ISABELLE GROC | Hardcover Canadian
SCIENCE - OCEANS, FISH & AQUATIC LIFE

Part of the nonfiction Orca Wild series for middle readers, this book looks at the important role sea otters play in the ecosystem. Readers will learn about the history of sea otters, their recovery from near extinction and how to conserve the species for the future. Illustrated with photos by the photojournalist author.

**ORCAS OF THE SALISH SEA**

By: MARK LEIREN-YOUNG | Hardcover Canadian
ISBN: 9781459825055 | Price: $15.96
SCIENCE - OCEANS, FISH & AQUATIC LIFE

Illustrated with stunning photographs, this nonfiction picture book introduces readers to Onyx. He's a member of J pod, the famous family of southern resident orcas off the coast of British Columbia and Washington.

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC READERS WHALES PRE R**

By: JENNIFER SZYMANSKI | Paperback
ISBN: 9781426337130 | Price: $5.59
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"Information for children learning how to read about whales, with photographs"--

**WHATS THE POINT OF MATH**

By: DK | Hardcover
SCIENCE - MATH

Incredible historical and contemporary stories explore the often surprising origins of the math we use today, from number sequences to trigonometry. Crazy facts, magic tricks, and mathematical brainteasers will amuse and entertain even the most reluctant math students. Find out why an hour has 60 rather than 100 minutes and how prime numbers keep the internet working. Colorful and uncluttered illustrations make mathematical explanations easy to grasp in seconds and make this user-friendly book simple to navigate and a joy to browse and read. What's the Point of Math? is perfect for those who need some inspiration when it comes to numbers. It combines stories from history with simple visual explanations to bring math to life. From spotting a bargain to talking to computers, from filling in a giant sinkhole to becoming a trillionaire, it shows children why core math ideas were invented and how to apply
them today - in the classroom and the real world! Accompanying the fascinating stories are puzzles, games, and amazing facts, as well as a lively challenge to help bring each of the topics to life. Stylish, colorful illustrations make the math fun and unintimidating, while simple diagrams and steps make explanations easy to grasp in seconds. Throughout the book, worked examples show readers how to solve simple math challenges, encouraging children to develop math skills with hands-on practice. A vocational theme runs throughout the book, showing why math is a vital skill in many fields of life, from science and commerce to sports and travel.

**GREAT BIG BRAIN BOOK**
By: ROS ASQUITH | Hardcover
MIND & BODY - GENERAL

You're brain is absolutely amazing! They are responsible for absolutely every single thing we do. Every time we breath, or walk or talk or eat, it’s all because of our brilliant brains! When we feel happy or sad, when we drop something, when we run or draw - none of this would be possible without our fantastic brains. Find out how our brains work, how they control the rest of the body and how they change over time. From how they create our memories, to how they help us learn new things and what happens to them when we are asleep, great ready to uncover lots of fascinating facts about the brain. And don’t forget to look out for the friendly cat on every page, helping us learn all about our wonderful brains!

**HEADS UP CHANGING MINDS IN MENTAL HEALTH**
By: MELANIE SIEBERT | Paperback Canadian
HIGH SCHOOL - MIND & BODY | Theme(s): Mental Health

This nonfiction book for teen readers is a guide to understanding mental health and coping with mental illness, trauma and recovery. It features real-life stories of resilient teens and highlights innovative approaches to mental health challenges.

**YOU CAN DRAW COMIC BOOK CHARACTERS**
By: SPENCER BRINKERHOFF | Paperback
THINGS TO DO - CRAFTS, COOKING, GARDENING, MAGIC, GAMES

Learn to draw comic book characters with easy, step-by-step drawing projects, and then design your own superheroes and villains. You can draw more than 30 comic book characters by following the simple instructions, step by easy step. Once you are comfortable with the comic art style, move on to design your own heroes and villains. Tips and techniques for customizing faces, hair, bodies, and action poses will have you drawing your own characters in no time. No complicated tools are needed. You can create comic art with just a pencil, pen, markers, and paper! The book opens with helpful sections on tools and materials, essential drawing techniques, color basics, and an examination of faces and basic muscle structure. This ensures that you know the basics before getting started on the step-by-step projects that follow. Included throughout the book are templates to scan or photocopy and practice on over and over again. Itin between the drawing projects and templates are closer looks at costume design, anatomy, perspective, and dynamic action poses. Drawing a character flexing, flying, running, kicking, or zapping is easy with the included tips and techniques. Written and illustrated by Spencer Brinkerhoff, Just for Kids: You Can Draw Comic Book Characters is perfect for any comic book fan, regardless of artistic skill level.
CRAFT LAB FOR KIDS
By: STEPHANIE CORFEE | Paperback
THINGS TO DO - CRAFTS, COOKING, GARDENING, MAGIC, GAMES

With Craft Lab for Kids, help your kids tap into the fun and empowerment of creating their own custom designs to wear, decorate with, and give. Spruce Up Your Stuff. Learn fun ways to personalize with a variety of embellishment techniques Express Yourself! Add your personality to all kinds of homemade projects Take Care of YOU. Self-care DIY projects to benefit their well-being Kids Just Wanna Have Fun. Just-for-fun projects to make everyone smile Classic Crafts with a Twist. Tried-and-true crafts updated for today’s kids 15-Minute Makes. Quickie crafts to make in a flash Kindness Crafts. Crafty creations to brighten someone’s day Enjoy the pleasure and satisfaction of making things together with Craft Lab for Kids! The popular Lab for Kids series features a growing list of books that share hands-on activities and projects on a wide host of topics, including art, astronomy, clay, geology, math, and even how to create your own circus—all authored by established experts in their fields. Each lab contains a complete materials list, clear step-by-step photographs of the process, as well as finished samples. The labs can be used as singular projects or as part of a yearlong curriculum of experiential learning. The activities are open-ended, designed to be explored over and over, often with different results. Geared toward being taught or guided by adults, they are enriching for a range of ages and skill levels. Gain firsthand knowledge on your favorite topic with Lab for Kids.

RECYCLE & REMAKE
By: DK | Hardcover
ISBN: 9781465489845 | Price: $15.19
THINGS TO DO - CRAFTS, COOKING, GARDENING, MAGIC, GAMES

Kids are on a mission to save the Earth! Recycle and Remake is the hands-on, practical guide they need to get started. This gentle, but empowering book is full of creative making activities, information, and ideas that give young eco-warriors the know-how to really help the environment. With Recycle and Remake, kids will soon be saving trees by making their own seeded recycled paper from junk mail, cleaning up the oceans by turning old shopping bags into kites, friendship bracelets, and colorful woven baskets, and repurposing a cardboard box into a periscope. They’ll also learn about sustainable energies by creating a simple solar oven, cutting down on plastic wrap by making a food wrap from scrap cotton and beeswax, and turning an old tee shirt into a reusable tote bag. They can even grow new plants to clean the air in their own upcycled milk bottle planters and using homemade compost. As kids make and create, they will learn kid-friendly facts about the big issues our planet is facing. Each of the activities directly relates to an environmental hot topic, such as plastic pollution, food waste, or deforestation. Budding environmentalists all over the world are feeling inspired to do their part for our amazing planet. This future-friendly book is here to guide them with all the information, ideas, tips, and tools they need to be part of the solution.

LET'S GET GARDENING
By: DK | Hardcover
ISBN: 9781465485496 | Price: $15.19
THINGS TO DO - CRAFTS, COOKING, GARDENING, MAGIC, GAMES

Learn to grow your own vegetables and herbs, attract awesome wildlife such as butterflies and bees, and be a green gardener with lots of recycling tips. Whether you've got a big vegetable patch or just a windowsill, you can grow all sorts of plants with this colorful book. Packed full of easy-to-follow step-by-step activities, this book helps children learn about conservation, recycling, and sustainability in simple, practical, and hands-on ways. They will build a mini nature reserve, turn old rubber boots into plant pots, grow fruit and vegetables that they can really eat, plant a bee-friendly space, create a ladybird sanctuary, and much more. Help nature with every activity and discover the joys of growing plants from seeds. So grab your potting soil and let's get gardening!
BEGIN TO DRAW PEOPLE
By: CHRISTOPHER HART | Paperback
THINGS TO DO - CRAFTS, COOKING, GARDENING, MAGIC, GAMES

"Learning to draw the human figure might seem intimidating to beginning artists. In Begin to Draw People, bestselling how-to-draw author Christopher Hart proves that it doesn't have to be. Tapping into his vast experience in teaching how to draw all aspects of the human body, Chris simplifies the figure-drawing process for even the most absolute beginners! Accessibility to ages 12 and up is the driving principle behind the step-by-step instruction provided throughout. Topics include simplified yet detailed steps to drawing the head and body for men, women, and children in a wide variety of facial features, expressions, styles, and poses"--