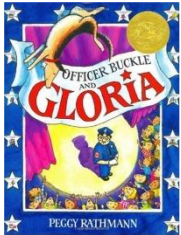
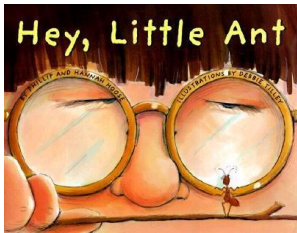


Books Just for Guys!

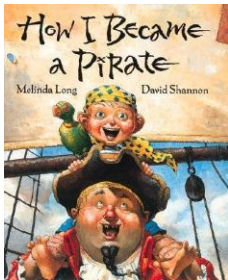
Picture Books



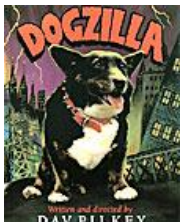
[Officer Buckle and Gloria by Peggy Rathmann K-2](#) Officer Buckle is very boring and accidents are always occurring since no one wants to listen to another safety speech...until, Gloria, a police dog, attends one of the safety speeches the accidents mysterious stop.



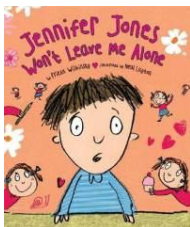
[Hey, Little Ant by Phillip and Hannah Hoose K-2](#) take a look at an insect's point of view when a boy attempts to squish an ant, he discovers they have more in common than he thought!



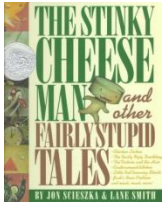
[How I Became a Pirate by Melinda Long K-2](#) take a journey into the life of a pirate when Jeremy is in the middle of building a sand castle and is thrown into a new life as a pirate.



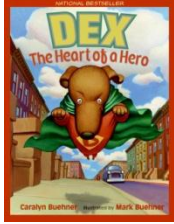
[Dogzilla by Dav Pilkey K-3](#) It's time for Mousopolis's First Annual Barbecue Cook-Off but just when the fun is about to begin, the irresistible aroma of barbecue sauce awakens the most frightening creature known to mousekind: the dreaded Dogzilla. The residents of Mousopolis must run for their lives. Can they get rid of that big stinky dog before it's too late?



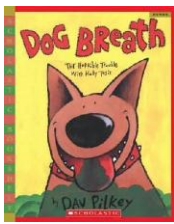
[Jennifer Jones Won't Leave Me Alone by Frieda Wishinsky K-2](#) a young boy is annoyed by the adoration of a girl in his class, but when she goes away, he misses her.



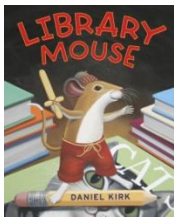
[The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Stupid Fairy Tales by Jon Scieszka & Lane Smith K-3](#) this author takes familiar fairy tales and turns them into hilarious versions of your favorite tale. This book is sure to leave you laughing our loud.



[Dex: The Heart of a Hero by Caralyn Buehner K-3](#) Dexter the dog is so little that Clevis the tomcat bullies him. But little Dex has dreams—big dreams, he wants to be a superhero. So he reads all the comic books he can, builds his muscles, and even orders a hero suit. Suddenly, even Clevis needs his help! Dexter has determination, spirit, and heart as he proves, above all, that no matter how little you are, you can still do very big things.



[Dog Breath by Dav Pilkey K-2](#) Hally, the Tosis family dog, has such bad breath that Mr. and Mrs. Tosis plan to give her away, until she proves to be an invaluable watchdog.

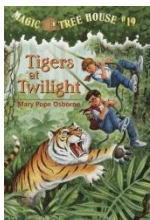


[Library Mouse by Daniel Kirk K--2](#) Sam the library mouse loves to write, and the children love his little books, which he leaves on the library shelves for them to find. But no one at the library has ever met him. When Tom can't find a partner for a book-making assignment and finds Sam's secret hole behind the children's reference section, will the pair be able to work together, or will Sam's secret identity be spoiled forever?

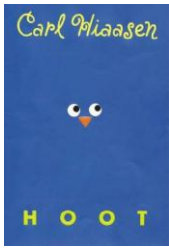
Chapter Books (fiction)



[Horrible Harry series by Suzy Kline 2-3](#) Harry's full of adventure that are sure to leave you laughing and relating to his many tales.



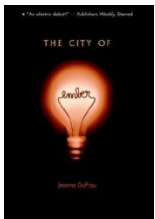
[Magic Tree House series by Mary Pope Osborne 1-3](#) The Magic Tree House takes you on adventures of a lifetime and around the world when Annie and her brother Jack discover a tree house full of books in the woods and are morphed to unlock mysteries around the world.



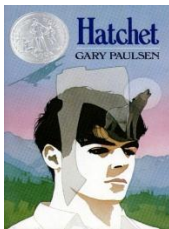
Hoot by Carl Hiaasen 3-6 Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.



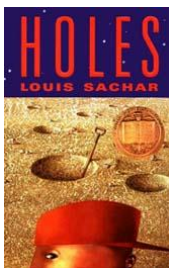
The Secret of Zoom by Lynne Jonell 4-9 Christina lives in a big, old stone mansion on the edge of a dark forest surrounded by barbed wire. Deep within the forest is the laboratory where her father works—and where her mother was blown to bits years ago. Christina's father knows just how dangerous the world can be, so he keeps her safe at home, forbidding her from talking to the very interesting orphans down the road. But when an orphan boy named Taft talks to her, she's thrilled to help him search for a secret tunnel. But soon she discovers there's more to the orphanage, the lab, and the mystery of her mother's accident than she ever suspected. Sinister things are in the works—and the secret of zoom is the most dangerous secret of all!



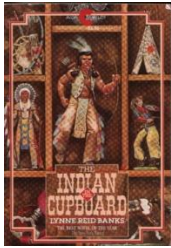
The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau 3-6 The city of Ember was built as a last refuge for the human race. Two hundred years later, the great lamps that light the city are beginning to flicker. When Lina finds part of an ancient message, she's sure it holds a secret that will save the city. She and her friend Doon must decipher the message before the lights go out on Ember forever!



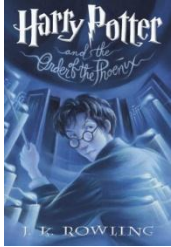
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen 4-9 after a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the Canadian wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.



Holes by Louis Sachar 6-9 Stanley Yelnats is under a curse. A curse that began with his no-good-dirty-rotten-pig-stealing-great-great-grandfather and has since followed generations of Yelnats. Now Stanley has been unjustly sent to a boys' detention center, Camp Green Lake, where the warden makes the boys "build character" by spending all day, every day, digging holes: five feet wide and five feet deep. It doesn't take long for Stanley to realize there's more than character improvement going on at Camp Green Lake. The boys are digging holes because the warden is looking for something. Stanley tries to dig up the truth in this inventive and darkly humorous tale of crime and punishment—and redemption.

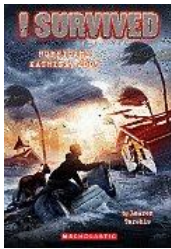


[The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Banks 3-6](#) A nine-year-old boy receives a plastic Indian, a cupboard, and a little key for his birthday and finds himself involved in adventure when the Indian comes to life in the cupboard and befriends him.

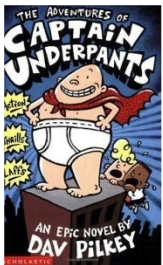


[Harry Potter by J.K. Rowling 3-12](#) Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry.

[Best of the Best by Jim Green 4-9](#) Josh is still flying high from his team's tournament win at Cooperstown when his parents start talking about a divorce. Now his dad is challenging him to play the best of the best at the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. But does he just want to get Josh out of the way? Two things are sure: His father's new girlfriend, Diane, is looking to change things, and Josh is determined to get her and her terrible son out of his life. With the help of Benji and Jaden, Josh races to get the facts that can keep his family together—but it's ever harder to concentrate on the game and make the winning plays that will lead his team to victory.



[I Survived Hurricane Katrina by Lauren Tarshis 5-8](#) The horror of Hurricane Katrina is brought vividly to life in this fictional account of a boy, a dog, and the storm of the century. Barry's family tries to evacuate before Hurricane Katrina hits their home in New Orleans. But when Barry's little sister gets terribly sick, they're forced to stay home and wait out the storm. At first, Katrina doesn't seem to be as bad as predicted. But overnight the levees break, and Barry's world is literally torn apart. He's swept away by the flood waters, away from his family. Can he survive the storm of the century -- alone?

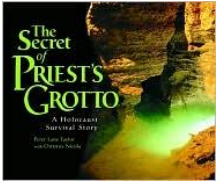


[The Adventures of Captain Underpants by Dav Pilkey 2-5](#) When George and Harold hypnotize their principal into thinking that he is the superhero Captain Underpants, he leads them to the lair of the nefarious Dr. Diaper, where they must defeat his evil robot henchmen.

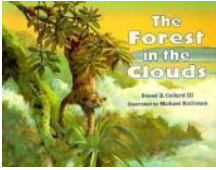


[Half Magic by Edward Eager 3-8](#) faced with a dull summer in the city, Jane, Mark, Katharine, and Martha suddenly find themselves involved in a series of extraordinary adventures after Jane discovers an ordinary-looking coin that seems to grant wishes.

Non-Fiction

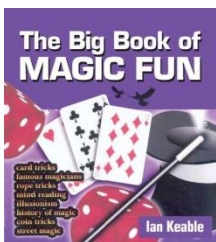


[The Secret of Priests Grotto by Peter Lane Taylor 3-9](#) two explorers survey caves in the Western Ukraine and relate the story of how an extended Jewish family, fleeing persecution by the Nazis, lived for two years in a large cave, Popowa Yama, and survived the war.



[The Forest in the Clouds by Sneed B. Collard 2-5](#) the book introduces young readers to the world of Costa Rica's Monteverde Cloud Forest and highlights unusual plants and animals and explains the interrelationships among the forest's inhabitants. This book shows concern for the area's ecology is apparent in his account of the disappearance of species, notably the golden toad. A

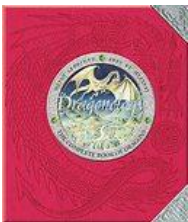
list of books, Web sites, and environmental organizations offers additional sources of information.



[The Big Book of Magic Fun by Ian Keable K-6](#) Keable opens with a discussion of the types of props used in the book, most of which are readily available in the home. Next comes an overview and history of the different types of magic with mention of the most famous practitioners.

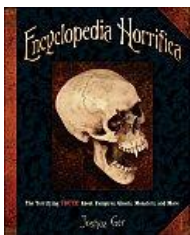
Reproductions of playbills, archival photographs, and newspaper articles enhance the historical information. The second half of the book, a "how to" section, offers clear, step-by-step

explanations and close-up photos depicting young adults demonstrating 40 tricks. "Secret view" photos show what the audience can't see. The author encourages lots of practice and offers extra tips on the presentation or specifics on props for each trick in highlighted asides. A good choice for beginning magicians.

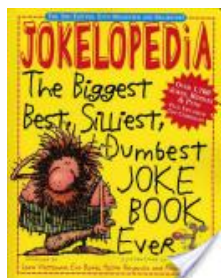


[Dr. Ernest Drake's Dragonology: the Complete Book of Dragons by Ernest Drake 2-7](#) Do you believe in dragons? Now, for the first time, the long-lost research of renowned nineteenth century dragonologist Dr. Ernest Drake is presented in all its eccentric glory, happily bridging the gap between dragon legend and fact. The meticulous Dr. Drake assigns Latin names to various dragon species, ruminates on why dragons are able to speak, speculates on how they could fly, and

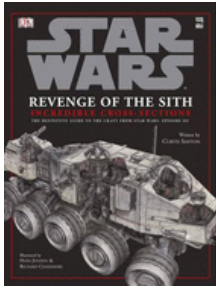
explains the true purpose of their notorious hoarding habits.



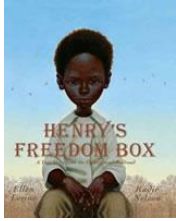
[Encyclopedia Horrifica: The Terrifying TRUTH! About Vampires, Ghosts, Monsters, and More by Joshua Gee 3-8](#) Vampires, ghosts, monsters, and more--ENCYCLOPEDIA HORRIFICA invites you to join our quest for the terrifying truth about all things ghoulish and ghastly. But beware! Surprises lurk at the turn of every page. . . .



[Jokelopedia: The Biggest, Best, Silliest, Dumbest, Dopiestic Joke Book Ever by Ilana Weitzman, Eva Blank, and Rosanne Green 3-8](#) Take it away! Jokelopedia is the mother of all joke books—an all-encompassing, gut-busting collection of more than 1,700 jokes for every occasion.



[Star Wars, Revenge of the Sith: Incredible Cross-Sections by Curtis Saxton 2-6](#) Inside the Worlds of Star Wars is the complete guide to the locations from the Star Wars Classic Trilogy. The book is illustrated with 20 full-color, fantastically intricate cross-sections, and features an array of spot artworks, 3-D plans, more than 60 crystal-clear photographs, and detailed orthographic keys to create an extraordinary visual experience.



[Henry's Freedom Box by Ellen Levine K-2](#) Henry Brown doesn't know how old he is. Nobody keeps records of slaves' birthdays. All the time he dreams about freedom, but that dream seems farther away than ever when he is torn from his family and put to work in a warehouse. When Henry grows up and marries, he is again devastated when his family is sold at the slave market. Then one day, as he lifts a crate at the warehouse, he knows exactly what he must do: He will mail himself to the North. After an arduous journey in the crate, Henry finally has a birthday -- his first day of freedom.



[The Whaleship Essex: The True Story of Moby Dick by Jil Fine 5-8](#) a wonderful variety of graphics, photos, and maps, this book brings the story of the Essex to life. In 1820, the ship sank in the Pacific after being rammed by a whale. Fine recounts how the men were stranded in three small whaleboats and describes what they did to stay alive, including eating the flesh of those who died. She writes in a straightforward style, clearly describing the events that took place without any fictionalization. Interesting details based on survivors' accounts are included.