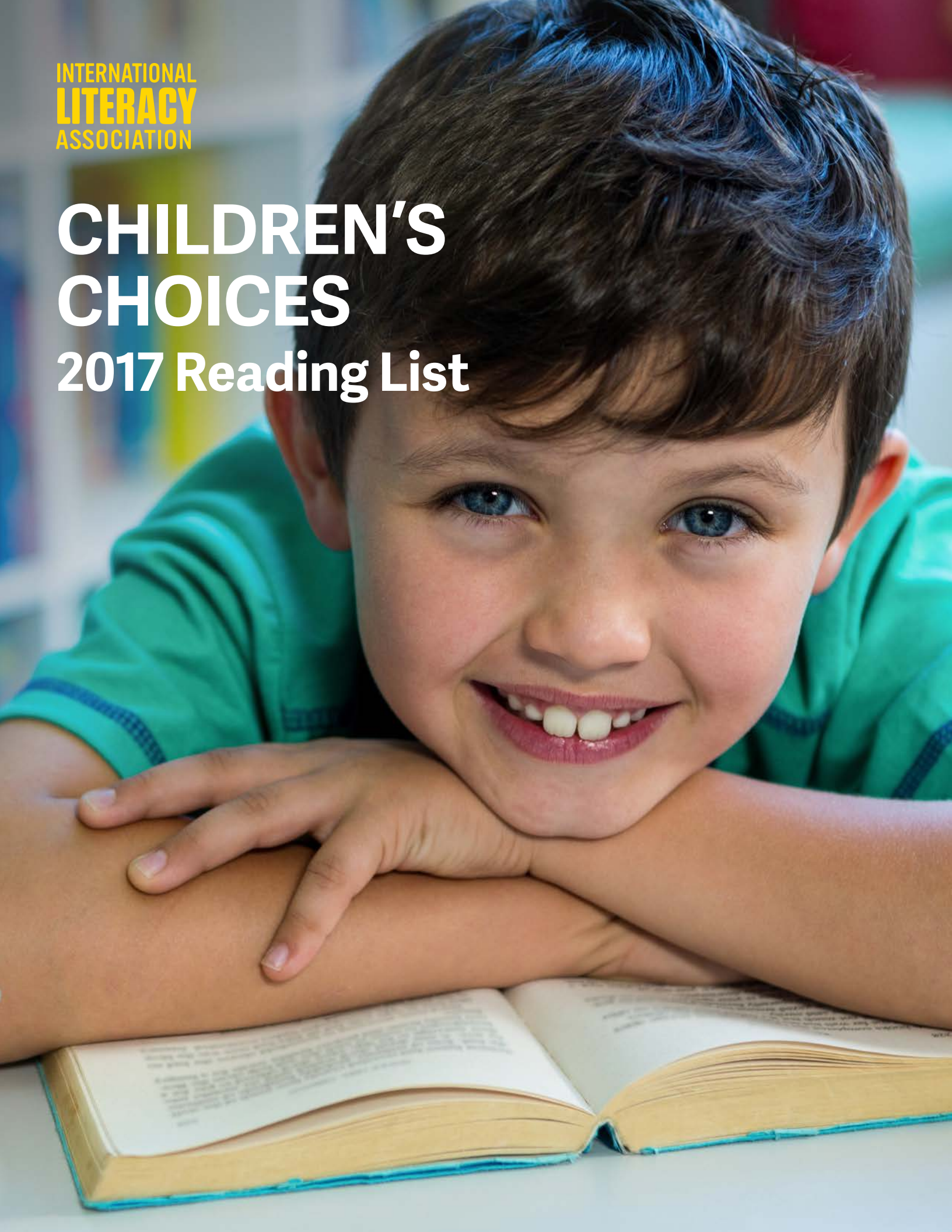


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CHILDREN'S CHOICES

2017 Reading List



What Is the Children's Choices List?

Each year, 12,500 school children from different regions of the United States read newly published children's and young adults' trade books and vote for the ones they like best. These Children's Choices, selected from more than 800 titles, can be counted on as books children really enjoy reading. This list, a project cosponsored by the International Literacy Association (ILA) and the Children's Book Council (CBC), is designed for use not only by teachers, librarians, administrators, and booksellers but also by parents, grandparents, caregivers, and everyone who wishes to encourage young people to read for pleasure.



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Big Friends. Linda Sarah. Ill. Benji Davies. Henry Holt Books for Young Readers/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.



Bug Zoo. Andy Harkness. Disney-Hyperion.

Beginning Readers (Grades K–2, Ages 5–8)

Are We There Yet?

Dan Santat. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers/Hachette.

Most kids can relate to a road trip that seems to last forever. Caldecott Medal–winning illustrator Dan Santat takes readers on a rollicking ride, featuring a time travel trip to Grandmother's like no other. A little imagination literally goes a long way.

Big Cat: An I Like to Read Book

Ethan Long. Holiday House.

This lighthearted book shares all the wonderful things Big Cat can do. The writing is simple, using repetition and early sight words that make this a great beginning book for young readers. The pictures are clean and add to the story.

Big Friends

Linda Sarah. Ill. Benji Davies. Henry Holt Books for Young Readers/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Two imaginative best friends, Birt and Etho, like to play with cardboard boxes. One day, another boy asks to join them, which causes a problem. Elementary students will find this dilemma familiar and enjoy how the boys figure out how to play together.

Bug Zoo

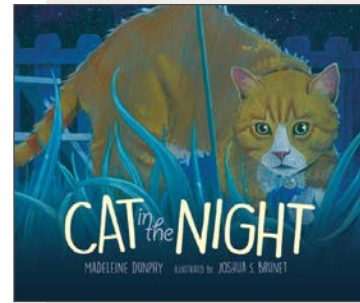
Andy Harkness. Disney-Hyperion.

Ben loves armored, teeny, leggy, greenie bugs! He decides to create a "bug zoo" of his own. Although it's not a successful venture, Ben learns an important lesson about wild creatures. The descriptive language in the text is engaging, and the illustrations are colorful and inviting.

Cat in the Night

Madeleine Dunphy. Ill. Joshua S. Brunet. Web of Life Children's Books.

Rusty is a bold feline with an adventurous spirit. In the night, he travels around the neighborhood in search of another cat he senses is intruding on his territory. Full of interesting facts about cats, this book also highlights several unique abilities that cats possess.



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Cat on the Bus

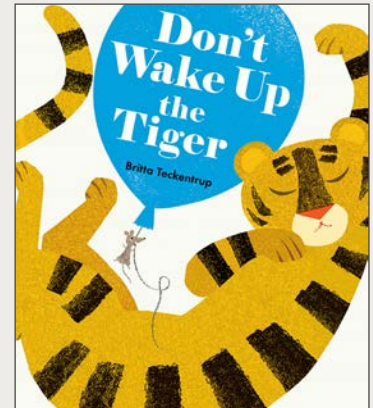
Aram Kim. Holiday House.

A stray cat walks around the neighborhood. The cat watches the buses roll by and decides to slip quietly onto one of them. While on the bus, the stray cat curls up next to a new friend, who becomes one of the cat's most treasured companions.

*Don't Wake Up the Tiger

Britta Teckentrup. Nosy Crow/Candlewick.

In this clever story, Britta Teckentrup's word choices get students eagerly anticipating what might happen if Tiger is disturbed from her nap. Each animal uses a balloon to cross over sleeping Tiger, but Stork's mishap creates a surprise ending for all.

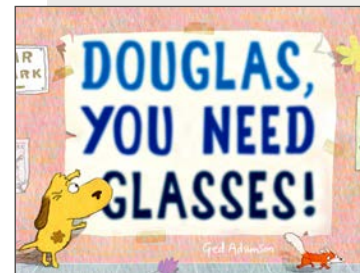


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Douglas, You Need Glasses!

Ged Adamson. Schwartz & Wade/Random House Children's Books.

Douglas is a fun-loving dog with a big problem—he needs glasses! This book shares the challenges those who are nearsighted face in a humorous way. Elementary students of all ages will enjoy Douglas's journey to getting the perfect pair of glasses.

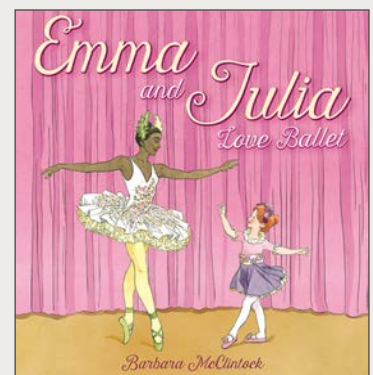


Douglas, You Need Glasses! Ged Adamson. Schwartz & Wade/Random House Children's Books.

Emma and Julia Love Ballet

Barbara McClintock. Scholastic Press.

A delightful tale about one beginner and one professional ballerina living parallel lives as portrayed through warm, inviting illustrations and storyline. Children and dancers alike will love the realistic nature of this story, especially the heartwarming embrace that takes place backstage.



Emma and Julia Love Ballet. Barbara McClintock. Scholastic Press.

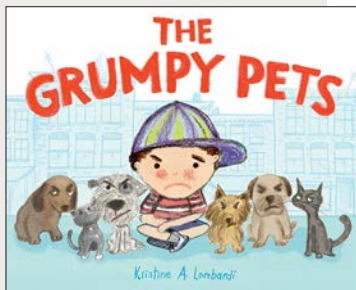
Frankencrayon

Michael Hall. Greenwillow/HarperCollins Children's Books.

Children will love solving the mystery of who made the scribble in this story and how these school supplies work together to solve it. The story has beautiful illustrations, and young readers will love the surprise at the end!



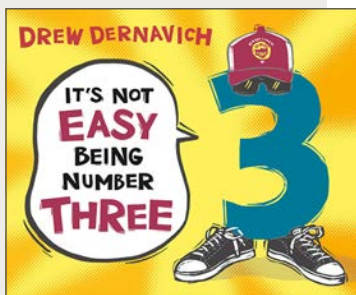
Go to Sleep, Monster! Kevin Cornell. HarperCollins Children's Books.



The Grumpy Pets. Kristine A. Lombardi. Abrams Books for Young Readers.



Hector and Hummingbird. Nicholas John Frith. Arthur A. Levine/Scholastic.



It's Not Easy Being Number Three. Drew Dervavich. Henry Holt Books for Young Readers/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Go to Sleep, Monster!

Kevin Cornell. HarperCollins Children's Books.

Have you ever feared a monster under your bed? You're not alone! George can't sleep because of the monster under his bed, and his brave sister Anna helps him get to the bottom of the problem—literally! Turns out, everyone (and every monster) is afraid of something!

****The Grumpy Pets***

Kristine A. Lombardi. Abrams Books for Young Readers.

Billy is a bit cranky and moody and can't seem to find a pet to suit him. Luckily, Billy finds a dog at the pet store that has the same grumpy demeanor as he does. In the end, Billy and the dog go home together, and readers learn that there is someone out there for everyone.

Hector and Hummingbird

Nicholas John Frith. Arthur A. Levine/Scholastic.

Hummingbird and Hector are the best of friends. Although they truly love each other, Hummingbird's seemingly boundless energy drives his friend crazy, leading Hector to take off for some alone time. Will this be the end of the duo?

If You Ever Want to Bring a Piano to the Beach, Don't!

Elise Parsley. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers/Hachette.

Magnolia has big ideas, determination, and a heavy upright piano that she takes to the beach. In a humorous series of events, she learns that the piano doesn't mix well with the sand, sun and, especially, the seagulls.

It's Not Easy Being Number Three

Drew Dervavich. Henry Holt Books for Young Readers/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

This clever math-integrated book is about the significance of the number three. After many attempts at another job, Three realizes being himself is best. Kids love searching for threes throughout the book and coming up with new ways for the number three to be used.

King Baby

Kate Beaton. Arthur A. Levine/Scholastic.

King Baby rules his world and his subjects, demanding and getting whatever he needs or wants. Alas, all good things must end, and a new ruler enters the house—Queen Baby.

Madeline Finn and the Library Dog

Lisa Papp. Peachtree.

Madeline is a struggling reader who doubts herself and her ability to succeed. She meets Bonnie at the local library. Bonnie quietly encourages Madeline and helps her find her voice as a reader. Readers will be touched by their friendship and how Madeline learns to believe in herself.

Maxi the Little Taxi

Elizabeth Upton. Ill. Henry Cole. Scholastic Press.

A fun story about a taxi's venturing forth into the city for the first time. Maxi encounters lots of problems including a sloppy appearance necessitating a trip to the car wash. This book provides a great introduction to onomatopoeia.

Mighty Truck

Chris Barton. Ill. Troy Cummings. HarperCollins Children's Books.

Clarence, a dirty work truck, gets zapped with super powers while going through the car wash! He saves his friends, strangers, and more from danger. A great story about a superhero and the truck behind the power.

NanoBots

Chris Gall. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers/Hachette.

The invention of tiny robots with special super powers makes for an adventure that children won't forget. The world's smallest robots save the day by helping the biggest robot of them all. Readers will discover that even the tiniest of creatures can make the biggest difference.

Never Follow a Dinosaur

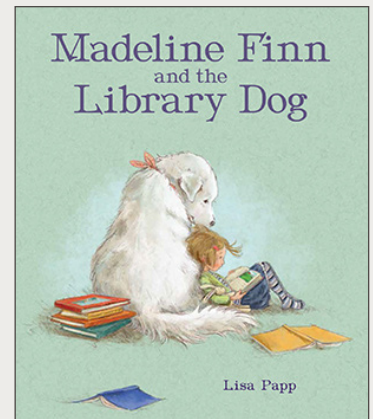
Alex Latimer. Peachtree.

Sally and Joe are convinced that the mysterious footprints they find belong to a dinosaur. They discover more and more about the dinosaur that eventually needs help baking and eating goodies.

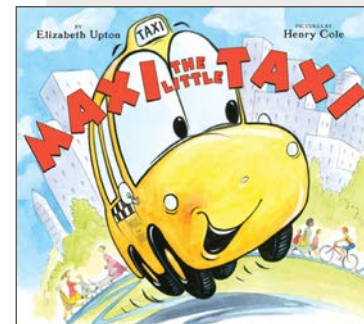
Ninja Bunny: Sister vs. Brother

Jennifer Gray Olson. Knopf Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books.

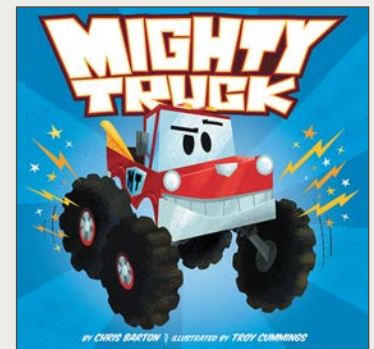
Younger siblings can get in the way of your best Ninja plans. Persistent little Ninja Sister won't be ignored and shows her size comes in handy to capture "The Golden Carrot of Awesomeness." Students with siblings have an easy time relating to this funny story.



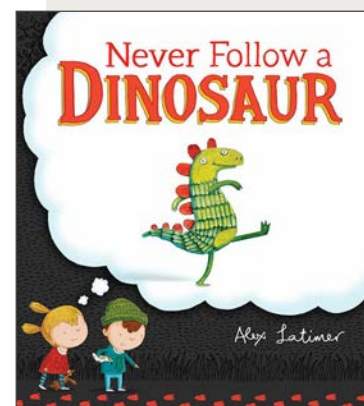
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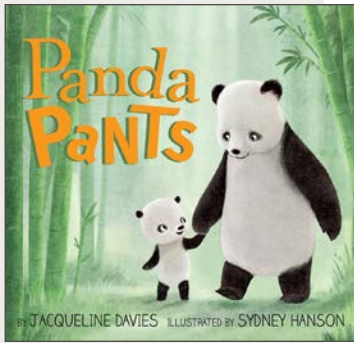
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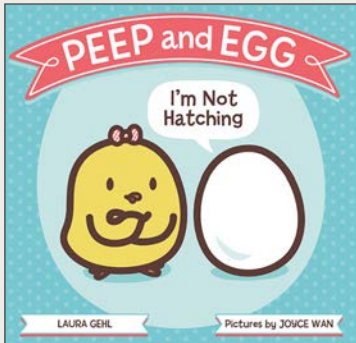
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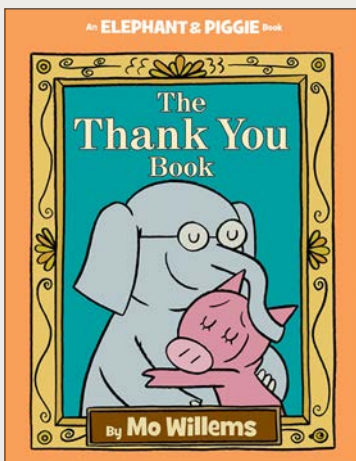
Panda Pants. Jacqueline Davies. Ill. Sydney Hanson. Knopf Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books.



Peep and Egg: I'm Not Hatching. Laura Gehl. Ill. Joyce Wan. Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.



Prissy & Pop: Big Day Out. Melissa Nicholson. HarperCollins Children's Books.



The Thank You Book. Mo Willems. Disney-Hyperion.

101 Reasons Why I'm Not Taking a Bath

Stacy McAnulty. Ill. Joy Ang. Random House Children's Books.

The little boy gives multiple reasons why he cannot take a bath; however, he ends up needing to give reasons not to get out of the bath in the end.

Panda Pants

Jacqueline Davies. Ill. Sydney Hanson. Knopf Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books.

A humorous story about a young panda that has many reasons for wanting pants. Could pants end up saving the day? Parents and elementary students will relate to the battle of "what to wear" in this enjoyable story.

*Peep and Egg: I'm Not Hatching

Laura Gehl. Ill. Joyce Wan. Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Author Laura Gehl perfectly relates Egg's fear of new experiences to those of many children. Happily, by the end of the story, Peep has cracked Egg's stubborn fear. The bold, colorful illustrations, along with humorous dialogue, will charm young readers.

Prissy & Pop: Big Day Out

Melissa Nicholson. HarperCollins Children's Books.

These adorable piggies are sure to capture the hearts of young readers. This adventure is the story of a big day out for the two pigs that dress for each occasion. The story structure is easily accessible to children and contains adventures they can relate to.

Rules of the House

Mac Barnett. Ill. Matt Myers. Disney-Hyperion.

This is the story of a brother and a sister who could not be more opposite. One follows the rules, whereas the other always breaks them. Find out why Ian believes there should be a rule about having to save your sister from monsters.

*The Thank You Book

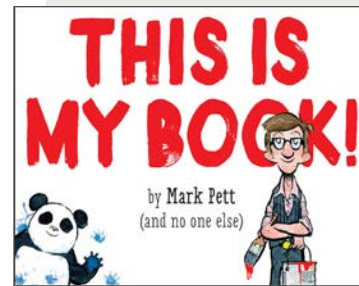
Mo Willems. Disney-Hyperion.

This is Mo Willems's final book in the Elephant and Piggie series. Piggie and Gerald thank everyone for all the fun things they have done—even their readers and each other.

This Is My Book!

Mark Pett. Knopf Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books.

Mark Pett uses a rollicking approach to explain the making of a book. The humorous buildup takes hold as unsolicited characters work their way into the storyline. Kids like the unexpected illustrations and implicit ideas for making their own creative book interesting.



This Is My Book! Mark Pett. Knopf Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books.

When Spring Comes

Kevin Henkes. Ill. Laura Dronzek. HarperCollins Children's Books.

Snow piles melt and bare trees grow leaves. In Henkes's inimitable style, children are encouraged to compare seasons and wait for spring with happy anticipation. Beautiful, bright illustrations add joy to this charming book about seasonal change.



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Where My Feet Go

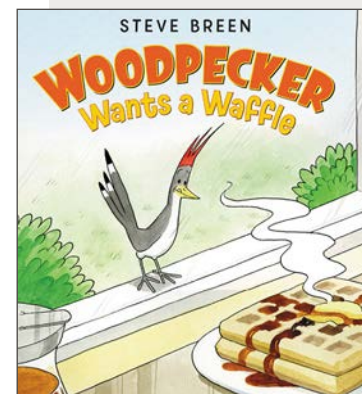
Birgitta Sif. Knopf Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books.

Little Panda wonders where his feet might go in this sweet story that shares the joy of a child's imagination. Young readers will be inspired to share where their feet might go after reading this enchanting book.

Woodpecker Wants a Waffle

Steve Breen. HarperCollins Children's Books.

Benny the Woodpecker just wants a waffle, but all he gets is sent away! Brave Benny challenges the notion that waffles are not for woodpeckers despite popular belief. What's a woodpecker gotta do to get a waffle around here? Read this delightful story to find out!

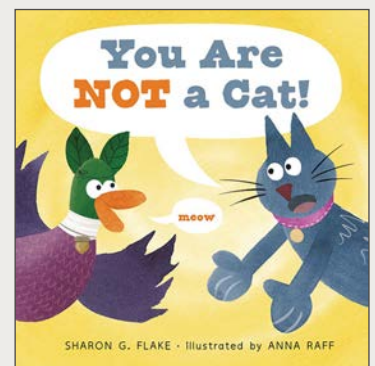


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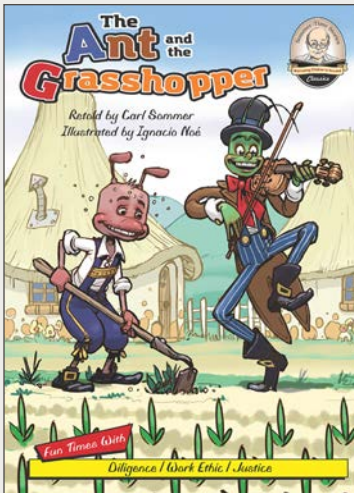
****You Are Not a Cat!***

Sharon G. Flake. Ill. Anna Raff. Boyds Mills/Highlights.

Duck thinks he is a cat. Cat follows him to try to convince him otherwise, but Duck's mind cannot be changed. Readers will be entertained by this quirky book that encourages children to think for themselves and stay true to who they choose to be.



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The Ant and the Grasshopper. Retold by Carl Sommer. Ill. Ignacio Noe. Advance.

Young Readers (Grades 3–4, Ages 8–10)

After A While Crocodile: Alexa's Diary

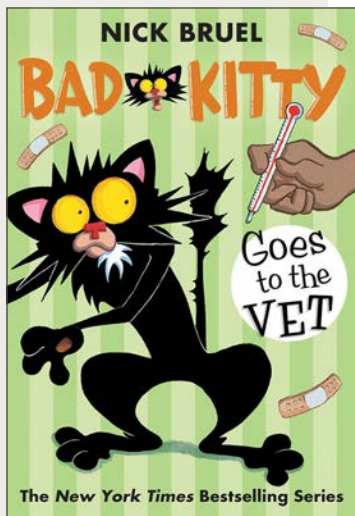
Dr. Brady Barr and Jennifer Keats Curtis. Ill. Susan Detwiler with photographs. Arbordale.

Alexa goes to school in Costa Rica. Her school is raising two different types of crocodiles. She records many things about the crocodiles in this book, including how to take care of a baby crocodile.

The Ant and the Grasshopper

Retold by Carl Sommer. Ill. Ignacio Noe. Advance.

This age-old story promoting the importance of work before play gets a fresh look through elegantly detailed, dynamic artwork. This story has become a classic because of its timeless, moral message about balancing work with play and treating others fairly.



Bad Kitty Goes to the Vet. Nick Bruel. Roaring Brook/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Bad Kitty Goes to the Vet

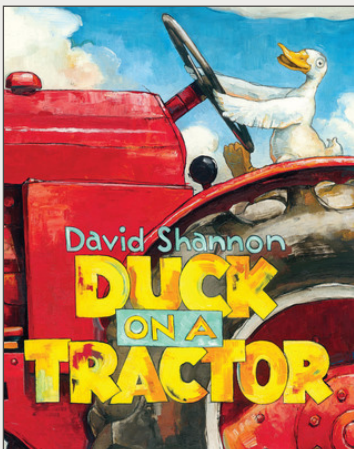
Nick Bruel. Roaring Brook/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Sick Kitty needs the vet. Sedated Kitty dreams of doggie paradise and wants to avoid it. Rotten tooth removed, Awake Kitty performs a sincere act of kindness toward the dog and finds a friend.

A Child of Books

Oliver Jeffers and Sam Winston. Candlewick.

A young girl protagonist sets sail on her raft across a sea of words. She meets a small boy and whisks him away on an adventure of a lifetime. Full of magic and adventure, this book is sure to be enjoyed by everyone.



Duck on a Tractor. David Shannon. Blue Sky/Scholastic.

Dog Man: From the Creator of Captain Underpants (Dog Man #1)

Dav Pilkey. Graphix/Scholastic.

Dav Pilkey does it again with a graphic novel guaranteed to delight elementary school readers. The story chronicles the adventures of Dog Man, a crime-fighting canine with a great sense of humor and ingenuity. Interactive flipbook pages make this book a must read.

**Duck on a Tractor*

David Shannon. Blue Sky/Scholastic.

Duck trades his bike for a big, red tractor. As Duck drives around the farm, other animal friends climb aboard for a ride. What will happen when Duck drives the tractor full of animals through the middle of town? Children will enjoy this farm animal adventure.

The Eagle and the Chickens

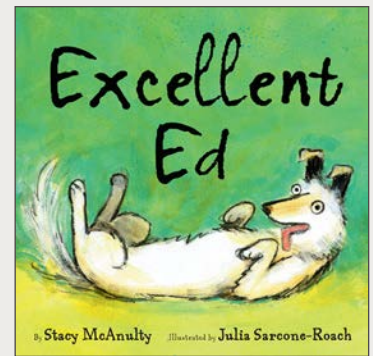
Retold by Carl Sommer. Ill. Ignacio Noe. Advance.

A fable about an eagle that falls from his nest and joins the chickens on a farm. They tell the eagle to act scared of everything; however, he goes against advice and becomes a soaring eagle in the end. This is a great story of self-esteem, perseverance, and courage.

Excellent Ed

Stacy McAnulty. Ill. Julia Sarcone-Roach. Knopf Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books.

Ed is a family dog that feels he is not very good at anything. His family is excellent at one or more things, but Ed feels he is terrible at everything. Throughout the book, his family helps Ed realize how excellent he is at many things.



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Fortune Falls

Jenny Goebel. Scholastic Press.

In Fortune Falls, superstitions are real and people are deemed lucky or unlucky. Sadie Bleeker's lucky younger brother always escapes the broken mirrors and black cats, but Sadie can't seem to shake her bad luck. With the help of her new friend Jinx, will she change her fortune?

Ghosts

Raina Telgemeier. Graphix/Scholastic.

In this graphic novel, Cat is able to combat her fears through the power of family, friendship, and culture. *Ghosts* addresses the topics of disease and death in an honest way and is sure to please preteen readers.



Ghosts. Raina Telgemeier. Graphix/Scholastic.

Groovy Joe: Ice Cream and Dinosaurs

Eric Litwin. Ill. Tom Lichtenheld. Orchard/Scholastic.

Groovy Joe the dog discovers a new brand of ice cream and uses quick wit to entertain his unexpected dinosaur visitors. There is nothing better than Haagen Dogs Doggy Ice Cream and sharing. Readers can also download the song for free.

***The Hole Story of the Doughnut**

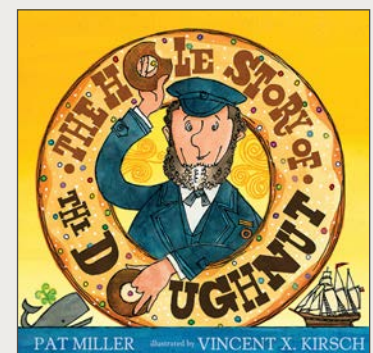
Pat Miller. Ill. Vincent X. Kirsch. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers.

This is the true story of Captain Hanson Gregory and how the tasty treat we call doughnuts came about in a very peculiar and unique way. Children will love the colorful illustrations and the facts that bring this sweet story to life.

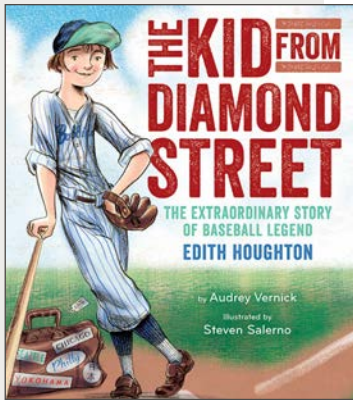
If You Are a Kaka, You Eat Doo Doo: And Other Poop Tales From Nature

Sara Martel. Ill. Sara Lynn Cramb. Tilbury House.

If you don't like to talk about "poo poo," this might not be the story for you. Some animals shoot their poop out very far to trick other animals. Another animal rubs poop on its legs to cool down. This book celebrates a natural process and is sure to be an eye opener.



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The Kid From Diamond Street: The Extraordinary Story of Baseball Legend Edith Houghton. Audrey Vernick. Ill. Steven Salerno. Clarion/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers.

Just My Luck

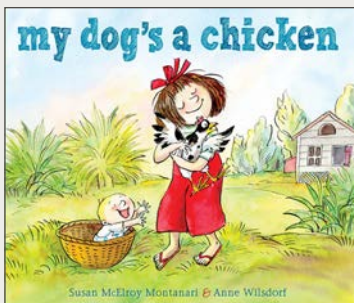
Cammie McGovern. HarperCollins Children's Books.

Benny faces many uphill battles throughout this inspiring chapter book. His brother has autism and his father is in the hospital, but Benny focuses on helping others in order to overcome his pain. Children will learn about coping with adversity and developing inner strength.

The Kid From Diamond Street: The Extraordinary Story of Baseball Legend Edith Houghton

Audrey Vernick. Ill. Steven Salerno. Clarion/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers.

Edith Houghton became a professional baseball player at the age of 10 and traveled to Japan to compete with her team at the age of 13. The story depicts Edith's adventures abroad and her return home. Facts and images of Edith are found in the author's notes.



My Dog's a Chicken. Susan McElroy Montanari. Ill. Anne Wilsdorf. Schwartz & Wade/Random House Children's Books.

Meet the Bobs and Tweets (Bobs and Tweets #1)

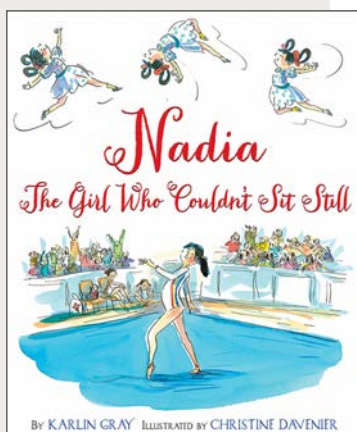
Pepper Springfield. Ill. Kristy Caldwell. Scholastic.

This delightful early chapter book is about two families: the sloppy Bobs and the neat Tweets. However, one member in each family doesn't quite fit in. When the families move to the same street, disaster happens. Despite the chaos, the two odd members connect and become friends.

***My Dog's a Chicken**

Susan McElroy Montanari. Ill. Anne Wilsdorf. Schwartz & Wade/Random House Children's Books.

Lula Mae wants a puppy, but she lives on a chicken farm, and her family can't have another mouth to feed. So she employs a chicken as her puppy. Will he become the best puppy ever? Or stay banished to the yard with the other chickens?



Nadia: The Girl Who Couldn't Sit Still. Karlin Gray. Ill. Christine Davenier. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers.

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Karlin Gray. Ill. Christine Davenier. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers.

Olympic gold medalist Nadia Comaneci's journey to the Olympics started as a young girl climbing trees in Romania. Her journey is filled with energy and determination that will inspire young readers to follow their dreams too.

Never Insult a Killer Zucchini

Elana Azose and Brandon Amancio. Ill. David Clark. Charlesbridge.

This humorous account of a school science fair will make you laugh. Killer Zucchini plots revenge against the science fair judge after a misunderstanding. No science project is safe! Facts about each type of experiment are located in the backmatter.

Noodlehead Nightmares

Tedd Arnold, Martha Hamilton, and Mitch Weiss. Ill. Tedd Arnold. Holiday House.

In this book, noodleheads Mac and Mac rationalize one silly decision after another. The laughter coming from children reading this book will have them calling for more.

Odell Beckham Jr.

K.C. Kelley. Bearport.

This biography on football great Odell Beckham, Jr. highlights his career from high school to the NFL with the New York Giants. In his 2014 rookie year, he set an NFL record as the first player to top 1,000 yards after missing the first four games.

Once Upon an Elephant

Linda Stanek. Ill. Shennen Bersani. Arbordale.

Many animals and plants are dependent upon the habits of the elephant in order to live. Specific ways the elephant helps are depicted through beautifully detailed pictures and thought-provoking words.

The Poet's Dog

Patricia MacLachlan. Katherine Tegen/HarperCollins Children's Books.

Newbery Medal-winning author Patricia MacLachlan crafts a beautiful and heartwarming story told through the voice of a poet's dog. Teddy, the Irish wolfhound, saves two children in a snowstorm. Children can relate to the smart and heroic actions by two kids and a dog.

Poptropica: Mystery of the Map

Jack Chabert. Ill. Kory Merritt. Amulet/Abrams.

A hot-air balloon ride and three kids stranded on mysterious unknown islands are just the start of this clever graphic novel. As the heroes try to find their way home, intrigue and adventure hook the reader, especially gaming fans.

Superhero Instruction Manual

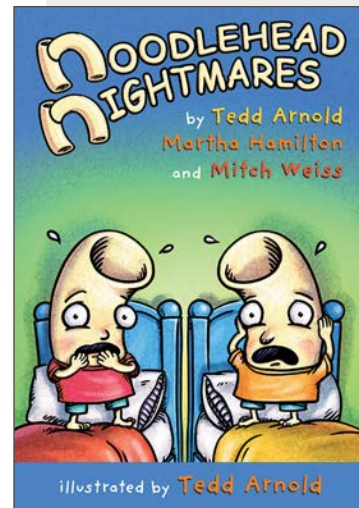
Kristy Dempsey. Ill. Mark Fearing. Knopf Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books.

Do you have what it takes to be a superhero? This book has everything you need to know about how to be a superhero in seven easy steps. Start by choosing a superhero name. Before you know it, you'll be saving the world!

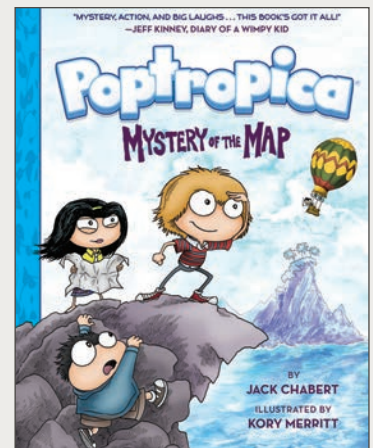
Terror in the Underground Tunnel

Dee Phillips. Ill. Timo Grubing. Bearport.

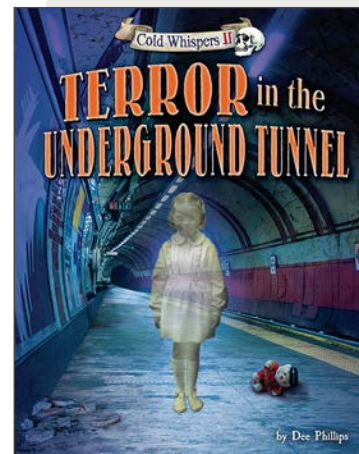
Emma and David get to go to work with their mother who is a movie director. They find a girl who is lost and looking for her mother in an abandoned subway station. Is the girl really there, or is she a ghost?



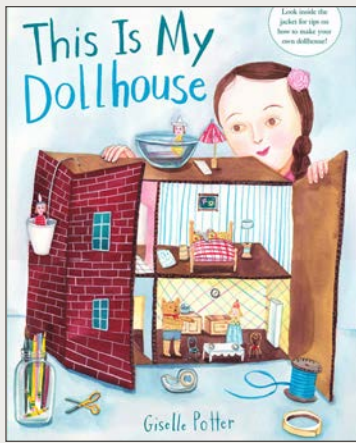
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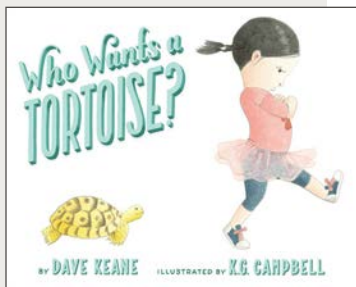
Giselle Potter. Schwartz & Wade/Random House Children's Books.

This is a story about two girls and their dollhouses. One is made of cardboard and is full of homemade items. The second came from a fancy store. The dollhouse made of cardboard ultimately lets the girls use more of their imagination in their play.

The Ugly Princess

Retold by Carl Sommer. Ill. Jorge Martinez. Advance.

When you've had a warm, affectionate upbringing and hear hurtful words for the first time, it can be painful. Isabella, the most loving princess, learns how to overcome jealousy and bullies. Students can relate to being bullied and finding positive solutions.



Who Wants a Tortoise? Dave Keane. Ill. K.G. Campbell. Knopf Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books.

Whoosh! Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions

Chris Barton. Ill. Don Tate. Charlesbridge.

An intriguing story of a curious and creative kid who grew up to be a successful engineer with NASA and the accidental creator of one of the most popular toys ever. This book is both entertaining and motivating.



The Wish Tree. Kyo Maclear. Ill. Chris Turnham. Chronicle.

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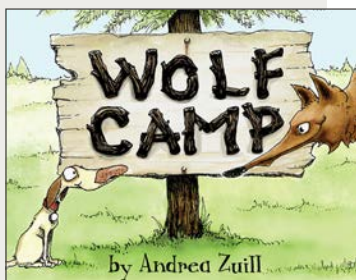
Dave Keane. Ill. K.G. Campbell. Knopf Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books.

A laugh-out-loud story of a child who was very specific in her wish for a puppy and not thrilled when she gets a tortoise for her birthday. Children will enjoy information about tortoises as the pet wins the heart of its owner.

***The Wish Tree**

Kyo Maclear. Ill. Chris Turnham. Chronicle.

Charles and his sled Boggan set out on an adventure to find a wish tree that his brother and sister insist does not exist. Along the way, they find animal friends in the forest. A quiet story that captures the belief one child can have and that "wishes do come true."



Wolf Camp. Andrea Zuill. Schwartz & Wade/Random House Children's Books.

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Andrea Zuill. Schwartz & Wade/Random House Children's Books.

Homer is a dog...or could he be a wolf? In this comical story, readers follow Homer to Wolf Camp in his quest to become a wolf and the challenges that come with his new identity.

Advanced Readers (Grades 5–6, Ages 10–12)

***Booked**

Kwame Alexander. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers.

Soccer-loving Nick has a lot on his mind including his big game, his parents, and school bullies. This is another book told in verse from the author of *The Crossover*.

City Atlas: Travel the World With 30 City Maps

Georgia Cherry. Ill. Martin Haake. Wide Eyed Editions/Quarto.

This book provides you with great travel tips to 30 cities. Imagine a travel guide written and illustrated for children chock-full of pictures, places, and suggested events. Now all you have to work on are ways to get there. The child-centric focus is a winner.

Curse of the Boggin (The Library, Book 1)

D.J. MacHale. Random House Children's Books.

Middle school students who love eerie and creepy reads will love D.J. MacHale's newest series. Marcus begins seeing apparitions who urge him to find a key. His search leads him into bone-chilling adventures with the undead as well as clues to what happened to his deceased parents.

A Dragon's Guide to Making Your Human Smarter

Laurence Yep and Joanne Ryder. Ill. Mary GrandPré. Crown Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books.

Miss Drake, a dragon, has arranged to send her dear pet Winnie, a human, to The Spriggs Academy—an extraordinary school for humans and magicals alike. A plot to kidnap Winnie from her home is soon uncovered. Miss Drake and Winnie team up for Winnie's safety.

The Extincts

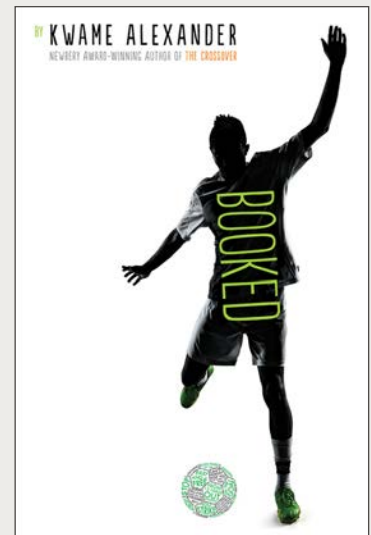
Veronica Cossanteli. Ill. Roman Muradov. Henry Holt Books for Young Readers/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

A funny and unusual story of a boy who gets a job at a farm with extinct animals and mystical creatures. Add an evil taxidermist to the plot, and you have an entertaining read for middle-grade students.

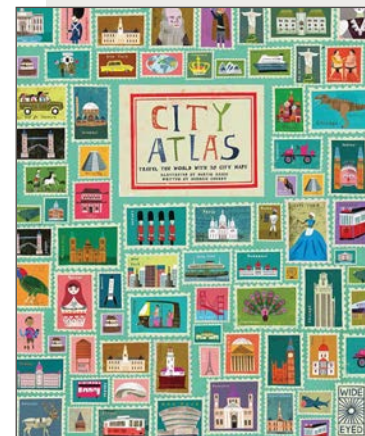
Far From Fair

Elana K. Arnold. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers.

Odette Zyskowski knows what is fair and what isn't, and much in her teenage life is just not fair these days. However, Odette soon realizes that complaining about her brother, having to share a cell phone, and living in an RV are trivial compared with what life can throw at us.



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Fuzzy. Tom Angleberger and Paul Dellinger. Amulet/Abrams.

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Fuzzy the robot is enrolled as a new student in the seventh grade and becomes fast friends with Max. They unlock the hidden secrets behind the Robot Integration Program and work together to outsmart the Vice Principal and shut down the operating system that could cost Fuzzy his life.

Garvey's Choice

Nikki Grimes. Wordsong/Boyd's Mills.

Garvey is a rotund boy dealing with his father's disappointment and schoolmates' name calling. He stumbles until he meets Manny, a boy with albinism, who explains that the choices Garvey makes are the ones that matter most. This book is written in *Tanka* poems.

Girls' Night In: Four Friends Reveal the Secrets of the Ultimate Girls' Night In!

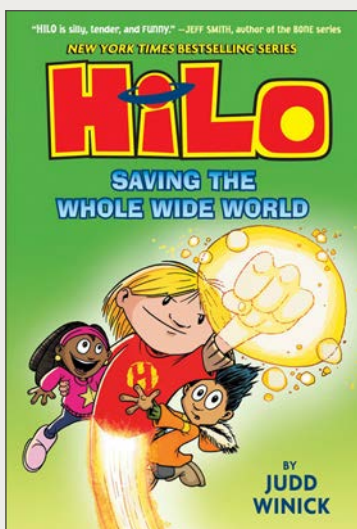
Gemma Barder. Ill. Katy Jackson. Quarto.

Planning a sleepover or party with your best girlfriends should be nothing but fun. This how-to book is full of great ideas for party themes and instructions on making it happen. Readers like this book because the activities are doable and inexpensive.

Gorillas Up Close

Christena Nippert-Eng. Ill. with photographs by John Dominski and Miguel Martinez. Henry Holt Books for Young Readers/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

An informational book examining the lives of gorillas living both in the wild and in the Lincoln Park Zoo. An excellent middle-school read designed to hold readers' interest with more than 40 short chapters, all including amazing photos.



Hilo Book 2: Saving the Whole Wide World. Judd Winick. Random House Children's Books.

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Judd Winick. Random House Children's Books.

Friendship + super powers = a terrific read for middle-grade students. *Hilo* is an appealing graphic novel that is silly and sweet as well as fun and action packed. It follows the adventures of a boy from another dimension who crash lands on Earth to destroy evil robots.

The Inn Between

Marina Cohen. Roaring Brook/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

A suspenseful mystery that will keep you guessing the whole read through. Best friends Quinn and Kara decide to take one last trip before Kara moves away. Can the girls solve the mystery of Kara's family's disappearance and save her family? Will they be stranded at the Inn Between forever?



The Inn Between. Marina Cohen. Roaring Brook/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Jubilee

Patricia Reilly Giff. Wendy Lamb/Random House Children's Books.

Since her mother left the island years ago, Judith, or Jubilee, has not spoken to anyone. Jubilee communicates through gestures, drawings, and tapping. But this year, she is about to face some changes that just might help her find her voice.

Just Like Me

Nancy J. Cavanaugh. Sourcebooks Jabberwocky.

Adopted from China, Julia is struggling with her heritage. She is sent to summer camp to learn to become friends with her "Chinese sisters." Through many mishaps, she comes to terms with her life story.

The Last Fifth Grade of Emerson Elementary

Laura Shovan. Wendy Lamb/Random House Children's Books.

Emerson Elementary is closing its doors and is due to be replaced by a shopping mall. Not everyone in this multiracial fifth-grade class feels the same about the school's imminent closure. The variety of expressive writing styles for each character makes this book unique.

Lazy Crafternoon

Stella Fields. Capstone Young Readers.

Middle school students will love the fun, easy crafts outlined in this book. The colorful photographs and simple five-step directions make these crafts a breeze. Materials needed are common household supplies or easily found at craft stores.

Lucy & Andy Neanderthal

Jeffrey Brown. Crown Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books.

This graphic novel is filled with irony. Life as a Neanderthal has its challenges as a family experiences the daily ancient life in the Stone Age. Meeting humans confounds the status quo and takes the Neanderthals into a different world, but is it a better one?

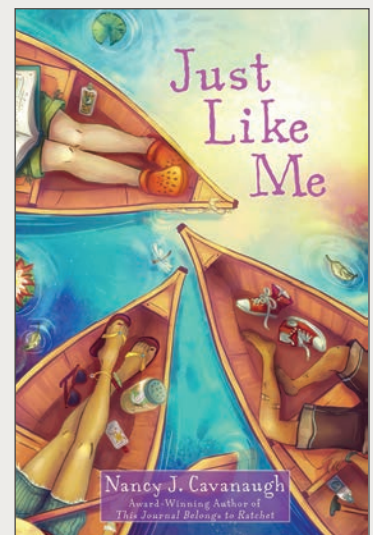
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Jack Challoner. DK.

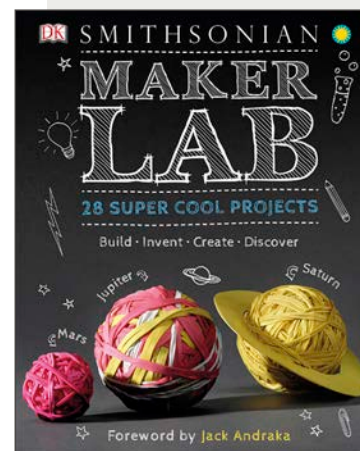
This DIY informational book takes science and art projects to the next level. Make a DNA model from tape, highlighters, and paper or learn about density of liquids and create a waterwheel. The easy-to-follow directions and colorful photographs make this an engaging and accessible text for students in grades 4–6.



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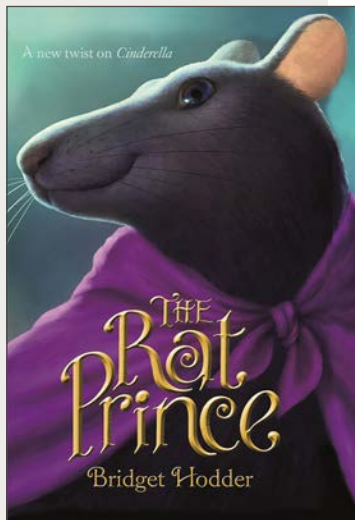
Adam Bray, Lorraine Cink, and John Sazaklis. DK.

Readers learn about the different heroes, villains, and teams that make up the characters of the Marvel comics. Readers will *marvel* at the use of onomatopoeia and dialogue that bring the characters and their super powers to life.

The Misadventures of Max Crumbly, Book 1: Locker Hero

Rachel Renée Russell. Aladdin/Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing Division.

Previously homeschooled, Max Crumbly is having a hard time adjusting to life at his new public school. His biggest problem is a bully who traps him in his locker. Inspired by a comic book hero's courage, Max ends up escaping, foiling a robbery, and saving the school's new computers!



The Rat Prince. Bridget Hodder. Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics

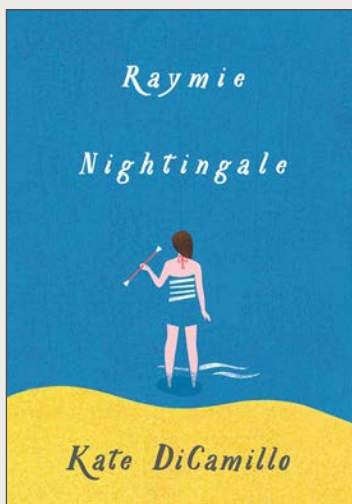
Chris Grabenstein. Random House Children's Books.

Humor, mystery, and mind-bending book references coupled with floating library ladders and librarian holograms are all a part of Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics. Teams compete for full-tuition scholarships and learn life lessons about cooperation.

Pete Milano's Guide to Being a Movie Star

Tommy Greenwald. Ill. Rebecca Roher. Roaring Brook/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

This spin-off from the Charlie Joe Jackson series will keep middle school students giggling as Pete's pranks get him into trouble and, later, onto a movie set. Readers will get a humorous look at how difficult it is to balance Hollywood dreams with reality.



Raymie Nightingale. Kate DiCamillo. Candlewick.

***The Rat Prince**

Bridget Hodder. Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

A new twist to an old fairy tale. When Cinderella's frightful stepmother Wilhelmina has control of the manor, nobody is safe, including the rats that she wants poisoned. Cinderella and Prince Char devise a plan to end Wilhelmina's tyranny.

Raymie Nightingale

Kate DiCamillo. Candlewick.

As the Little Miss Central Florida Tire competition approaches, loneliness, loss, and unanswerable questions draw Raymie Clark and her two competitors into an unlikely friendship—and challenge each of them to come to the rescue in unexpected ways.

Red's Planet

Eddie Pittman. Amulet/Abrams.

Red is a 10-year-old girl who longs to get away from her foster family and dreams of the day she will live somewhere exciting. One night, a UFO kidnaps her, taking her to another planet filled with friends and also enemies. Will she ever feel at home again?

Red: The True Story of Red Riding Hood

Liest Shurtliff. Knopf Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books.

Another fractured fairy tale from the author of *Rump* and *Jack*, *Red* tackles the story of Little Red Riding Hood. Red meets Goldie and the two friends set out to save Red's Granny. It seems the only way to save her is with magic, which is the one thing Red is afraid of.

Soar

Joan Bauer. Viking Books for Young Readers/Penguin Young Readers.

Jeremiah is a 12-year-old heart transplant recipient who loves baseball but cannot play after his operation. Jeremiah's town loves baseball, but is ready to throw in the towel on the sport after a scandal. Can Jeremiah get the team back on the field?

Sunborn Rising: Beneath the Fall

Aaron Safronoff. Ill. Neoglyphic Entertainment and Artwork Studios. Neoglyphic Entertainment.

Barra finds her late father's hidden journal and reads about the old world and mysterious plague her father believed destroyed it. Together with her two best friends, Barra will explore every bark, wood, and leaf of the Great Forest of Cerulean to relight her world and complete her father's story.

Superheroes Don't Eat Veggie Burgers

Gretchen Kelley. Henry Holt Books for Young Readers/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Magic powers or no magic powers, Charlie Burger must deal with bullies, pesky siblings, an overbearing mother, a screaming coach, and his best friend's changing looks. In this humorous coming-of-age book, Charlie discovers words are his greatest power.

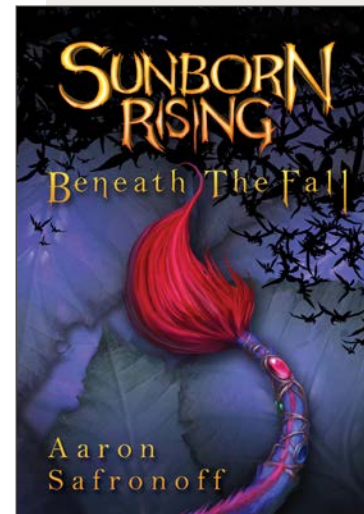
The Terrible Two Get Worse

Mac Barnett and Jory John. Ill. Kevin Cornell. Amulet/Abrams.

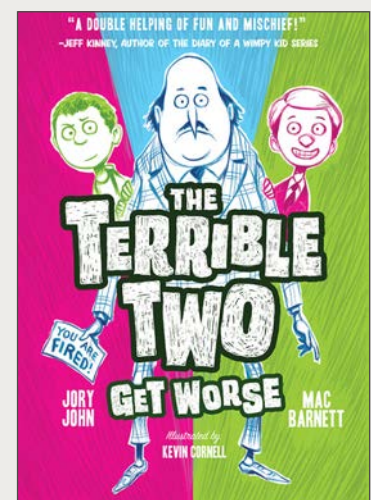
Following the Prankster's Oath, Milo and Niles fill an otherwise boring life playing practical jokes. When trouble finally catches up to them, Principal Barkin gets the last laugh. Middle school students will like the humor as well as the fun illustrations.



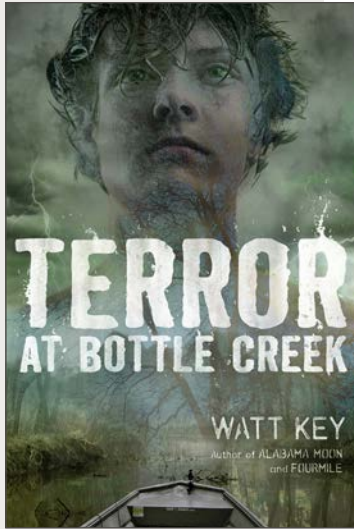
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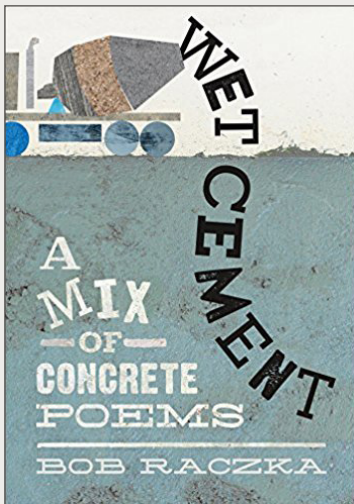
Watt Key. Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Fans of Gary Paulsen's *Hatchet* will love this exciting story of adventure and survival set in the midst of a hurricane in the Alabama swamp. Suspense is built through quickly rising action and short chapters with cliffhanger endings. Reluctant readers are sure to be ensnared by this book.

The Trouble With Twins

Kathryn Siebel. Knopf Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books.

Arabella and Henrietta are twins and best friends, even though Arabella is far more popular. One day, plain and quiet Henrietta gets into mischief, causing her to be banished to Great Aunt Priscilla's, with her black cats and fish head stew. This dark comedy and its resolution are a fun read.



Wet Cement: A Mix of Concrete Poems. Bob Raczka. Roaring Brook/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

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Bob Raczka. Roaring Brook/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Raczka's unconventional poems smack of e.e. cummings's style and are sure to hook even the most reluctant poet. With poems in the shape of their subject (e.g., a poem about a clock, in the shape of a clock), his language brings new depth to everyday objects.

When Mischief Came to Town

Katrina Nannestad. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers.

After losing her mom, Inge Maria travels across the Baltic Sea to a little island to meet her grandmother. This heartwarming story is about their new life together in Denmark in 1911 and how Inge seems to find a little mischief wherever she goes!



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*Books that received the highest number of reviews

Titles listed in orange have been nominated for the CBC Children's Choice Book Awards.

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Beginning Readers (Grades K–2, Ages 5–8)

Are We There Yet? Dan Santat. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers/Hachette.

Big Cat: An I Like to Read Book. Ethan Long. Holiday House.

Big Friends. Linda Sarah. Ill. Benji Davies. Henry Holt Books for Young Readers/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Bug Zoo. Andy Harkness. Disney-Hyperion.

Cat in the Night. Madeleine Dunphy. Ill. Joshua S. Brunet. Web of Life Children's Books.

Cat on the Bus. Aram Kim. Holiday House.

**Don't Wake Up the Tiger.* Britta Teckentrup. Nosy Crow/Candlewick.

Douglas, You Need Glasses! Ged Adamson. Schwartz & Wade/Random House Children's Books.

Emma and Julia Love Ballet. Barbara McClintock. Scholastic Press.

Frankencrayon. Michael Hall. Greenwillow/HarperCollins Children's Books.

Go to Sleep, Monster! Kevin Cornell. HarperCollins Children's Books.

**The Grumpy Pets.* Kristine A. Lombardi. Abrams Books for Young Readers.

Hector and Hummingbird. Nicholas John Frith. Arthur A. Levine/Scholastic.

If You Ever Want to Bring a Piano to the Beach, Don't! Elise Parsley. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers/Hachette.

It's Not Easy Being Number Three. Drew Dernavich. Henry Holt Books for Young Readers/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

King Baby. Kate Beaton. Arthur A. Levine/Scholastic.

Madeline Finn and the Library Dog. Lisa Papp. Peachtree.

Maxi the Little Taxi. Elizabeth Upton. Ill. Henry Cole. Scholastic Press.

Mighty Truck. Chris Barton. Ill. Troy Cummings. HarperCollins Children's Books.

NanoBots. Chris Gall. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers/Hachette.

Never Follow a Dinosaur. Alex Latimer. Peachtree.

Ninja Bunny: Sister vs. Brother. Jennifer Gray Olson. Knopf Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books.

101 Reasons Why I'm Not Taking a Bath. Stacy McAnulty. Ill. Joy Ang. Random House Children's Books.

Panda Pants. Jacqueline Davies. Ill. Sydney Hanson. Knopf Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books.

**Peep and Egg: I'm Not Hatching.* Laura Gehl. Ill. Joyce Wan. Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Prissy & Pop: Big Day Out. Melissa Nicholson. HarperCollins Children's Books.

Rules of the House. Mac Barnett. Ill. Matt Myers. Disney-Hyperion.

**The Thank You Book.* Mo Willems. Disney-Hyperion.

This Is My Book! Mark Pett. Knopf Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books.

When Spring Comes. Kevin Henkes. Ill. Laura Dronzek. HarperCollins Children's Books.

Where My Feet Go. Birgitta Sif. Knopf Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books.

Woodpecker Wants a Waffle. Steve Breen. HarperCollins Children's Books.

**You Are Not a Cat!* Sharon G. Flake. Ill. Anna Raff. Boyds Mills/Highlights.

Young Readers (Grades 3–4, Ages 8–10)

After A While Crocodile: Alexa's Diary. Dr. Brady Barr and Jennifer Keats Curtis. Ill. Susan Detwiler with photographs. Arbordale.

The Ant and the Grasshopper. Retold by Carl Sommer. Ill. Ignacio Noe. Advance.

Bad Kitty Goes to the Vet. Nick Bruel. Roaring Brook/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

A Child of Books. Oliver Jeffers and Sam Winston. Candlewick.

Dog Man: From the Creator of Captain Underpants (Dog Man #1). Dav Pilkey. Graphix/Scholastic.

**Duck on a Tractor.* David Shannon. Blue Sky/Scholastic.

The Eagle and the Chickens. Retold by Carl Sommer. Ill. Ignacio Noe. Advance.

Excellent Ed. Stacy McAnulty. Ill. Julia Sarcone-Roach. Knopf Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books.

Fortune Falls. Jenny Goebel. Scholastic Press.

Ghosts. Raina Telgemeier. Graphix/Scholastic.

Groovy Joe: Ice Cream and Dinosaurs. Eric Litwin. Ill. Tom Lichtenheld. Orchard/Scholastic.

**The Hole Story of the Doughnut.* Pat Miller. Ill. Vincent X. Kirsch. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers.

If You Are a Kaka, You Eat Doo Doo: And Other Poop Tales From Nature. Sara Martel. Ill. Sara Lynn Cramb. Tilbury House.

Just My Luck. Cammie McGovern. HarperCollins Children's Books.

The Kid From Diamond Street: The Extraordinary Story of Baseball Legend Edith Houghton. Audrey Vernick. Ill. Steven Salerno. Clarion/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers.

Meet the Bobs and Tweets (Bobs and Tweets #1). Pepper Springfield. Ill. Kristy Caldwell. Scholastic.

**My Dog's a Chicken.* Susan McElroy Montanari. Ill. Anne Wilsdorf. Schwartz & Wade/Random House Children's Books.

Nadia: The Girl Who Couldn't Sit Still. Karlin Gray. Ill. Christine Davenier. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers.

Never Insult a Killer Zucchini. Elana Azose and Brandon Amancio. Ill. David Clark. Charlesbridge.

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Once Upon an Elephant. Linda Stanek. Ill. Shennen Bersani. Arbordale.

The Poet's Dog. Patricia MacLachlan. Katherine Tegen/HarperCollins Children's Books.

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