



Teacher Book Notes

Help Your Students Find the Books They'll Love to Read

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1 **I Survived True Stories: Courageous Creatures**
by Lauren Tarshis

Format: Nonfiction
Pages: 176

From the author of the fictional I Survived series comes a collection of true tales of animals who faced disaster—and the humans who helped them make it out alive.

Nonfiction Animals
Action and adventure

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	DRA
840L	S	40–50



2 **Shuri: The Vanished: A Black Panther Novel**
by Nic Stone

Format: Hardcover
Pages: 272

The Black Panther's sister, the Princess of Wakanda, sets out to save a group of talented girls from around the world who've been kidnapped.

Action and adventure Science fiction
High interest

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	DRA	AR
830L	W	60	6.0



3 **Picture Perfect**
by Jenny Goebel

Format: Realistic Fiction
Pages: 224

Grace is disappointed to get a pet pig named Bernard for Christmas. But when a good friend lands in the hospital, Grace discovers that Bernard might have a special talent for making sick people feel better.

Animals All kinds of kids
Family and friendship

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	DRA
790L	U	40–50



4 **Wings of Fire #13: The Poison Jungle**
by Tui T. Sutherland

Format: Magic and Fantasy
Pages: 336

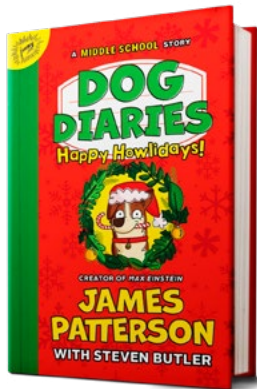
Now that a new war has started between the dragon tribes, Sundew must unearth the oldest secret in the jungle—even if it has the power to destroy her. Newest book in the bestselling series.

Favorite series **High interest**

Action and adventure

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	DRA	AR
750L	X	60	5.4



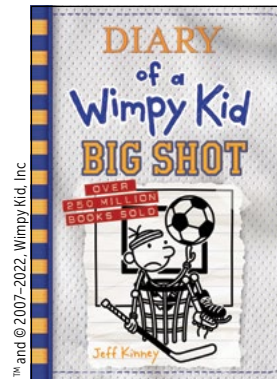
5 **Dog Diaries: Happy Howlidays! A Middle School Story**
by James Patterson and Steven Butler

Format: Hardcover Chapter Book
Pages: 240

When Junior the mischievous mutt causes a dinner disaster, getting out of the doghouse will take a holiday miracle! Diary-style chapter book told from a dog's point of view.

Funny **Animals**

Favorite author



6 **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Big Shot**
by Jeff Kinney

Format: Illustrated Novel
Pages: 224

Greg Heffley and sports just don't mix. But when everything is on the line and the ball is in Greg's hands, will he rise to the occasion? Newest book in the wildly popular series.

Funny **School story**

Favorite series

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7 **The Official Harry Potter™ Baking Book**

Format: Hardcover
Pages: 128 **Size:** 8" x 10"

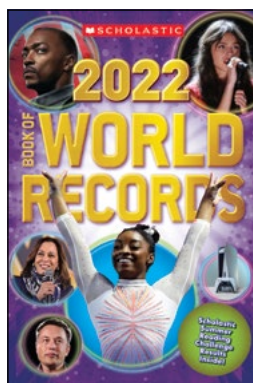
Inspired by the *Harry Potter* films, this cookbook features 43 mouthwatering recipes with clear, step-by-step instructions and eye-catching photos.

Interactive **Favorite series**

Nonfiction

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	DRA
IG1020L	V	40-50



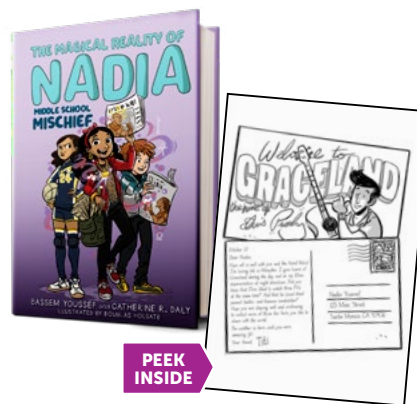
8 **Scholastic 2022 Book of World Records**

Format: Nonfiction Book with Photos
Pages: 288

This updated photo-filled almanac includes the latest entries in pop culture, science, tech, nature, sports, medicine, and more.

Nonfiction **High interest**

Social studies



9 **The Magical Reality of Nadia: Middle School Mischief**
by Bassem Youssef and Catherine R. Daly
illus. by Douglas Holgate

Format: Illustrated Hardcover
Pages: 176

A newspaper revolt! A mascot meltdown! Nadia starts to believe her school drama will never end...then she remembers she has some magic on her side.

Magic and fantasy **School story**

All kinds of kids

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	DRA
670L	V	40-50



10 **Pawtriot Dogs:
Save the Sanctuary**
by Samuel P. Fortsch

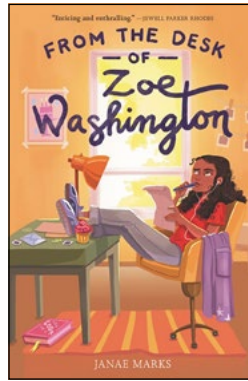
Format: Chapter Book
Pages: 96

Former Army rescue dog Sgt. "Rico" Ricochet, a bomb-sniffing Malinois, is on his first post-combat mission: to save an animal shelter in Washington, DC. Written by a former army captain.

Animals High interest
Action and adventure

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	DRA
660L	Q	40



11 **From the Desk of
Zoe Washington**
by Janae Marks

Format: Realistic Fiction
Pages: 304

Twelve-year-old Zoe starts corresponding with her father, who's in prison for a terrible crime—and begins to wonder whether he's innocent. Can she uncover the truth?

All kinds of kids Favorite author
Family and friendship

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	DRA	AR
660L	W	60	4.4



12 **Last Gate of the Emperor**
by Kwame Mbalia
and Prince Joel Makonnen

Format: Science Fiction
Pages: 304

When his uncle disappears in an AI game gone wrong, Yared must search the galaxies—and find his place in a forgotten empire!

Favorite author All kinds of kids
Action and adventure

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	DRA	AR
680L	X	60	5.0



13 **The Invention of
Hugo Cabret**
by Brian Selznick

Format: Illustrated Hardcover
Pages: 544

Twelve-year-old Hugo secretly lives in a train station in Paris—until he meets a young girl and her godfather with secrets of their own. This heavily illustrated book inspired the movie *Hugo*!

Favorite author Magic and fantasy
Family and friendship

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	DRA	AR
630L	W	60	5.1



14 **Playing the Cards
You're Dealt**
by Varian Johnson

Format: Hardcover
Pages: 320

Anthony wants to uphold his family's legacy and win the big spades tournament—even if it means partnering with a girl! From the author of *The Parker Inheritance*.

Favorite author All kinds of kids
Realistic fiction

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	DRA
820L	W	60



15 **The Total Eclipse of
Nestor Lopez**
by Adrianna Cuevas

Format: Fantasy
Pages: 288

Nobody knows Nestor can communicate with animals. But when his grandmother is accused of being a witch, his gift could set her free. A 2021 Pura Belpré Honor Book.

All kinds of kids Favorite author
Action and adventure

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	DRA	AR
740L	V	40-50	4.7



16 **A Batch Made in Heaven**
by Suzanne Nelson

Format: Realistic Fiction
Pages: 272

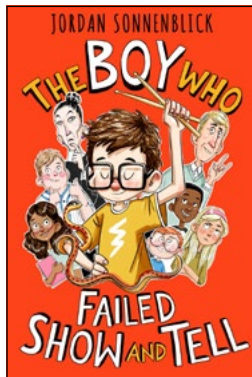
Mina is excited to work at her hometown bakery. But there's a big problem: Flynn, the son of the owner, won't let her into the kitchen!

Romance Favorite author

Family and friendship

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	DRA
730L	W	60



17 **The Boy Who Failed Show and Tell**
by Jordan Sonnenblick

Format: Realistic Fiction
Pages: 224

Jordan's got a mean teacher, a house full of snakes, and bullies ready to stomp. So what else can go wrong? Based on a year in the author's life.

School story Funny

Favorite author

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	DRA	AR
890L	X	60	5.6



18 **What Lane?**
by Torrey Maldonado

Format: Realistic Fiction
Pages: 144

As a mixed kid, Stephen feels like he's living in two worlds with different rules. Can he withstand the pressure to pick a lane and continue to be himself?

Favorite author All kinds of kids

Family and friendship

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	DRA	AR
HL500L	Y	60	3.5



19 **Merci Suárez Changes Gears**
by Meg Medina

Format: Realistic Fiction
Pages: 368

First she's targeted by a mean girl at her fancy private school, then her beloved grandpa starts acting differently. Will things settle down for Merci? Winner of the 2019 Newbery Medal.

Favorite author All kinds of kids

Family and friendship

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	DRA	AR
700L	Y	60	4.6



20 **Dog Man: Mothering Heights**
by Dav Pilkey

Format: Hardcover Graphic Novel
Pages: 224

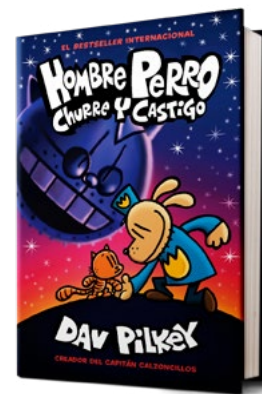
Dog Man is down on his luck, Petey confronts his past, and new villains are coming to town. Can the incredible power of love save the day? Latest book in the blockbuster series.

Favorite author Favorite series

Funny

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	DRA	AR
GN530L	S	40-50	2.6



21 **Hombre Perro: Churre y castigo**
by Dav Pilkey

Format: Hardcover Graphic Novel
Pages: 240

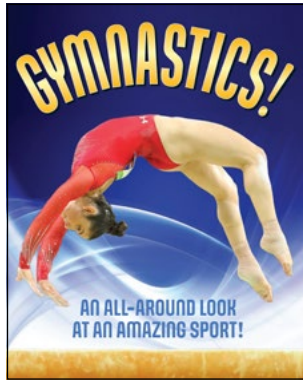
Dog Man is off the police force! Can his friends help him get back on the right side of the law? A Spanish version of the ninth book in the Dog Man series.

Favorite author Favorite series

Funny

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	DRA
GN300L	R	40



22 **Gymnastics!**
An All-Around Look
at an Amazing Sport!

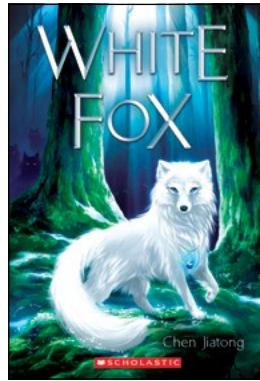
Format: Nonfiction
Pages: 64

How do gymnasts train? What happens during a floor exercise? What does it take to win Olympic gold? Kids can get the answers alongside photos of champion gymnasts in action.

Sports High interest
Nonfiction

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	DRA
890L	Q	40



23 **White Fox**
by Chen Jiatong

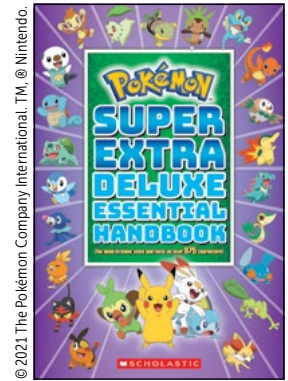
Format: Magic and Fantasy
Pages: 288

A young white fox sets out to find a treasure that can make animals human...but there are others seeking it too. A bestseller in China, now translated into English. Some mature content.

Action and adventure Animals
High interest

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	DRA	AR
720L	T	40-50	5.0



24 **Pokémon™ Super
Extra Deluxe
Essential Handbook**

Format: Handbook
Pages: 560

This full-color guide give kids essential information on more than 875 Pokémon! Includes extra pages devoted to the newest characters from the Sword and Shield games.

High interest Favorite character
Action and adventure

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	DRA
IG920L	R	40



25 **The Last Kids on Earth
and the Skeleton Road**
by Max Brallier
illus. by Douglas Holgate

Format: Science Fiction
Pages: 320

In this sixth book of the bestselling zombie adventure series, an epic road trip takes a terrifying turn when a long-lost monster reappears!

Action and adventure High interest
All kinds of kids

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	DRA	AR
630L	S	40-50	4.4



26 **Each Tiny
Spark**
by Pablo Cartaya

Format: Realistic Fiction
Pages: 336

When Emilia's dad returns from deployment, she thinks life will get back to normal. Instead, it unravels. Can working on an old car bring everyone back together?

Favorite author All kinds of kids
Family and friendship

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	DRA	AR
680L	V	40-50	4.4



27 **Animal Hospital: Rescuing
Urban Wildlife**
by Julia Coey

Format: Nonfiction
Pages: 64

Our cities are filled with a huge variety of wild animals. Readers will meet the vets who help them when they're sick or injured and learn about the exciting field of urban wildlife rescue.

Animals Nonfiction
High interest

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	DRA
1080L	R	40



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28 Miles Morales: Spider-Man
by Jason Reynolds

Format: Action and Adventure
Pages: 272

Miles Morales is an average teenager...who happens to be Spider-Man. Can he handle problems at school, a new crush, and family history, all while saving the neighborhood?

Favorite author All kinds of kids
Favorite character

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	AR
HL710L	Z+	4.9



29 National Geographic Kids™: Weird but True! 2
by Mia Wenjen

Format: Nonfiction
Pages: 216 **Size:** 6 1/2" x 6 1/2"

Three hundred fifty surprising facts about science, space, weather, geography, food, pop culture, and more, presented with fascinating photos and illustrations.

Nonfiction High interest
Favorite series

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	DRA
IG790L	Q	40



30 Asian Pacific American Heroes
by Mia Wenjen

Format: Biography Collection
Pages: 32

From musician Bruno Mars to Olympian Chloe Kim to chef Niki Nakayama, these real-life heroes inspire readers to learn about Asian Pacific American history, language, and culture.

Nonfiction Social studies
All kinds of kids

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	DRA
1070L	U	40-50



31 War Stories
by Gordon Korman

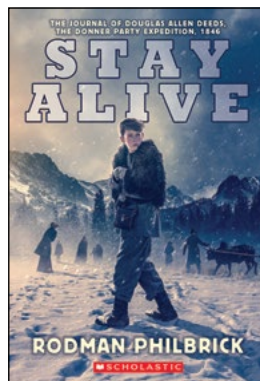
Format: Realistic Fiction
Pages: 240

Trevor travels to France with his great-grandpa, a World War II hero. But he soon discovers there's more to the story than what he's heard his whole life. From the author of *Restart*.

Favorite author Social studies
Family and friendship

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	DRA	AR
770L	W	60	5.7



32 Stay Alive: The Journey of Douglas Allen Deeds, the Donner Party Expedition, 1846
by Rodman Philbrick

Format: Historical Fiction
Pages: 160

Douglas joins the 2,000-mile Donner Party expedition from Missouri to California. But as the journey drags on, the group takes risks that could soon turn deadly. From the author of *Freak the Mighty*.

Favorite author Social studies
Action and adventure

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	DRA
940L	V	40-50



33 Gods and Heroes: Mythology Around the World
by Korwin Briggs

Format: Nonfiction
Pages: 304

Fresh prose and imaginative illustrations introduce readers to more than 70 mythological characters from 23 cultures around the world.

High interest Social studies
Nonfiction

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	DRA
1030L	V	40-50



34 Stargazing

by Jen Wang

Format: Graphic Novel
Pages: 224

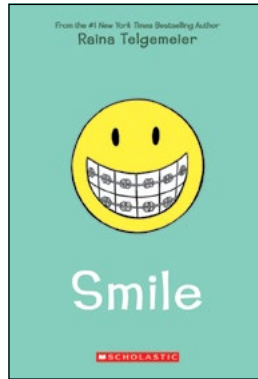
Opposites become best friends in this heartfelt story about two friends in a Chinese American neighborhood. But can they be there for each other when something goes really wrong?

Favorite author **All kinds of kids**

Realistic Fiction

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	DRA	AR
GN510L	Q	40	2.5



35 Smile

by Raina Telgemeier

Format: Graphic Novel
Pages: 224

Raina is a normal sixth grader—until she has a freak accident and is cursed with braces, surgery, and a series of weird-looking headgear. Classic graphic-novel memoir.

School story **Favorite author**

Family and friendship

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	DRA	AR
GN410L	T	40–50	2.6



36 The Baby-Sitters Club®: Welcome to Stoneybrook: A Guided Journal

Format: Activity Book
Pages: 160

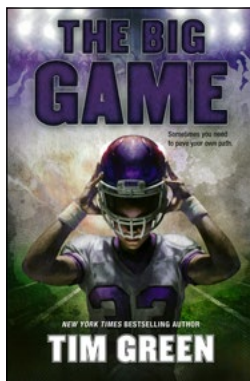
Kids can become honorary members of the Baby-Sitters Club with this guided journal based on the Netflix series. Features quizzes, writing prompts, photos, and more.

Interactive **High interest**

Family and friendship

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	DRA
830L	T	40–50



37 The Big Game

by Tim Green

Format: Realistic Fiction
Pages: 320

Danny is dedicating his football season to his dad, who recently passed away. But can he bounce back when academic troubles threaten to keep him off the field? Written by a former NFL player.

Sports **High interest**

Family and friendship

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	DRA	AR
HL670L	Y	60	4.4



38 Room to Dream

by Kelly Yang

Format: Realistic Fiction
Pages: 320

Mia is visiting family in Beijing! As she sees the big changes China's going through, she starts to think about changes in her own life. Follow-up to *Front Desk* and *Three Keys*.

All kinds of kids **Favorite author**

Family and friendship

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	DRA
650L	V	40–50



39 New Kid

by Jerry Craft

Format: Graphic Novel
Pages: 256

As one of the few kids of color at Riverdale Academy, can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his neighborhood friends and staying true to himself? *Some mature content.*

School story **Favorite author**

All kinds of kids

Reading Levels:

LEX	GRL	DRA	AR
GN320L	S	40–50	2.9