

Acton Memorial Library Children's Department

3rd Grade Suggested Reading

J Fic Ahn

Ahn, Angela

Krista Kim-Bap (2018)

Krista and Jason have been best friends since preschool. It never mattered that he was a boy with reddish-brown hair and she was the "Korean girl" at school. Now in fifth grade, everyone in their class is preparing their Heritage Month projects. Jason has always loved Krista's Korean family, and particularly their cooking, but Krista is conflicted about being her school's "Korean Ambassador". She's also worried about asking her intimidating grandma to teach the class how to make their traditional kimbap dish.

J Fic Angleberger

Angleberger, Tom

Inspector Flytrap (Book 1-2016)

Inspector Flytrap in the Da Vinci Cold introduces kids to the humorous and wacky world of Inspector Flytrap's Detective Agency, home to the world-renowned solver of BIG DEAL mysteries. The plant detective works tirelessly with his assistant Nina the Goat on his community's unsolved cases. There's no case too big, but there are definitely cases too small for this endearingly self-important plant detective.

J Fic Avi

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Poppy (Book 2-1995)

Poppy the deer mouse urges her family to move next to a field of corn big enough to feed them all forever, but Mr. Ocax, a terrifying owl, has other ideas.

J Fic Bar-el

Bar-el, Dan

The Very, Very Far North : a story for gentle readers and listeners (2019)

In the very, very far north, past the cold, cold ocean and just below the hill, you'll find Duane the polar bear and his friends. This is a charming classic-in-the-making that's reminiscent of Winnie the Pooh.

J Fic Bishop

Bishop, Sylvia

The Bookshop Girl (2018)

The Joneses have just won the Great Montgomery Book Emporium in a contest, and it's every book lover's dream! The pull of a lever calls forth a room full of marvelous wonders from the Room of Woodland tales with its squirrels and mice, to the rocket ship in the Room of Space Adventures, and the aquarium ceiling in the Room of Ocean Tales. But there is more to the Emporium than its thousands of books in extravagant displays. In fact, the previous owner is hiding something that could destroy absolutely everything for the Joneses. Property Jones has a whopper of a secret too and it might just be the key to saving her family and their bookshop from the clutches of a nasty villain.

J Fic Birney

Birney, Betty.

Friendship According to Humphrey (Book 2-2005)

When Humphrey the hamster returns to Mrs. Brisbane's class after the winter break, a new class pet and some other surprises give him an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of friendship.

J Fic Bond

Bond, Michael.

A Bear Called Paddington (Book 1-2014)

Paddington Bear had traveled all the way from darkest Peru when the Brown family first met him on Paddington Station. Since then their lives have never been quite the same ... for ordinary things become quite extraordinary when a bear called Paddington is involved.

J Fic Brown

Brown, Peter

The Wild Robot (2016) series

Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there, and her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants.

J EasyReader Butler

Butler, Dori Hillestad

King & Kayla and the Case of Found Fred (Book 5-2019)

Kayla, a little girl, and her dog, narrator King, are back to solve yet another mystery!

J Fic Charman

Charman, Katrina

Survival Tails: The Titanic (2018)

When loyal dog Mutt discovers that his owner and best friend Alice is set to board the RMS Titanic without him, he is determined to follow her across the ocean. With the help of King Leon the rat, Mutt sneaks aboard, but it isn't long before the Captain's cat, Clara, discovers the stowaway.

J Chokshi

Chokshi, Roshhani

Aru Shah and the end of time (2018)

Seventh grader Aru should never have lit the ancient lamp. When she put the lighter to the wick, the world froze and she released the awful Sleeper. Aru is suddenly launched into the world of the gods and surrounded by mythical characters come to life.

J Fic Citro Citro, Asia *Zoey And Sassafras (2017 series)*

With magical animals, science, mystery, and adventure -- the brand new series Zoey and Sassafras has something for everyone! Easy-to-read language and illustrations on nearly every page make this series perfect for a wide range of ages.

J Fic Clarke Clarke, Jane *Posy The Puppy (Book 1-2016)*

Dr. KittyCat is a talented vet- and an adorable cat who's ready to rescue! When a call comes in that Posy the puppy has hurt her leg at the Paws and Prizes field day, Dr. KittyCat rushes to the scene. Without Dr. KittyCat's help, Posy will be disqualified!

J Fic Cleary Cleary, Beverly. *Ramona the Pest (Book 2-1968)*

Ramona meets lots of interesting people in kindergarten class, like Davy whom she keeps trying to kiss and Susan whose springy curls seem to ask to be pulled.

J Fic Cline-Ransome Cline-Ransome, L. *Finding Langston (2018)*

When 11-year-old Langston's mother dies in 1946, he and his father leave rural Alabama for Chicago's brown belt as a part of what came to be known as the Great Migration. It's lonely in the small apartment with just the two of them, and at school Langston is bullied. But his new home has one fantastic thing. Unlike the whites-only library in Alabama, the local public library welcomes everyone. There, hiding out after school, Langston discovers another Langston, a poet whom he learns inspired his mother enough to name her only son after him.

J Fic Creech Creech, Sahron *Saving Winslow (2018)*

Louie doesn't have the best luck when it comes to nurturing small creatures. So when his father brings home a sickly newborn mini donkey, he's determined to save him. He names him Winslow. Taking care of him helps Louie feel closer to his brother, Gus, who is far, far away in the army.

J Fic DeKeyser DeKeyser, Sacy *The Rhino In Right Field (2018)*

Nick wants to change his life. For twelve years, he's done what his hard-working, immigrant parents want him to do. Now he's looking for his own American dream and he thinks he's found it. The local baseball team is having a batboy contest, and Nick wants to win. But the contest is on a Saturday--the day Nick has to work in his father's shop. There's one other tiny--well, not so tiny--problem. A 2,000-pound rhinoceros named Tank.

J Fic DiCamillo DiCamillo, Kate *Where Are You Going, Baby Lincoln? (Series-2016)*

Baby Lincoln's older sister, Eugenia, is very fond of telling Baby what to do, and Baby usually responds by saying "Yes, Sister." But one day Baby has had enough. She decides to depart on a Necessary Journey, even though she has never gone anywhere without Eugenia telling her what to take and where to go.

J Fic Dominguez Dominguez, A. *Stella Diaz Has Something To Say (2018)*

Stella Diaz loves marine animals, especially her betta fish, Pancho. But Stella Diaz is not a betta fish. Betta fish like to be alone, while Stella loves spending time with her mom and brother and her best friend Jenny. Trouble is, Jenny is in another class this year, and Stella feels very lonely.

J Fic Dowell Dowell, F. R. *Sam the Man & the Chicken Plan (Book 1-2016)*

Sam the Man needs a job. Even his sister gets twenty bucks a pop for mowing people's lawns! But seven-year-olds aren't allowed to mow lawns, so Sam decides to ask his next door neighbor if she needs help doing other chores. It turns out she'll pay him a whole dollar each time he can convince her dad, Mr. Stockfish, to join him for a walk. But it turns out that getting Mr. Stockfish to leave the living room isn't easy. AND a dollar a pop isn't going to cut it. So when Mrs. Kerner, another neighbor, asks if Sam would like to watch her chickens, Sam jumps on the task. You can count on him, yes indeed. Watching chickens is more fun than he expects, and comes with an added bonus: it turns out that visiting the chickens is the one thing that can coax Mr. Stockfish out of the house!

J Fic Elliott Elliott, Zetta *Dragons In A Bag (2018)*

When Jaxon is sent to spend the day with a mean old lady his mother calls Ma, he finds out she's not his grandmother--but she is a witch! She needs his help delivering baby dragons to a magical world where they'll be safe. There are two rules when it comes to the dragons- don't let them out of the bag, and don't feed them anything sweet. Before he knows it, Jax and his friends Vikram and Kavita have broken both rules! Will Jax get the baby dragons delivered safe and sound?

J Fic Enright Enright, Elizabeth. *The Saturdays (Book 1-2002)*

Four New York City siblings decide to pool their resources so that each can do a special thing on the Saturday that is his turn to receive the combined allowance.

J Fic Estes Estes, Eleanor. *Ginger Pye (Book 1-2000)*

The disappearance of a new puppy named Ginger and the appearance of a mysterious man in a mustard yellow hat bring excitement into the lives of the Pye children.

J PictureBk Fan Fan Brothers *Ocean Meets Sky (2018)*

Finn, a boy of Asian descent who lives by the sea, remembers the stories his grandfather told him about a faraway place "where ocean meets sky." Today would have been Grandpa's 90th birthday, and Finn honors him by building a boat for the journey they had planned together. After cobbling together driftwood, an old tire, window frames, and other discarded materials, he crawls inside the vessel for a short nap. When he awakens, the boat is at sea; but this is no ordinary voyage.

J Fic Gidwitz Gidwitz, Adam *The Creature Of The Pines (2018)*

Elliot Eisner isn't exactly excited about starting at a brand-new school in a brand-new town; he'd much rather stay at home and read a book. But things take an unexpected turn when he finds out his weird new teacher, Professor Fauna, has planned a field trip for Elliot's very first day. Along with a new friend-brave, outspoken Uchenna Devereaux-Elliot gets caught up in a secret group of adventurers, The Unicorn Rescue Society, whose goal is to protect and defend the world's mythical creatures.

J Fic Hale Hale, Bruce *The Curse of the Were-hyena (Book 1-2016)*

When best friends Carlos and Benny decide to find out why their teacher, Mr. Chu, is behaving strangely, they get caught up in some moonlight madness. What do you do when your favorite teacher starts turning into a were-hyena? a) Flee in terror? b) Try to cure him? c) Bring him carrion snacks? It looks like Mr. Chu isn't the only acting weird!

J Fic Harper Harper, Charise. *Just Grace (Book 1-2007)*

Grace loves cats. She also loves taking pictures of cats and drawing Not-So Super comics. She doesn't like Sammy Stringer, a boy in her class. She's got lots and lots of ideas, and when her neighbor's cat goes missing, Grace does her best to make Mrs. Luther feel less lonely. But as the mystery of the missing cat continues, Grace's well-intentioned plan backfires, and she finds herself in a bit of trouble. Maybe, just maybe, Sammy Stringer will help her through.

J Fic Heidicker Heidicker, Christian Mckay *Scary Stories for Young foxes (2019)*

The haunted season has arrived in the Antler Wood. No fox kit is safe. When Mia and Uly are separated from their litters, they discover a dangerous world full of monsters. In order to find a den to call home, they must venture through field and forest, facing unspeakable things that dwell in the darkness: a zombie who hungers for their flesh, a witch who tries to steal their skins, a ghost who hunts them through the snow . . . and other things too scary to mention.

J Fic Henry Henry, Marguerite. *Misty of Chincoteague (Book 1-2000)*

Paul and his sister Maureen's determination to own a pony from the herd on Chincoteague Island, Virginia, is greatly increased when the Phantom and her colt are among the ponies rounded up for the yearly auction.

J Fic Hoffman Hoffman, Cara *Bernard Pepperlin (2019)*

The drowsy Dormouse from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland is transported to modern-day New York City for the adventure of a lifetime!

J Fic Horvath Horvath, Polly *Mr. and Mrs. Bunny—Detectives Extraordinaire! (2012)*

Middle-schooler Madeline's hippy parents have been kidnapped from Hornby Island, Canada, by foxes and Madeline, upon discovering that she can understand animal languages, hires two rabbit detectives to find them.

J Fic James James, Laura *Captain Pug: The Dog Who Sailed The Seas (2017)*

On one very ordinary day Pug's nose knows that breakfast is on its way. And with breakfast, come crumbs - but not just any old crumbs, jam tart crumbs. Jam tarts are Pug's favorite food, and he loves nothing more than to share them with his best friend, Lady Miranda. But just before Pug can finish the last jam tart, Lady Miranda picks him up and whisks him away for a sea-faring adventure.

J Fic Kelly

Skunked (Calpurnia Tate, Girl Vet Book 1-2016)

“When Travis discovers an abandoned baby skunk, he can't help but bring it home and take care of it. Stinky, as Travis names him, settles in pretty well. But when Travis discovers Stinky's litter-mate, Winky, who is in need of some help, things get complicated around the Tate house”

J Fic Kuenzler

Kuenzler, Lou

Princess DisGrace; a Royal Disaster (Book 1-2016)

Paired with a clumsy, dirty unicorn, a princess who is neither elegant nor graceful must prove herself at Tall Towers Princess Academy.

J Fic Lai

Lai, Remi

Pie in the Sky (2019)

A laugh-out-loud illustrated novel about an eleven-year-old boy's immigration experience, his annoying little brother, and their cake-baking hijinks!

J Fic Lenski

Lenski, Lois

Strawberry Girl (1995)

Set in a little-known backwoods region of Florida, Strawberry Girl is the first of the Lenski regional books and the winner of the Newbery award.

J PictureBk Lyons

Lyons, Kelly

Going Down Home with Daddy (2019)

In a lushly illustrated tribute to family history, an African-American boy and his family take their annual trip to his great-grandmother's farm for a reunion. The pivotal event is a family celebration during which each individual shares something special--but what extraordinary can Alan contribute?

J Fic Magoon

Magoon, Kekla

The Season of Styx Malone (2018)

Meet Caleb and Bobby Gene, two brothers embarking on a madcap, heartwarming, one-thing-leads-to-another adventure in which friendships are forged, loyalties are tested . . . and miracles just might happen.

J Fic Mass

Mass, Wendy

Bob (2018)

Visiting her grandmother in Australia, Livy, ten, is reminded of the promise she made five years before to Bob, a strange, green creature who cannot recall who or what he is.

J Fic McAnulty

McAnulty, Stacy

A Mysterious Egg (Book 1-2016)

What if a fossil in your backyard . . . came to life?! Frank's grandma is a famous paleontologist (that's a dinosaur scientist). But she's also an adult who makes up rules. Rules like: no digging for dinosaur bones when you have a sunburn. That means Frank is stuck playing inside with his annoying cousin, Samantha. But then Grandma finds a fossil of an egg! And when Frank and Sam sneak into the dino lab late at night, they find something even more amazing. . . .

J Fic McCall Smith

McCall Smith, A.

The Great Cake Mystery: Precious Ramotswe's Very First Case (2012)

Before becoming the first female private investigator in Botswana, eight-year-old Precious Ramotswe tracks down a thief who has been stealing her classmates' snacks.

J Fic McDonald

McDonald, Megan.

Judy Moody (Book 1-2000)

Third grader Judy Moody is in a first day of school bad mood until she gets an assignment to create a collage all about herself and begins creating her masterpiece, the Me collage.

J Fic McDonald

McDonald, Megan.

Stink: the Incredible Shrinking Kid (Book 1-2005)

The shortest kid in the second grade, James Moody, also known as Stink, learns all about the shortest president of the United States, James Madison, when they celebrate Presidents' Day at school.

J Fic McKay

McKay, Hilary.

Lulu and the Duck in the Park (Book 1-2012)

Lulu, who loves animals, brings an abandoned duck egg to school, even though her teacher has banned Lulu from bringing animals to school ever again.

J Fic McManis

McManis, Charlene

Indian No More (2019)

When Regina's Umpqua tribe is legally terminated and her family must relocate from Oregon to Los Angeles, she goes on a quest to understand her identity as an Indian despite being so far from home.

J Fic Meriano

Meriano, Anna

Love Sugar Magic: a Dash of Trouble (Book 1-2018)

In this effervescent kickoff to the Love Sugar Magic series, Leonora "Leo" Logroño is tired of being the baby of the family: her four older sisters all get to help out at the family bakery. When Leo discovers that her mother and sisters are actually able to bake magic spells into their pastries, she can't wait to try her hand at magic--resulting in a love spell that goes horribly wrong!

J Fic Mlynowski

Mlynowski, Sarah.

Fairest of All (Book 1-2012)

Mirror, mirror, on the basement wall... Once upon a time my brother and I were normal kids. The next minute? The mirror in our basement slurped us up and magically transported us inside Snow White's fairytale. I know it sounds crazy but it's true. But hey-we're heroes! We stopped Snow White from eating the poisoned apple. Hooray! Or not. If Snow White doesn't die, she won't get to meet her prince. And then she won't get her happy ending. Oops. Now it's up to us to: Avoid getting poisoned, Sneak into a castle, Fix Snow White's story. And then, fingers crossed, find our way home.

J Fic Nilsson

Nilsson, Ulf

The First Case (Book 1-2015)

Someone has been stealing the squirrel's nuts and Detective Gordon, a toad, must do what it takes to catch the thief.

J Fic O'Connor

O'Connor, Jane.

Nancy Clancy, Secret Admirer (Book 2-2013)

When Nancy Clancy finds out that both her guitar teacher, Andy, and her favorite babysitter, Annie, have broken up with the people they were dating, she decides to make them fall in love on Valentine's Day.

J Fic Parr

Parr, Maria

Astrid the unstoppable (2018)

Nine-year-old Astrid is the only child living in Glimmerdal, Norway, which boasts a forest and a river, as well as a few small farms, houses, and shops. It's not a quiet place, though, not with Astrid, the little thunderbolt of Glimmerdal!

J Fic Pennypacker

Pennypacker, Sara

Clementine (Book 1-2006)

While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.

J Fic Pennypacker

Pennypacker, Sara

Waylon!: One Awesome Thing(Book 1 -2016)

Waylon, a boy with the mind of a scientific genius and the vulnerable heart of an eight year old, is trying to understand his older sister and deal with changes among the kids at school.

J Fic Phelan

Phelan,Matt

Knights vs. Dinosaurs (2018)

With the realm at peace and few dragons about, the Knights of the Round Table are bored, so Merlin sends them to face the most terrible lizards of all--dinosaurs.

J Fic Quinn

Quinn, Jordan

The Kingdom of Wrenly (2017 series)

Eight-year-old Lucas, Prince of Wrenly, is eager to explore and Clara, daughter of the queen's seamstress, knows the kingdom well, so they team up to find a lost jewel and visit all of the land's main attractions as they search.

J Fic Rodkey

Rodkey, Geoff

We're Not from Here (2019)

After a year on Mars, a young boy and his family migrate to the planet Choom, but the inhabitants of Choom, the Zhuri, who look like giant mosquitoes, don't really like humans and it's up to the boy and his family to change their minds if they hope to survive.

J Fic Rylant

Rylant, Cynthia

Gooseberry Park and the Master Plan (Book 2-2016)

Stumpy the Squirrel and friends team up to save the day in this charming standalone companion to the beloved Gooseberry Park . There has been no rain for months, and all of the animals in Gooseberry Park are in danger. Can the gang of dear friends come up with a brilliant solution in time to save the day? Absolutely!

J Fic Rylant

Rylant, Cynthia

Rosetown (2018)

Nine-year-old Flora Smallwood loves living in Rosetown, Indiana. Not everything is perfect. Her dog Laurence has recently passed on, and her parents have decided to live in separate houses, at least for a while. But Flora has two good friends that support her: Nussy, who she's known since they met at the library storytime, and Yuri, from Ukraine, who likes to read as much Flora does.

J Fic Sheinmel

Sheinmel, Courtney.

Stella Batts Needs a New Name (Book 1-2012)

When a classmate makes fun of her name, eight-year-old Stella picks a new one for herself, but discovers that the name she abandoned suits her just fine.

- J Fic Sheth** Sheth, Kashmira. *The No Dogs Allowed Rule (2012)*
Third-grader Ishan Mehra wants his family to get a dog, but his efforts to convince his parents often get him into trouble.
- J Fic Shurtliff** Shurtliff, L. *Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin (2013)*
Relates the tale of Rumpelstiltskin's childhood and youth, explaining why his name is so important, how he is able to spin straw into gold, and why a first-born child is his reward for helping the miller's daughter-turned-queen.
- J Fic Soundar** Soundar, Chitra *Mangoes, Mischief, And Tales Of Friendship(2018)*
Can Prince Veera and his best friend outsmart the king's trickiest subjects? Inspired by traditional Indian folktales, these stories are sure to delight. Being a wise and just ruler is no easy task. That's what Prince Veera discovers when he and his best friend, Suku, are given the opportunity to preside over the court of his father, King Bheema.
- J Fic Spinelli** Spinelli, Jerry. *Third Grade Angels (2012)*
George 'Suds' Morton competes with his third-grade classmates to earn the first 'halo' of the year for good behavior, but being good turns out to be more stressful than he anticipated.
- J Fic Sullivan** Sullivan, Kyle *Hobgoblin and the Seven Stinkers of Rancidia (2019)*
Set in the faraway (and terrible-smelling) land of Rancidia, where it's good to smell bad and bad to smell good, this uproarious send-up of Snow White follows the adventures of the profoundly stinky Hobgoblin as he flees the jealous wrath of a monstrous, ogre tyrant named Fiddlefart.
- J Fic Tashjian** Tashjian, Janet *Einstein the Class Hamster (2013)*
Einstein, a very knowledgeable hamster, is desperate to help the students in his classroom win an audition for a televised trivia game show but, unfortunately, only one student, Ned, can hear him.
- J Fic Tellegen** Tellegen, Toon *A Great and Complicated Adventure (2013)*
Toon Tellegen's uniquely imaginative tales conjure up a wondrous world where cakes fly, trees can walk, and letters are made of cream, chestnuts, and honey. Once more, his popular characters—the squirrel, the ant, the elephant, and their friends—weave their magic spell in this new collection.
- J Fic Ursu** Ursu, Anne *The Lost Girl (2019)*
Twin sisters Iris and Lark experience a series of unsettling events--meeting the peculiar owner of an antique shop who claims he's doing magic, noticing objects gone missing from their home, being followed by a giant crow--that connect them to a dark secret that proves dangerous and could separate the twins forever.
- J Fic Vande Velde** Vande Velde, V. *Three Good Deeds (2005)*
If Howard had known the old hag was a witch, he never would have taunted her. But he did, and she did what witches do--cursed him--and now he's a goose! Howard is desperate to become a human again. But the only way to break the curse is to do three good deeds. How can you help others when you've got webbed feet, wings for hands, and can't say anything but "Honk"?
- J Fic Watson** Watson, Tom *Stick Cat (2016)*
It's a big day in the big city for Stick Cat and his best friend, Edith. There are treasures to hunt, songs to sing, pigeons to catch, and naps to take. But way up on the twenty-third floor, danger lurks just around the corner. Terrible noises and violent crashes trap a desperate man in the building across the alley. Stick Cat will need to navigate his way across the alley--and around Edith's peculiar ways--to attempt a rescue.
- J Fic Weyr** Weyr, Garret *The Language of Spells (2018)*
Grisha the dragon is born in the Black Forest in 1803, the last year any dragon was born, and while young he was trapped by the emperor's sorcerer, and turned into a teapot, which was frustrating but kept him alive while magic and other dragons were disappearing--until one day he meets Maggie, a poet's daughter, and the two of them set out to discover what happened to all the other dragons.
- J Fic Yang** Yang, Kelly *Front Desk (2018)*
Ten-year-old Mia Tang and her parents expected to work hard when they came to the United States, but they had no idea how difficult things would be. After a year or two struggling to make ends meet, they find themselves managing a motel. Ten-year-old Mia takes over the front desk, and makes it her own, while dreaming of a future as a writer.

Graphic

- J Graphic Akissi** Abouett, Marguerite *Akissi: More Tales of Mischief (v.3-2019)*

The plucky, troublemaking Akissi is back with her mischief on The Ivory Coast! This time, she has to keep herself from drowning, stand up to a bully, and make peace with her arch nemesis--the prettiest girl in school.

J Graphic Brooks Brooks, Molly *Sanity & Tallulah (2018)*

Sanity and Tallulah live in a space station at the end of the galaxy. When Sanity's illegally created three-headed kitten escapes, the girls have to turn their home upside down to find her!

J Graphic Hilo Winick, Judd *Hilo: the boy who crashed to earth (series)*

When a mysterious boy falls from the sky, friends D.J. and Gina must discover the secrets of his identity and help him save the world.

J Graphic Wang Wang, Jen *Stargazing (2019)*

Growing up in the same Chinese-American suburb, perfectionist Christine and artistic, confident, impulsive Moon become unlikely best friends, whose friendship is tested by jealousy, social expectations, and illness.

J Graphic Zita Hatke, Ben *Zita The Spacegirl; Far From Home (series)*

Zita's life took a cosmic left turn in the blink of an eye. When her best friend is abducted by an alien doomsday cult, Zita leaps to the rescue and finds herself a stranger on a strange planet. Humanoid chickens and neurotic robots are shocking enough as new experiences go, but Zita is even more surprised to find herself taking on the role of intergalactic hero

Biography

J Biography Ando, M. Wang, Andrea *Magic Ramen : the story of Momofuku Ando (2019)*

After the devastation of WWII, Momofuku Ando became obsessed with the notion of creating cheap, delicious, nutritious food for the poor. Behold! The birth of ramen as we know and love it today!

J Biography Barnes, E. Wallace, S. N. *Between the Lines: (2018)*

Ernie Barnes was an NFL football player who longed to make art. Finally his dream came true. When Ernie Barnes was growing up in North Carolina in the 1940s, he loved to draw. Even when he played as a boy with his friends he drew with a stick in the mud. And he never left home without a sketchbook. He would draw families walking home from church, or the old man on the sofa. He drew what he saw. But in the segregated south, Ernie didn't know how to make a living as an artist. Ernie grew tall and athletic and became a football star.

J Biography Binney, E. Biebow, N. *The Crayon Man (2019)*

Celebrating the inventor of the Crayola crayon!... Children didn't always have such magical boxes of crayons. Before Edwin Binney set out to change things, children couldn't really even draw in color. Here's the true story of an inventor who so loved nature's vibrant colors that he found a way to bring the outside world to children - in a bright green box for only a nickel! With experimentation, and a special knack for listening,

J Biography Blackwell, E. Stone, Tanya. *Who Says Women Can't Be Doctors: The Story of Elizabeth Blackwell (2013)*

An introduction to the life and achievements of the first American female doctor describes the limited career prospects available to women in the early nineteenth-century, the opposition Blackwell faced while pursuing a medical education, and her pioneering medical career that opened doors for future generations of women.

J Biography Carrington, L. Markel, Michelle *Out of This World: the surreal art of Leonora Carrington (2019)*

Ever since she was a little girl, Leonora Carrington loved to draw on walls, in books, on paper--and she loved the fantastic tales her grandmother told that took her to worlds that shimmered beyond this one. Leonora's parents wanted her to become a proper English lady, but there was only one thing she wanted, even if it was unsuitable: to be an artist.

J Biography Chand, N. Rosenstock, Barb *The Secret Kingdom; Nek Chand, (2018)*

The incredible story of the world's largest visionary environment: the Rock Garden of Chandigarh, kept secret by outsider artist Nek Chand for fifteen years. One day a government crew stumbled upon it and sought to destroy it. But local fans agreed in awe: the Rock Garden had to be protected.

J Biography Cole Talbott, Hudson *Picturing America: Thomas Cole (2018)*

The life of an artist was difficult at first, however Thomas kept his dream alive by drawing constantly and seeking out other artists. But everything changed for him when he was given a ticket for a boat trip up the Hudson River to see the wilderness of the Catskill Mountains. The haunting beauty of the landscape sparked his imagination and would inspire him for the rest of his life.

J Biography Ehlert, L. Ehlert, Lois *The Scraps Book: Notes from a Colorful Life*

Enter author Lois Ehlert's world and understand her creative collage process.

J Biography Fletcher, G. Nelson, Vaunda *Let 'er buck!: (2019)*

African American honest-to-goodness cowboy George Fletcher loved horses from an early age and bucked his way into legend as "The People's Champion" at the 1911 Saddle Bronco Championship.

J Biography Giacometti, A. Greenberg/Jordan *Two Brothers, Four Hands (2019)*

Everyone who knew them agreed. Alberto was the genius of the family. His younger brother Diego was his opposite--he didn't care much for books or schoolwork, and he had no idea what he would be when he grew up. But despite their differences, the two brothers shared an intense bond.

J Biography Gibb, B. Pimentel, Annette *Girl Running: Bobbi Gibb & The Boston Marathon (2018)*

Because Bobbi Gibb is a girl, she's not allowed to run on her school's track team. But after school, no one can stop her--and she's free to run endless miles to her heart's content. She is told no yet again when she tries to enter the Boston Marathon in 1966, because the officials claim that it's a man's race and that women are just not capable of running such a long distance. So what does Bobbi do? She bravely sets out to prove the naysayers wrong and show the world just what a girl can do.

J Biography Ginsburg, R.B. Krull, Kathleen *No Truth Without Ruth (2018)*

Ruth Bader Ginsburg may be one of the most respected women in the United States, but her recognition is nothing short of hard-won. For years before becoming a justice of the Supreme Court, Ruth had to fight the notion that being female meant that she was less smart, less qualified, and less worthy of attention than her male counterparts. Throughout college, law school, and her work life, she faced discrimination--because she was a woman. But it was in her fight for equality as a lawyer that she made an imprint on American history, by changing the way the law dealt with women's rights and by showing people that unfairness to women wasn't just a female problem--that it negatively affected men and children, too.

J Biography Johnston, K. Lang Heather *Anybody's Game ...The First Girl To Play Little League Baseball (2018)*

In 1950, Kathryn Johnston wanted to play Little League, but an unwritten rule kept girls from trying out. So she cut off her hair and tried out as a boy under the nickname "Tubby." She made the team--and changed Little League Baseball forever

J Biography Kahlo, F. Brown, Monica *Frida Kahlo and her Animalitos (2017)*

The fascinating Mexican artist Frida Kahlo is remembered for her self-portraits, her dramatic works featuring bold and vibrant colors. Her work brought attention to Mexican and indigenous culture and she is also renowned for her works celebrating the female form. Brown's story recounts Frida's beloved pets--two monkeys, a parrot, three dogs, two turkeys, an eagle, a black cat, and a fawn--and playfully considers how Frida embodied many wonderful characteristics of each animal.

J Biography Lewis, W. Hubbard, Rita *Hammering For Freedom : The William Lewis Story (2018)*

Born into slavery in Chattanooga, Tennessee, William "Bill" Lewis learned the blacksmith trade as soon as he was old enough to grip a hammer. He proved to be an exceptional blacksmith and earned so much money fixing old tools and creating new ones that he was allowed to keep a little money for himself. With just a few coins in his pocket, Bill set a daring plan in motion: he was determined to free his family.

J Biography Marshall, T. Winter, Jonah *Thurgood (2019)*

Before Rosa Parks, before Martin Luther King Jr., before the civil rights movement there was Thurgood, fighting for African Americans - and winning. Can one person change the law of the land? Thurgood Marshall could.

J Biography Mitchell, M. Barrett, Hayley *What Miss Mitchell Saw (2019)*

In the 1840s Maria Mitchell was taught to “sweep the sky” using her father’s telescope. Being the first to spot a comet wasn’t in the plan! A marvelously wrought tale, gorgeously rendered, of an early woman scientist.

J Biography Santana, C. Mahin, M.J. *When Angels Sing: The Story of Rock Legend Santana (2018)*

Carlos Santana loved to listen to his father play el violín . It was a sound that filled the world with magic and love and feeling and healing--a sound that made angels real. Carlos wanted to make angels real, too. So he started playing music. Carlos tried el clarinete and el violín , but there were no angels. Then he picked up la guitarra.

J Biography Sotomayor, S. Sotomayor,S. *Turning Pages: My Life Story (2018)*

Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor tells her own story for young readers for the very first time! As the first Latina Supreme Court Justice, Sonia Sotomayor has inspired young people around the world to reach for their dreams. But what inspired her?

J Biography Williams, V. Cline-Ransome, L. *Game Changers: The Story of Venus & Serena Williams (2018)*

Venus and Serena Williams are two of the greatest tennis players of all time. Some say they're two of the greatest athletes of all time. Before they were world famous, they were little girls with big dreams. Venus and Serena Williams. Two peas in a pod. Best friends. Sisters.

J Biography 920 H777 Hood, Susan *Shaking Things Up: 14 Young Women Who Changed The World (2018)*

This is a poetic and visual celebration of persistent women throughout history. This poetry collection was written, illustrated, edited, and designed by women and includes an author's note, a timeline, and additional resources.

J Biography 920 K14 Gilligrand, Kristen *Bold & Brave: 10 Heroes Who Won Women The Right To Vote (2018)*

Here are the stories of ten leaders who strove to win the right to vote for American women--a journey that took more than seventy years of passionate commitment. From well-known figures, such as Susan B. Anthony and Sojourner Truth to lesser known women such as Alice Paul and Mary Church Terrell, these are heroes who dreamed big and never gave up.

Nonfiction

J 128 L334 Larsen, Elisabeth *I Am Life (2017)*

Life is in all things; personified as an unassuming yet enchanting creature, Life visits flowers, animals, and humans with her gifts of energy and positivity. Whether short or long, Life is always present. A sensitive story that answers many childhood questions, I am Life is lovingly crafted volume. As Life and I addressed themes of loss, I am Life embarks on a colorful journey about Life's magic and the never-ending search for the meaning of life.

J 294.5 P295 Patel, Sanjay. *Ganesha's Sweet Tooth (2012)*

An original story based on Hindu mythology, this book tells the story about how Ganesha's love of sweets led to a broken tusk and the writing of the epic poem, the Mahābhārata. Includes author's note about the myth.

J 323.4 D911 Duncan, Alice Faye *Memphis, Martin, and the Mountaintop (2018)*

This historical fiction picture book presents the story of nine-year-old Lorraine Jackson, who in 1968 witnessed the Memphis sanitation strike--Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s final stand for justice before his assassination--when her father, a sanitation worker, participated in the protest.

J 324.62 R643 Roberts, David *Suffragette: the battle for equality (2019)*

This illustrated history of the women's suffrage movement is just in time for the hundredth anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment. Imprisonment, hunger strikes, suffrajitsu -- the decades-long fight for women's right to vote was at times a ferocious one.

J 363.728 M123 McCarthy, M. *All That Trash (2018)*

Lowell Harrelson wanted to turn trash into methane gas so he rented a barge called Morbo 4000. His plan was to ship the garbage from New York to North Carolina, but as the barge floated down the coast, no state would let him dock because of smelly waste on board! The barge became a mockery and the butt of many jokes in the media.

J 398.45 B388 Beccia, Carlyn *Monstrous: The lore, gore and science behind your favorite monsters (2019)*

Discover the origins of eight scream-worthy monsters, find out how major historical events shaped their creation, and delve into the science behind these fearful beasts. Engrossing (and gross)!

J 398.45 N753 Nobleman, M.T. *Fairy Spell (2018)*

The true story of British cousins who fooled the world for more than 60 years with a remarkable hoax, photographs of "real" fairies. In 1917, in Cottingley, England, a girl named Elsie took a picture of her younger cousin, Frances. Also in the photo was a group of fairies, fairies that the girls insisted were real. Through a remarkable set of circumstances, that photograph and the ones that followed came to be widely believed as evidence of real fairies.

J 500 G543

Gladstone, James.

When Planet Earth Was New (2017)

It has taken billions of years for Earth to become the planet it is today. When Planet Earth Was New looks back to the very beginning, using a poetic approach grounded in scientific fact to give an overview of how the planet has changed over time: from hot lava to the formation of oceans to the evolution of living things in water and on land. The book also includes the relatively recent evolution of humans -- who are just a tiny speck in the sweep of Earth's history.

J 516.15 C191

Campbell, Sarah C.

Mysterious Patterns: Finding Fractals in Nature (2014)

Nature's repeating patterns, better known as fractals, are beautiful, universal, and explain much about how things grow. Fractals can also be quantified mathematically. Here is an elegant introduction to fractals through examples that can be seen in parks, rivers, and our very own backyards.

J 551.46 R815

Rosenstock, Barb

Otis and Will discover the deep (2018)

This is a true science adventure story of two men, Otis Barton and Will Beebe, who explored the depths of the ocean down to 800 feet in a self-designed round metal diving tank, "a hollow metal ball" called the bathysphere. Their goal was to answer the question: "What did the deep ocean look like?"

J 568.19 C263

Carballido, Jose Luis

Titanosaur : discovering the world's largest dinosaur (2019)

Through a combination of photographs and illustrations, this picture book tells the story of the discovery of this new dinosaur, while weaving in exciting facts about what life was like for this brand new species that doesn't even have an official name yet!

J 574.5 M621

Miche, Mary.

Nature's Patchwork Quilt (2012)

Just imagine all of nature - mountains, prairies, oceans, and all - lying on your bed as a patchwork quilt! Take flora and fauna in their unique habitats, fold them up and you have a book, this book. Earth's major habitats are spread before you, ready to be examined. Here in this beautiful package are revealed the key concepts of natural science. This patchwork quilt of nature covers the whole Earth, your home - yours to learn about, to enjoy, to care for, and to love.

J 576 D256

Davies, Nicola

Tiny Creatures: The World of Microbes (2014)

Looks at all the different microbes that inhabit the Earth and examines the varied jobs they do.

J 589.2 G775

Gravel, Emily

The Mushroom Fan Club (2018)

Elise Gravel is back with a whimsical look at one of her family's most beloved pastimes: mushroom hunting! Combining her love of exploring nature with her talent for anthropomorphizing everything, she takes us on a magical tour of the forest floor and examines a handful of her favorite alien specimens up close. While the beautiful coral mushroom looks like it belongs under the sea, the peculiar Lactarius indigo may be better suited for outer space.

J 591 K25

Keating, Jess

Cute As An Axolotl (2018)

The Internet pretty much runs on cute animal photos, but "cute" is so much more than clickbait kittens and insta-pups. Cute is for feathery-gilled axolotls (pronounced- ax-uh-LOT-ulz), shy pygmy hippos, poisonous blue dragons, and armored pangolins. All of these animals are cute, but they've also adapted remarkable ways to survive in their unique environments. With her signature blend of humor and zoological know-how, Pink Is for Blobfish author Jess Keating shows how cute animals can be more than just a pretty face in this latest installment of the World of Weird Animals.

J 591 L269

Lang, Diane

Fur, Feather, Fin: All Of Us Are Kin (2018)

Come along on a rhyming tour through the amazing animal kingdom--from mammals to millipedes and everything in between--with this engaging picture book about how all creatures are connected! There are so many wild and wonderful animals in our world.

J 591.5 J52

Jenkins, Steve

How to Swallow a Pig (2015)

In the latest eye-catching escape into the kingdom of Animalia, Steve Jenkins and Robin Page reveal the skills animals use to survive in the wild in an imaginative and humorous how-to format. With step-by-step instructions, readers learn

about specific behaviors; how to catch thousands of fish like a humpback whale or how to sew up a nest like a tailorbird. This fascinating and fun illustrated nonfiction melds science, art, biology, and the environment together in a detailed and well-researched book about animals who live and survive in our world today.

J 595.764 B247 Bardoe, Cheryl *Behold the Beautiful Dung Beetle (2014)*

Presents the life and habits of the dung beetle, which obtains food, water, and shelter from the droppings of other animals.

J 596 L867 Lord, Michelle *Animal School: What Class Are You? (2014)*

Rhyming text introduces young readers to the five classes of vertebrates, describing the characteristics of reptiles, fish, mammals, birds, and amphibians.

J 595.78 H669 Hirsch, Rebecca E. *The Monarchs Are Missing: A Butterfly Mystery (2018)*

Why are monarch butterflies disappearing? Scientists are racing to find answers. These iconic orange, black, and white butterflies flutter across much of the North American continent, and are a familiar summer sight in many backyards. But in the last twenty years, the monarch butterfly population has been decreasing. Why?

J598.33 T512 Thornbill, Jan *The Tragic Tale of the Great Auk (2016)*

For hundreds of thousands of years Great Auks thrived in the icy seas of the North Atlantic, bobbing on the waves, diving for fish and struggling up onto rocky shores to mate and hatch their fluffy chicks. But by 1844, not a single one of these magnificent birds was alive. Their demise came about in part because of their anatomy. They could swim swiftly underwater, but their small wings meant they couldn't fly and their feet were so far back on their bodies, they couldn't walk very well. Still the birds managed to escape their predators much of the time ... until humans became seafarers.

J 599.884 A648 Applegate, Katherine *Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla (2014)*

The true story of Ivan, known as the Shopping Mall Gorilla, who lived alone in a small cage for almost 30 years before being relocated to the gorilla habitat at ZooAtlanta.

J 629.45 B877 Brown, Don *Rocket to the moon! (2019)*

On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong took "one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind" when Apollo 11 landed on the moon. But it wasn't just one man who got us to the moon. This graphic-format book explores the people and technology that made the moon landing possible.

J 688.72 K36 Kenney, Sean *Cool Robots (2010)*

Sean Kenney is back again with original creations of Robotopolis--robots, transformers, and spaceships of all sizes, colors, and features. Complete with select model instructions, insider tips, and landscape designs for new LEGO fans as well as diehard enthusiasts.

J 709.73 S294 Schaefer, Carol L. *Made By Hand: A Crafts Sampler (2018)*

A beautiful, one-of-a-kind volume invites readers to marvel at the time, effort, and care that went into creating handmade toys, tools, and treasures of the past. Whirr, buzz, hum. Before busy machines in factories turned out most of what we need and use, people crafted these items by hand.

J 793.7 J96 *Just Joking 6: 300 Hilarious Jokes About Everything (Book 6-2017)*

A book of silly jokes, including knock-knocks, tongue twisters, riddles, traditional question and answer jokes, and more.

J 794.2 S881 Stone, Tanya Lee *Pass Go And Collect \$200 (2018)*

In the late 1800s lived Lizzie Magie, a clever and charismatic woman with a strong sense of justice noticed waves of urban migration and the rising financial inequality. Suddenly she had an idea: create a game about the landlord-tenant relationship. But Lizzie's initial game vilified the monopolist. Enter Charles Darrow--a marketer and salesman with a keen eye for what Lizzie's creation could become: an enticing board game, and a staple of family entertainment in households across America. Boldness, imagination, and ruthless competition combine in this riveting story that sets the record straight on the history of Monopoly's origins.

J 796.334 T246 Taylor, Sean *Goal! (2014)*

Where there's a ball . . . there will always be someone who wants to play soccer . Whether in Tanzania or Togo, Burma or Brazil, children love soccer. GOAL! celebrates the sport's power to bridge cultural divides and bring together the many and diverse people of the world. Filled with fun facts and striking photos, this book is a poetic snapshot of soccer around the globe.

J 811.08 S372

Hopkins, L.B. ed.

School People (2018)

Welcome to school, a building of brick full of soul and heart, eager for students and staff to fill its halls with sounds. This anthology of fifteen poems celebrates the grown-up people that children encounter throughout the course of their school day: the school bus driver with her morning smile, the teacher who inspires imagination, the rarely seen, yet caring custodian, and the nurse who heals hurts, big and small.

J 811.52 W952

Wright, Richard

Seeing into Tomorrow: haiku (2018)

From watching a sunset to finding a beetle, Richard Wright's haiku puts everyday moments into focus. Paired with the photo-collage artwork of Nina Crews.

J 811.54 L674

Lewis, J. Patrick

Poem-Mobiles: Crazy Car Poems (2014)

This is a picture book of poems about cars. But they're not just any cars: there's the "Sloppy-Floppy-Nonstop-Jalopy" ("So unique there is no copy"); the Bathtub Limousine ("With hot water heating / And porcelain seating"); and the "High Heel Car." Each of the thirteen quirky, inventive poems will speak directly to the imaginations of children, as will Holmes's high-concept, detail-filled illustrations.

J 811.6 A376

Alexander, Kwame

The Undefeated (2019)

This poem is a love letter to black life in the United States. It highlights the unspeakable trauma of slavery, the faith and fire of the civil rights movement, and the grit, passion, and perseverance of some of the world's greatest heroes.

J 973.3 B877

Brown, Don.

Henry and the Cannons (2013)

Presents an illustrated account of bookseller Henry Knox's heroic contributions during the Revolutionary War, describing how he dragged fifty-nine cannons to Boston across 225 miles filled with danger and hardship.

J 974.71 E29

Eggers, Dave

Her Right Foot (2017)

If you had to name a statue, any statue, odds are good you'd mention the Statue of Liberty. Have you seen her? She's in New York. She's holding a torch. And she's in mid-stride, moving forward. But why? In this fascinating and fun take on nonfiction, Dave Eggers and Shawn Harris investigate a seemingly small trait of America's most emblematic statue.