

Acton Memorial Library Children's Department
4th Grade Suggested Reading

J Fic Andri

Andri Snaer Magnason

The Story of the Blue Planet (2012)

When Gleesome Goodday crash-lands on a beautiful island on a planet with no adults, he promises wonderful things in exchange for a bit of youth, but best friends Brimir and Hulda see that Goodday is not all he seems so it is up to them to stop him.

J Fic Anderson

Anderson, Sophie

The House With The Chicken Legs (2018)

All 12-year-old Marinka wants is a friend. A real friend. Not like her house with chicken legs. Sure, the house can play games like tag and hide-and-peek, but Marinka longs for a human companion. Someone she can talk to and share secrets with. But that's tough when your grandmother is a Yaga, a guardian who guides the dead into the afterlife.

J Fic Applegate

Applegate, Katherine

Wish tree (2017)

Red is an oak tree who is many rings old. Red is the neighborhood "wishtree"--people write their wishes on pieces of cloth and tie them to Red's branches. Along with her crow friend Bongo and other animals who seek refuge in Red's hollows, this "wishtree" watches over the neighborhood. You might say Red has seen it all. Until a new family moves in. Not everyone is welcoming, and Red's experiences as a wishtree are more important than ever.

J Fic Avi

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The Unexpected Life of Oliver Cromwell Pitts(2017)

In the seaside town of Melcombe Regis, England, 1724, Oliver Cromwell Pitts wakes to find his father missing and his house flooded by a recent storm. He's alone in his ruined home with no money and no food. Oliver's father has left behind a barely legible waterlogged note: he's gone to London, where Oliver's sister, Charity, is in trouble. Exploring damage to the town in the storm's aftermath, Oliver discovers a shipwreck on the beach. Removing anything from a wrecked ship is a hanging offense, but Oliver finds money that could save him, and he can't resist the temptation to take it. When his crime is discovered, Oliver flees, following the trail of his father and sister.

J Fic Baker

Baker, E. D.

A Question of Magic (2013)

Serafina is summoned from her village to the magical cottage of a great aunt she has never heard of and learns that she is meant to become the new Baba Yaga, whose magical role is answering the first question any stranger might ask her with the truth.

J Fic Baptiste

Baptiste, Tracey

The Jumbies (2015)

The jumbies are coming! Corinne La Mer isn't afraid of anything. Not scorpions, not the boys who tease her, and certainly not jumbies. She knows that jumbies aren't real; they're just creatures parents make up to frighten their children. But on All Hallows' Eve, Corinne chases an agouti all the way into the forbidden woods. Those shining yellow eyes that follow her to the edge of the trees, they couldn't belong to a jumbie. Or could they? Corinne begins to notice odd occurrences after that night.

J Fic Becker

Becker, Suzy

Kate the Great: Except When She's Not (Book 1-2014)

Fifth-grader Kate faces a challenge when her mother asks her to be especially nice to Nora, a classmate and fellow flute player who is sometimes mean.

J Fic Brown

Brown, Jennifer

Life on Mars (2014)

Twelve-year-old Arcturus Betelgeuse Chambers' quest to find life on other planets seems at an end when his parents decide to move to Las Vegas, but while they look for a house he stays with his neighbor, an astronaut who soon becomes a friend.

J Fic Brown

Brown, Peter

The Wild Robot (2016)

Can a robot survive in the wilderness? When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is--but she knows she needs to survive. After

battling a fierce storm and escaping a vicious bear attack, she realizes that her only hope for survival is to adapt to her surroundings and learn from the island's unwelcoming animal inhabitants. As Roz slowly befriends the animals, the island starts to feel like home--until, one day, the robot's mysterious past comes back to haunt her.

J Fic Burnett Burnett, Frances Hodgson *A Little Princess (1905)*

When Sara Crewe arrives at Miss Minchin's London boarding school, she seems just like a real little princess. She wears beautiful clothes, has gracious manners, and tells the most wonderful stories. Then one day, Sara suddenly becomes penniless. Now she must wear rags, sleep in the school's dreary attic, and work for her living. Sara is all alone, but keeps telling herself that she can still be a princess inside, if only she tries hard enough.

J Fic Cleary Cleary, Beverly *Ribsy (1964)*

Separated from his owner, Henry Huggins, in a shopping center parking lot, an ordinary city dog begins a string of bewildering adventures.

J Fic Clements Clements, Andrew *The Friendship War (2019)*

Grace and Ellie have been best friends since second grade. Ellie's always right in the center of everything--and Grace is usually happy to be Ellie's sidekick. But what happens when everything changes?

J Fic Coe Coe, Victoria *Fenway and Hattie (Book 1-2016)*

Fenway is an excitable and endlessly energetic Jack Russell terrier. He lives in the city with Food Lady, Fetch Man, and--of course--his beloved short human and best-friend-in-the-world, Hattie. But when his family moves to the suburbs, Fenway faces a world of changes. He's pretty pleased with the huge Dog Park behind his new home, but he's not so happy about the Evil Squirrels that taunt him from the trees, the super-slippery Wicked Floor in the Eating Room, and the changes that have come over Hattie lately.

J Fic Creech Creech, Sharon *Moo (2016)*

Following one family's momentous move from the city to rural Maine, an unexpected bond develops between twelve-year-old Reena and one very ornery cow. When Reena, her little brother, Luke, and their parents first move to Maine, Reena doesn't know what to expect. She's ready for beaches, blueberries, and all the lobster she can eat. Instead, her parents "volunteer" Reena and Luke to work for an eccentric neighbor named Mrs. Falala, who has a pig named Paulie, a cat named China, a snake named Edna--and that stubborn cow, Zora.

J Fic Crimi Crimi, Carolyn *Weird Little Robots (2019)*

Eleven-year-old Penny Rose has just moved to a new town, and so far the robots she builds herself are her only company. But with just a bit of magic, everything changes: she becomes best friends with Lark, has the chance to join a secret science club, and discovers that her robots are alive.

J Fic Cuevas Cuevas, Michelle *The Care and Feeding of a Pet Black Hole (2017)*

When eleven-year-old Stella Rodriguez shows up at NASA to request that her recording be included in Carl Sagan's Golden Record, something unexpected happens: A black hole follows her home, and sets out to live in her house as a pet. The black hole swallows everything he touches, which is challenging to say the least--but also turns out to be a convenient way to get rid of those items that Stella doesn't want around. Soon the ugly sweaters her aunt has made for her all disappear within the black hole, as does the smelly class hamster she's taking care of, and most important, all the reminders of her dead father that are just too painful to have around. It's not until Stella, her younger brother, Cosmo, the family puppy, and even the bathroom tub all get swallowed up by the black hole that Stella comes to realize she has been letting her own grief consume her. And that's not the only thing she realizes as she attempts to get back home.

J Fic Day Day, Christine *I Can Make This Promise (2019)*

When twelve-year-old Edie finds letters and photographs in her attic that change everything she thought she knew about her Native American mother's adoption, she realizes she has a lot to learn about her family's history and her own identity.

J Fic Dekeyser Dekeyser, Stacy *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 Del la Cruz De la Cruz, Melissa *Rise of the Isle of the Lost (A Descendants novel Bk 3-2017)*

Ride with the tide! Deep beneath the waves, King Triton's powerful trident has passed through the magical barrier that surrounds the Isle of the Lost-keeping villains in and magic out. And when Mal's longtime rival Uma, daughter of Ursula, gets wind of this, she can't believe her luck. The tide has dragged in something good for a change, and Uma is determined to get her wicked hands on it. But first, she needs a pirate crew.

J Fic Dhariwal Dhariwal, Radhika *The Tale of a No-Name Squirrel (2016)*

Solve riddles with Squirrel as he travels to the walled city of bees, the fireless tea plantation of mice, and treacherous desert full of tricksters in this beautifully written and creative debut adventure. Squirrel never expected to be anything other than a slave: the last animal slave in Bimmau. That is, until he is invited to a high profile wedding and takes a sip of the forbidden ceremonial wine, unlocking a mysterious riddle. The riddle reveals that there is a key which has the power to grant Squirrel his freedom (and a name!), but also could enslave anyone in Bimmau.

J Fic Estes Estes, Eleanor *The Moffats (Book 1-1941)*

Relates the adventures and misadventures of the four Moffat children living with their widowed mother in a yellow house on New Dollar Street in the small town of Cranbury, Connecticut.

J Fic Farr Farr, Bridget *Pavi Sharma's Guide to Going Home (2019)*

Pavi teaches other foster children how to navigate the system, so when she learns a young girl is being placed with a terrible foster family, she recruits friends to help save her.

J Fic Farrey Farrey, Brian *The Secret of Dreadwillow Carse (2016)*

A princess and a peasant girl embark on a dangerous quest to outwit a warning foretelling the fall of the Monarchy. In the center of the verdant Monarchy lies Dreadwillow Carse, a desolate bog the people of the land do their best to ignore. Little is known about it except an ominous warning: If any monarch enters Dreadwillow Carse, then the Monarchy will fall. Twelve-year-old Princess Jeniah yearns to know what the marsh could conceal that might topple her family's thousand-year reign.

J Fic Fitzgerald Fitzgerald, Laura, Marx *Under the Egg (2014)*

Her grandfather's dying words lead thirteen-year-old Theodora Tenpenny to a valuable, hidden painting she fears may be stolen, but it is her search for answers in her Greenwich Village neighborhood that brings a real treasure.

J Fic Freeman Freeman, Martha *The Orphan and the Mouse (2014)*

In 1949 and taking inspiration from E. B. White's *Stuart Little*, this novel about a 10-year-old orphan named Caro and a mouse who join forces to expose baby-napping criminals and make the orphanage a safe haven for mice reads like a classic.

J Fic Gidwitz Gidwitz, Adam. *A Tale Dark and Grimm (Book 1-2010)*

Follow Hansel and Gretel as they walk out of their own story and into eight more tales, encountering such wicked creatures as witches, along with kindly strangers and other helpful folk. Based in part on the Grimms' fairy tales Faithful Johannes, Hansel and Gretel, The Seven Ravens, Brother and Sister, and The Robber Bridegroom.

J Fic Glaseer Glaser, Katrina Yan *The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street (2017)*

The Vanderbeekers have always lived in the brownstone on 141st Street. It's practically another member of the family. So when their reclusive, curmudgeonly landlord decides not to renew their lease, the five siblings have eleven days to do whatever it takes to stay in their beloved home and convince the dreaded Beiderman just how wonderful they are. And all is fair in love and war when it comes to keeping their home.

J Fic Graff Graff, Lisa *Absolutely Almost (2014)*

Ten-year-old Albie has never been the smartest, tallest, best at gym, greatest artist, or most musical in his class, as his parents keep reminding him, but new nanny Calista helps him uncover his strengths and take pride in himself.

J Fic Grant Grant, Holly *The League of Beastly Dreadfuls (Book 1-2015)*

Anastasia, nearly eleven, is snatched from her elementary school and sent to live at a former insane asylum with two great-aunts she had never met after being told that her parents died in a tragic vacuum cleaner accident.

J Fic Gray

Gray, Kristin

Vilonia Beebe Takes Charge (2017)

Fourth grader Vilonia hasn't lost her rain coat in the three weeks she's had it and she's brushed her teeth every night and she's volunteered to be the Friday Library Helper. But all that hard work is worth it if it means she can get a dog. Besides, this dog isn't just because Vilonia has wanted one for pretty much ever. It's also to help Mama, who's been lost in one, big sadness fog for forty-three days--ever since Nana died. But Vilonia read that pets can help with sadness. Now all she has to do is keep the library goldfish alive over spring break, stop bringing stray animals home, and help Mama not get fired from her job.

J Fic Guterson

Guterson, Ben

Winterhouse (Book 1 -2018)

Elizabeth, eleven, spends Christmas break at Winterhouse hotel under strange circumstances, where she discovers that she has magic, and her love of puzzles helps her solve a mystery.

J Fic Haddix

Haddix, Margaret Peterson

The Strangers (The Greystone Secrets 1-2019)

Told from separate viewpoints, Chess, Emma, and Finn Greystone, ages twelve, ten, and eight, investigate why their mother went missing and uncover their ties to an alternate world.

J Fic Jonell

Jonell, Lynne

The Sign of the Cat (2015)

Talking cats, a missing princess, swordfights with villains, and secret identities combine in this epic tale of bravery and self-discovery on the high seas. Duncan is very smart. He also has a most unusual gift. So why does his mother encourage him to be perfectly average and insist he only get mediocre grades? His special talent is the ability to talk to cats-but Duncan longs more than anything for academic success. When Duncan rebels and gets a perfect test score, people start taking notice of him. And it turns out that some of those people may not have the best intentions . . .

J Fic Joyce

Joyce, William

Ollie's Odyssey (2016)

There is the Code of the Toys, which is as ancient as childhood. There's also the magic of becoming a child's favorite, the highest honor in the Toy World. Made by hand by Billy's mother, Ollie is a special toy, "a toy who will matter." He becomes Billy's best friend, confidant, pal, and yes, Billy's "favorite." But there are villains in the Toy World, and Zozo, the clown king, is the most feared. He and his toy henchman (the Creeps) have sworn to steal and imprison favorite toys until they forget their children and become forever lost. When Ollie is toynapped, Billy must rescue his beloved favorite from Zozo's subterranean lair in the old Carnival Place, past the park, through the woods, and into the night. Never has a journey of ten blocks been more epic.

J Fic Kalmar

Kalmar, Daphne

A Stitch In Time (2018)

Donut is an eleven-year old geography buff who keeps her taxidermied mice hidden in her late mother's hope chest. Her pops passed away, leaving her an orphan. Aunt Agnes has moved in, bringing along her lumpy oatmeal, knitting, and a plan to drag Donut off to Boston forever. Donut stands to lose everything: her friends, her village, her home, the woods, and walks where the memories of her pops are stored up. While Donut dodges the ache of missing her pops, she and her best friend Tiny plan how to keep her where she belongs.

J Fic Kelly

Kelly, Erin

Hello, Universe (2017)

In one day, four lives weave together in unexpected ways. Virgil Salinas is shy and kindhearted and feels out of place in his crazy-about-sports family. Valencia Somerset, who is deaf, is smart, brave, and secretly lonely, and she loves everything about nature. Kaori Tanaka is a self-proclaimed psychic, whose little sister, Gen, is always following her around. And Chet Bullens wishes the weird kids would just stop being so different so he can concentrate on basketball. They aren't friends, at least not until Chet pulls a prank that traps Virgil and his pet guinea pig at the bottom of a well. This disaster leads Kaori, Gen, and Valencia on an epic quest to find missing Virgil. Through luck, smarts, bravery, and a little help from the universe, a rescue is performed, a bully is put in his place, and friendship blooms.

J Fic Kelly

Kelly, Erin

You Go First (2018)

Twelve-year-old Charlotte Lockard and eleven-year-old Ben Boxer are separated by more than a thousand miles. On the surface, their lives seem vastly different--Charlotte lives near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, while Ben is in the small town

of Lanester, Louisiana. Charlotte wants to be a geologist and keeps a rock collection in her room. Ben is obsessed with Harry Potter, presidential history, and recycling. But the two have more in common than they think. They're both highly gifted. They're both experiencing family turmoil. And they both sit alone at lunch.

J Fic Kendall Kendal, Jodi *The Unlikely Story of a Pig in the City (2017)*

Josie Shilling's family is too big, their cramped city house is too small, and she feels like no one's ever on her side. Then, on Thanksgiving Day, her older brother, Tom, brings home a pink, squirmy bundle wrapped in an old football jersey--a piglet he rescued from a nearby farm. Her name is Hamlet. The minute Josie holds Hamlet, she feels an instant connection. But there's no room for Hamlet in the crowded Shilling household. And whoever heard of keeping a pig in the city? So it's up to Josie to find her a forever home.

J Fic Kerr Kerr, Esme *The Girl with the Glass Bird (Book 1-2015)*

Through a series of strange coincidences, orphan Edie finds herself at Knight's Haddon, a stately boarding school for girls. But Edie is not just another student. Under normal circumstances, she could never afford to go to boarding school. She's been sent to Knight's Haddon by her art-dealer uncle to investigate the disappearance of a precious crystal bird that belongs to his secretive client's daughter.

J Fic Krisp Krisp, Caleb *Anyone but Ivy (Book 1-2015)*

Ivy Pocket is a walking disaster, at every turn enraging and appalling the fancy aristocrats she works for. But our protagonist doesn't see herself that way at all. In fact, she's convinced she's rather wonderful, perfectly charming, and extremely talented. When Ivy finds herself abandoned and penniless in Paris, she has no idea how she will get back to England. Fate intervenes when Ivy is called to the sickbed of a dying duchess and is charged with delivering a spectacular (and possibly cursed) diamond necklace to Matilda Butterfield on her twelfth birthday.

J Fic Krishnaswami Krishnaswami, Uma. *The Grand Plan to Fix Everything (2011)*

Eleven-year-old Dini loves movies, so when she learns that her family is moving to India for two years, her devastation over leaving her best friend in Maryland is tempered by the possibility of meeting her favorite actress, Dolly Singh.

J Fic LaRocca LaRocca, Rajani *Midsummer's Mayhem (2019)*

Eleven-year-old Mira "Mimi" Mackson is a baking prodigy from a small Massachusetts town called Comity (a thinly disguised Concord). When a new bakery in town announces a baking contest for children, Mimi is excited to compete and show off her talents. When she meets a mysterious boy named Vik in the woods nearby – who helps her find ingredients you wouldn't expect in a forest in Massachusetts – she thinks it's the key to her success. But then when her family starts acting oddly, Mimi starts to wonder if the ingredients might be the cause...

J Fic Lawson Lawson, Jessica *Nooks & Crannies (2015)*

Sweet, shy Tabitha Crum, the neglected only child of two parents straight out of a Roald Dahl book, doesn't have a friend in the world--except for her pet mouse, Pemberley, whom she loves dearly. But on the day she receives one of six invitations to the country estate of wealthy Countess Camilla DeMoss, her life changes forever. Upon the children's arrival at the sprawling, possibly haunted mansion, it turns out the countess has a very big secret--one that will change their lives.

J Fic Levy Levy, Dana Alison *Misadventures of the Family Fletcher (Book 1-2015)*

The start of the school year is not going as the Fletcher brothers hoped. Each boy finds his plans for success veering off in unexpected and sometimes disastrous directions. And at home, their miserable new neighbor complains about everything. As the year continues, the boys learn the hard and often hilarious lesson that sometimes what you least expect is what you come to care about the most.

J Fic Lin Lin, Grace. *When the Sea Turned to Silver (Book 3-2016)*

Pinmei's gentle, loving grandmother always has the most exciting tales for her granddaughter and the other villagers. However, the peace is shattered one night when soldiers of the Emperor arrive and kidnap the storyteller. Everyone knows that the Emperor wants something called the Luminous Stone That Lights the Night. Determined to have her grandmother returned, Pinmei embarks on a journey to find the Luminous Stone alongside her friend Yishan, a mysterious boy who seems to have his own secrets to hide.

J Fic Look Look, Lenore *Alvin Ho: Allergic to the Great Wall, the Forbidden Pallace...(Book 6-2014)*

Alvin, an Asian American second grader who's afraid of everything, is taking his fears to a whole new level--or should we say, continent. On a trip to introduce brand-new baby Ho to relatives in China, Alvin's anxiety is at fever pitch.

J Fic Losure Losure, Mary *Backwards Moon (2014)*

A magical story featuring two courageous young witches who, with some help from a lonely farmer and a talking raccoon, brave the dangers of the city to save their valley and one of the last covens on earth from the threat of encroaching human civilization

J Fic MacLachlan MacLachlan, Patricia *Dream Within a Dream (2019)*

Eleven-year-old aspiring writer Louisa considers traveling the world with her globetrotting parents, but friendship with George helps her to see her grandparents' farm on Deer Island in a new light.

J Fic Magras Magras, Diane *The Mad Wolf's Daughter (Book 1-2018)*

In 1210 Scotland, when invading knights capture 12-year-old Drest's father, the Mad Wolf of the North, and her beloved brothers who make up his fearsome war-band, she sets off to rescue them from the castle prison, taking along a wounded knight as her captive to trade for her family's freedom.

J Fic Marcionette Marcionette, Jake *Dog Eat Dog (2015)*

Sixth-grader Jake Ali Mathews is slowly settling in at his new school and has a new best friend, Michael, but a substitute teacher arrives who instructs by having her students help with a fledgling pet-grooming company, which strains his friendship and tests his growing popularity.

J Fic Mass Mass, W. *Bob (2018)*

It's been five years since Livy and her family have visited Livy's grandmother in Australia. Now that she's back, Livy has the feeling she's forgotten something really, really important about Gran's house. It turns out she's right. Bob, a short, greenish creature dressed in a chicken suit, didn't forget Livy, or her promise. He's been waiting five years for her to come back, hiding in a closet like she told him to. He can't remember who--or what--he is, where he came from, or if he even has a family. But five years ago Livy promised she would help him find his way back home

J Fic McClosky McCloskey, Robert. *Homer Price (Book 1-1943)*

Six episodes in the life of Homer Price including one in which he and his pet skunk capture four bandits and another about a donut machine on the rampage.

J Fic Meloy Meloy, Colin *Wildwood (Book 1-2011)*

When her baby brother is kidnapped by crows, seventh-grader Prue McKeel ventures into the forbidden Impassable Wilderness--a dangerous and magical forest at the edge of Portland, Oregon--and soon finds herself involved in a war among the various inhabitants.

J Fic Messner Messner, Kate *Manhunt (Book 4-2014)*

Henry, Anna, and Jose, the junior members of the Silver Jaguar Society, are on a mission in Paris to recover the Mona Lisa--but when senior members of the Society are taken hostage, it is up to Henry to rescue them while continuing to pursue the missing masterpiece.

J Fic Miles Miles, Ellen. *Rascal(Series)*

The Petersons' newest foster puppy is Rascal. He is a Jack Russell terrier, and his name fits him well. He may be small, but he can cause big trouble. Lizzie and Charles are in for a challenge. Will they be able to find someone who will care for this pesky little puppy?

J Fic Mlynowski Mlynowski, Sarah. *If The Shoe Fits (Series)*

On their second adventure through the magic mirror Abby and Jonah find themselves in the Cinderella fairy tale--and that is when things start to go really wrong.

J Fic Mull Mull, Brandon *Dragonwatch (Sequel to Fabelhaven) (2017)*

In the hidden dragon sanctuary of Wyrmoost, Celebrant the Just, King of the Dragons, plots his revenge. He has long seen the sanctuaries as prisons, and he wants nothing more than to overthrow his captors and return the world to the Age of Dragons, when he and his kind ruled and reigned without borders. The time has come to break free and reclaim his

power. No one person is capable of stopping Celebrant and his dragon horde. It will take the ancient order of Dragonwatch to gather again if there is any chance of saving the world from destruction.

J Fic Nesbet

Nesbet, Anne

The Orphan Band Of Springdale (2018)

With the United States on the verge of World War II, eleven-year-old Gusta is sent from New York City to Maine, where she discovers small-town prejudices -- and a huge family secret. It's 1941, and tensions are rising in the United States as the Second World War rages in Europe. Eleven-year-old Gusta's life, like the world around her, is about to change. Her father, a foreign-born labor organizer, has had to flee the country, and Gusta has been sent to live in an orphanage run by her grandmother.

J Fic O'Brien

O'Brien, Robert.

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH

Having no one to help her with her problems, a widowed mouse visits the rats whose former imprisonment in a laboratory made them wise and long lived.

J Fic O'Donnell

O'Donnell, Tom

Space Rocks! (Series-2014)

The thrilling intergalactic adventures of four kids in space--as told by Chorkle, a hilarious alien! It all happened because of Feeney's Original Astronaut Ice Cream. Those accursed pink bars entranced me with their sugary magic! But I digress . . . Life on Gelo was fine until the fur-headed "humans" arrived. They invaded our peaceful asteroid with their loud drill machines and their endless greed, stealing our precious Iridium to take back to their weird looking blue-and-green planet. Then the mothership took off and four little hair-heads were marooned here.

J Fic Oppel

Oppel, Kenneth

Inkling (2018)

With none but Rickman the cat awake to see it, a blob of ink wrenches itself free from a sketchbook and begins munching its way through a nearby math textbook. Ethan discovers the blotch and names it Inkling. For a time, Inkling remains Ethan's secret, but as the buoyant and optimistic creature grows larger and takes on characteristics of what he devours, things begin to get out of control!

J Fic Patterson

Patterson, James

Max Einstein : the genius experiment (Book 1-2018)

Max Einstein and a group of international geniuses use their creativity and curiosity to help solve some of the world's toughest problems with science.

J Fic Pia

Pia, Sally

Stanley Will Probably Be Fine (2018)

Nobody knows comics trivia like Stanley knows comics trivia. It's what he takes comfort in when the world around him gets to be too much. And after he faints during a safety assembly, Stanley takes his love of comics up a level by inventing his own imaginary superhero, named John Lockdown, to help him through. Help is what he needs, because Stanley's entered Trivia Quest--a giant comics-trivia treasure hunt--to prove he can tackle his worries, score VIP passes to Comic Fest, and win back his ex-best friend.

J Fic Park

Park, Linda Sue

Forest of Wonders (Wing & Claw Book 1- 2016)

This is a captivating fantasy-adventure about a boy, a bat, and an amazing transformation. Raffa Santana has always loved the mysterious Forest of Wonders. For a gifted young apothecary like him, every leaf could unleash a kind of magic. When an injured bat crashes into his life, Raffa invents a cure from a rare crimson vine that he finds deep in the Forest. His remedy saves the animal but also transforms it into something much more than an ordinary bat, with far-reaching consequences.

J Fic Pinkwater

Pinkwater, Daniel.

Lizard Music (1976)

When left to take care of himself, a young boy becomes involved with a community of intelligent lizards who tell him of a little-known invasion from outer space.

J Fic Rauf

Rauf, Onjali Q.

The Boy at the Back of the Class (2019)

When quiet, nine-year-old Ahmet arrives in their classroom, a boy and his friends fail to draw him out but try a new plan after learning he is a Syrian refugee.

J Fic Rhuday-Perkovich Rhuday-Perkovich, O.

Two Naomis (2016)

Other than their first names, Naomi Marie and Naomi Edith are sure they have nothing in common, and they wouldn't mind keeping it that way. Naomi Marie starts clubs at the library and adores being a big sister. Naomi Edith loves quiet Saturdays and hanging with her best friend in her backyard. And while Naomi Marie's father lives a few blocks away,

Naomi Edith wonders how she's supposed to get through each day a whole country apart from her mother. When Naomi Marie's mom and Naomi Edith's dad get serious about dating, each girl tries to cling to the life she knows and loves.

J PictureBk Samworth Samworth, Kate *Aviary Wonders: Spring Catalog and Instruction Manual (2014)*

In a future when deforestation and other environmental factors have caused many bird species to go extinct, businessman Alfred Wallis offers a catalog of parts for creating replacements, from hand-carved beaks to Italian-leather feet.

J Fic Slavin Slavin, David *Odd Gods (2019)*

Odonis may be the son of Zeus, but he's a little bit odd for a god. He's so odd, in fact, he's not sure if he has any powers at all.

J PictureBk Smith Smith, Lane. *Abe Lincoln's Dream (2012)*

When a schoolgirl gets separated from her tour of the White House and finds herself in the Lincoln bedroom, she also discovers the ghost of the great man himself.

J Fic Sorenson Sorensen, Virginia. *Miracles on Maple Hill (1956)*

After her father returns from the war moody and tired, Marly's family decides to move from the city to Maple Hill Farm in the Pennsylvania countryside where they share many adventures which help restore their spirits and their bond with each other.

J Fic Stone Stone, Nic *Clean Getaway (2020)*

For the life of him, William "Scoob" Lamar can't seem to stay out of trouble--and now the run-ins at school have led to lockdown at home. So when G'ma, Scoob's favorite person on Earth, asks him to go on an impromptu road trip, he's in the RV faster than he can say FREEDOM.

J Fic Tubb Tubb, Kristin O'Donnell *A Dog Like Daisy (2017)*

Daisy has only ten weeks to prove her usefulness or else be sent back to the pound. Yet if she goes back, who will protect Colonel Victor from his PTSD attacks? Or save the littler human, Micah, from those infernal ear muzzles he calls earphones? What if no one ever adopts her again? Determined to become the elite protector the colonel needs, Daisy vows to ace the service dog test. She'll accept the ridiculous leash and learn to sit, heel, shake, even do your business, Daisy when told to. But Daisy must first learn how to face her own fears from the past or risk losing the family she's so desperate to guard--again.

J Fic Travers Travers, P.L. *Mary Poppins (1934)*

An extraordinary English nanny blows in on the East Wind with her parrot-headed umbrella and magic carpetbag and introduces her charges, Jane and Michael, to some delightful people and experiences.

J Fic Tucker Tucker, Laura *All the Greys on Greene Street (2019)*

Sixth-grader Olympia—called Ollie by her best friends, Richard and Alex—is left fending for herself in 1981 New York City when her father disappears and her mother experiences a major depressive crisis.

J Fic Vlock Vlock, Rob *Sven Carter & the Trashmouth Effect (2017)*

After a horrible wipeout involving a bike, a ramp, and a chocolate-anchovy-garlic-mint wedding cake (don't ask), his left arm just...well, it falls off. But before Sven can even remove the stray anchovy from his nostril, his arm drags itself across the pavement and reattaches itself to his shoulder! That's when Sven learns he's not a kid at all, but a "Tick"--a high-tech synthetic humanoid created as part of an elaborate plot to destroy the human race. Now Sven, his best friend Will, and his tough-as-nails classmate Alicia must face down a host of horrors--killer clown-snakes, a giant Chihuahua, the stomach-churning Barf Bus, murderous roast chickens, and even Sven's own brain--to save humanity from permanent extinction.

J Fic Watson Watson, Renée *Some Places More Than Others (2019)*

Amara visits her father's family in Harlem for her twelfth birthday, hoping to better understand her family and herself, but New York City is not what she expected.

GRAPHIC

J Graphic Bell Bell, Cece *El Deafo (2014)*

The author recounts in graphic novel format her experiences with hearing loss at a young age, including using a bulky hearing aid, learning how to lip read, and determining her "superpower."

J Graphic Chu Chu, Amy *Sea Sirens : a Trot & Cap'n Bill adventure (2019)*

Trot, a Vietnamese American surfer girl, and Cap'n Bill, her cranky one-eyed cat, catch too big a wave and wipe out, sucked down into a magical underwater kingdom where an ancient deep-sea battle rages.

J Graphic Dauvillier Dauvillier, Loic *Hidden: a Child's Story of the Holocaust (2014)*

In this gentle, poetic young graphic novel, Dounia, a grandmother, tells her granddaughter the story even her son has never heard: how, as a young Jewish girl in Paris, she was hidden away from the Nazis by a series of neighbors and friends who risked their lives to keep her alive when her parents had been taken to concentration camps. Hidden ends on a tender note, with Dounia and her mother rediscovering each other as World War II ends . . . and a young girl in present-day France becoming closer to her grandmother, who can finally, after all those years, tell her story

J Graphic Liu Lui, Na. *Little White Duck: a Childhood in China*

A young girl describes her experiences growing up in China, beginning with the death of Chairman Mao in 1976.

J Graphic Peirce Peirce, Lincoln *Max & the Midknights (2019)*

Max and a group of friends dubbed the Midknights go on a quest to rescue the Kingdom of Byjovia from the mean King Gastley!

J Graphic Scieszka Scieszka, Jon *The Plant Planet (2019)*

Carbon dioxide is out of control on Earth, and the fate of humankind rests in the paws of four experimental, untested Animal Astronauts (AlphaWolf, SmartHawk, LaserShark, and StinkBug) who are seeking another habitable planet.

BIOGRAPHY

J Biography Arce, J. Arce, Julissa *Someone Like Me : how one undocumented girl fought for her American dream (2018)*

Julissa Arce explores her days in Mexico separated from her parents and her daily fears while growing up undocumented in Texas,

J Biography Bonheur, R. Macdonald, Mayrann *Rosa's Animals (2018)*

Painter and sculptor Rosa Bonheur (1822-1899) led a highly nontraditional life, especially for a woman in the nineteenth century. She kept lions as pets, was awarded the Legion of Honor by Empress Eugénie, and befriended "Buffalo Bill" Cody. She became a painter at a time when women were often only reluctantly educated as artists.

J Biography Copeland Lyons, Kelly Starling *A Girl Named Misty : the true story of Misty Copeland (2018)*

Misty Copeland became the first African American Female Principal Dancer for the American Ballet Theatre, but how did she get there?

J Biography Franklin, B. Byrd, Robert *Electric Ben: The Amazing Life and Times of Benjamin Franklin (2012)*

Learn all about the life of Benjamin Franklin, from his childhood to his golden years.

J Biography Hooper, E. Burleigh, Robert *Edward Hopper Paints His World (2014)*

As a boy, Edward Hopper knew exactly what he wanted to be when he grew up: on the cover of his pencil box, he wrote the words EDWARD HOPPER, WOULD-BE ARTIST. He traveled to New York and to Paris to hone his craft. And even though no one wanted to buy his paintings for a long time, he never stopped believing in his dream to be an artist. He was fascinated with painting light and shadow and his works explore this challenge. Edward Hopper's story is one of courage, resilience, and determination. In this striking picture book biography, Robert Burleigh and Wendell Minor invite young readers into the world of a truly special American painter (most celebrated for his paintings "Nighthawks" and "Gas").

J Biography Keller, H. Rappaport, Doreen. *Helen's Big World: the Life of Helen Keller (2012)*

This picturebook biography is an excellent and accessible introduction for young readers to learn about one of the world's most influential luminaries. With her signature style of prose laced with stirring quotes, Doreen Rappaport brings to life

Helen Keller's poignant narrative. Acclaimed illustrator Matt Tavares beautifully captures the dynamism and verve of Helen Keller's life and legacy, making "Helen's Big World" an unforgettable portrait of a woman whose vision for innovation and progress changed America-and the world-forever.

J Biography Lockwood Hannigan, Kate *A Lady has the Floor (2018)*

Activist Belva Lockwood never stopped asking herself the question "Are women not worth the same as men?" She had big dreams and didn't let anyone stand in her way--not her father, her law school, or even the U.S. Supreme Court. She fought for equality for women in the classroom, in the courtroom, and in politics.

J Biography Pele Simon, Eddy *Pele, The King of Soccer (2017)*

Edson Arantes do Nascimento, known to his schoolmates as Pele, grew up in poverty in the Sao Paulo region of Brazil. He was too poor to afford a real soccer ball, so he played with a ball of newspaper tied together with string. Yet he dominated the youth leagues and signed his first professional soccer contract at the age of fifteen. Within two years he was celebrated internationally, when he led Brazil to victory at the world cup. Known by his fans as "O Rei" (The King), Pele is widely regarded as the greatest soccer player of all time.

J Biography Roget, P. Byrant, Jennifer *The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus (2014)*

For shy young Peter Mark Roget, books were the best companions -- and it wasn't long before Peter began writing his own book. But he didn't write stories; he wrote lists. Peter took his love for words and turned it to organizing ideas and finding exactly the right word to express just what he thought. His lists grew and grew, eventually turning into one of the most important reference books of all time. Readers of all ages will marvel at Roget's life, depicted through lyrical text and brilliantly detailed illustrations. This elegant book celebrates the joy of learning and the power of words.

J Biography Thunberg Carratello, Veronica *Greta's Story : the schoolgirl who went on strike to save the planet (2019)*

The story of Greta Thunberg, the schoolgirl who inspired a worldwide climate change movement.

J Biography 920 B873 Brooks, Ben *Stories for Boys Who Dare to be Different (2018)*

This book focuses on boys who performed incredible feats and conquered their own hurdles to change the world in their own way.

J Biography 920 W187 Wallace, Sandra *First Generation : 36 trailblazing immigrants and refugees who make America great (2018)*

Celebrate the genius, diversity, and grit of immigrants and refugees in this boldly illustrated guide to 36 American trailblazers.

NONFICTION

J 292.08 C622 Clayton, Sally Pomme *Greek Myths: Stories of Sun, Stone, and Sea(2013)*

A classic collection of ten Greek myths with special emphasis on adventure and heroic quests includes Creation of the Gods, Pandora's Box, Atalanta, Perseus, Pegasus and Bellerophon, and King Midas and the Gift of Gold.

J 303.484 E13 Easton, Emily *Enough! : 20 protesters who changed America (2018)*

From Samuel Adams to the students from Parkland, march through history with the heroic revolutionary protesters who changed America. These heroic protesters were not afraid to stand up for what they believed in. They are among the twenty change-makers in this book who used peaceful protests and brave actions to rewrite American history

J 323.4 W829 Wittenstein, Barry *A Place to Land: Martin Luther King Jr. and the speech that inspired a nation (2019)*

Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream Speech" is one of the most famous ever given, yet this book gives us new insights into both the speech and the man behind it.

J 338.76 S565 Sichol, Lowey Bundy *From an Idea to Disney : how imagination built a world of magic (2018)*

The Walt Disney Company is the biggest entertainment company in the world with theme parks, TV shows, movie studios, merchandise, and the most recognizable cartoon character in the world, Mickey Mouse. But a long time ago,

brothers Walt and Roy Disney started out with just an idea. Find out more about Disney's history, the business, and the brand in this illustrated nonfiction book!

J 364.163 W875

Wood, H.P.

Fakers: An Insider's Guide To Cons, Hoaxes, & Scams (2018)

In this era of daily online hoaxes, it's easy to be caught off-guard. Fakers arms kids with information, introducing them to the funniest, weirdest, and most influential cons and scams in human history. Profiles of con artists will get readers thinking about motivation and consequence, and practical tips will help protect them from falsehoods. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is--except in the case of this book!

J 523.24 M279

Manley, Curtis

Just Right : searching for the Goldilocks planet (2019)

Do you wonder if humans are the only beings in the universe? Planet Earth is not too big, not too small, not too hot, and not too cold. It's just right--our very own Goldilocks planet. Follow a girl as she searches for another Goldilocks planet.

J 530.B878

Brown, J.D.

Science Stunts : Fun Feats of Physics (2016)

DO try this at home! Science Stunts will start a chain reaction of fun and experimentation outside the lab. Readers will be amazed and delighted as they try magic tricks that are based in important physics concepts such as gravity, inertia, magnetism, sound vibrations, and more.

J 591 H679

Hoare, Ben

An Anthology of Intriguing Animals (2018)

Discover the incredible stories and myths behind your favorite animals--whether it's how the koala got its name, or which animal the Ancient Egyptians thought rolled the sun across the sky.

J 595.7 C697

Collard, Sneed B.

Insects: the most fun bug book ever (2017)

Popular science writer Sneed B. Collard III gets creepy-crawly with many different kinds of insects, detailing their habitats, defense systems, communication techniques, and mating rituals. Colorful, closeup photos are paired with a kid-friendly narrative that boasts humor and accessible explanations about beetles, spider wasps, moths, and more.

J 597.31 M788

Montgomery, Sy

The Great White Shark Scientist (2016)

Dr. Greg Skomal, biologist and head of the Massachusetts Shark Research Program, is investigating a controversial possibility: Might Cape Cod's waters serve as a breeding ground for the great white shark, the largest and most feared predatory fish on Earth? Sy Montgomery and Keith Ellenbogen report on this thrilling turning point in marine research and travel to Guadeloupe, Mexico, to get up close and personal with the sharks. This daring expedition into the realm of great whites shows readers that in order to save the planet and its creatures, we must embrace our humanity and face our greatest fears.

J 598.51 P768

Poliquin, Rachel

Ostriches: the Superpower Field Guide (2019)

You think you know. But you have no idea...how cool and weird and amazing ostriches are! Not until you read this book.

J 612 79 S

Settel, J.

Your Amazing Skin From Outside In (2018)

It's itchy, it's sweaty, it's embarrassing...but most of all, it's fascinating! Have you ever wondered... Why you blush when you're embarrassed? Why you've got freckles everywhere ? Why your fingers wrinkle in the pool? Why your friends come in all different colors? Why mosquitoes think you're delicious?

J 617.1 W829

Wittenstein, Barry

The Boo-boos that Changed the World! (2018)

How did the first Band-Aid come to be? One day in 1920, Earle Dickson invented the first adhesive bandage by placing squares of sterile gauze on tape and covering them with crinoline. Voilà! The Band-Aid was born. At first, his invention was a flop--until the Boy Scouts came to the rescue!

J 629.43 S245

Scott E.

To Pluto & Beyond (2018)

This remarkable ship, no bigger than a piano, and using no more energy than a lightbulb, has already traveled three billion miles out to Pluto, and is continuing on to the Kuiper Belt, the farthest reaches of our solar system.

J 659.19 C978

Curtis, Andrea

Eat This (2018)

Eat This! zooms in on fast food marketing to children -- an immense industry worth billions of dollars. Andrea Curtis shows how fast food companies push their unhealthy food and beverages by embedding their sales pitches in everything

from Snapchat filters to movies, from videogames to school curriculum. An exploration of media literacy and food literacy, *Eat this!* looks at what exactly marketing is and touches on the latest strategies aimed at kids, including product placement, advergames, cartoon and celebrity endorsements and school fundraising.

J 720 P286

Paxmann, Christine

From Mud Huts to Skyscrapers: Architecture for Children (2012)

Chronologically arranged, this large-format book gives each iconic building its own double-page spread featuring an exquisite watercolor illustration and clearly written descriptions, facts, and features. These vibrantly detailed pages are filled with people, animals, and other objects that help bring the buildings to life.

J 793.73 E74

Escandell, Víctor

Sleuth & Solve : 20+ mind-twisting mysteries (2019)

Channel your inner Sherlock as you puzzle over 20+ mind-twisting brain teasers in this book of clever, inference-based mysteries!

J 793.735

Just Joking: 300 Hilarious Jokes, Tricky Tongue Twisters, and Ridiculous Riddles

Packed with the silly jokes that kids love--including knock-knocks, tongue twisters, riddles, traditional question and answer jokes and more--a fun-filled book will keep readers laughing page after page.

J 796.323 C881

Coy, John

Hoop Genius: How a Desperate Teacher and a Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball (2013)

Taking over a rowdy gym class is not something James Naismith wants to do. The students are energetic young men bored with regular games. Discover the true story of how Naismith invented basketball!

J 796.357 R18

Rosenstock, Barb (2014)

Streak: How Joe DiMaggio Became America's Hero

In the summer of 1941, Yankee center fielder Joe DiMaggio and his favorite bat, Betsy Ann, begin the longest hitting streak in baseball history. But when Betsy Ann goes missing, will DiMaggio keep hitting? Set on the brink of World War II, this is a spellbinding account of a sports story that united the country and made DiMaggio a hero, at a time when one was profoundly needed.

J 811.54 F635

Florian, Douglas

Shiver Me Timbers: Pirate Poems & Paintings (2012)

In this hilarious collection of 19 pirate poems, readers will meet scoundrels, scalawags, and scurvy dogs (human and canine). Picture book greats Florian and Neubecker will keep pirate fans laughing from bow to stern with their signature sense of humor.

J 81154 C623

Cleary, Brian

If it Rains Pancaes: Haiku and Lantern Poems (2014)

What is a haiku? It sounds like a sneeze. and isn't a lantern a light source? Actually, they are two types of ancient Japanese poetry. Author Brian P. Cleary explains how each form works.

J 910.2 T536

Thuras, Dylan

The Atlas Obscura Explorer's Guide for the World's Most Adventurous Kid (2018)

A thrilling expedition to 100 of the most surprising, mysterious, and weird-but-true places on earth!

J 940.5428 N753

Nobleman, Marc Tyler

Thirty Minutes Over Oregon : a Japanese pilot's World War II story (2018)

In 1942, a Japanese pilot dropped bombs on the woods of Oregon --the only enemy ever to bomb the continental U.S. This is the story of those bombings, and what came after, when Fujita returned to Oregon twenty years later, this time to apologize.

J 973.7115 W788

Winters, Kay

Voices from the Underground Railroad (2018)

It's the 1850s and enslaved siblings Jeb and Mattie are about to make a break for freedom. The pair travel north from Maryland to New Bedford, Massachusetts along the Underground Railroad. Each spread tells about a step of their journey through a poem in the first person perspective.

J 975.3 S965

Sutcliffe, Jane

The White House Is Burning: August 24, 1814 (2014)

In this "biography of a single day," the burning of the White House by the British during the War of 1812 is told from the viewpoint of the people who were there, including First Lady Dolley Madison, a British officer, and a nine-year-old slave. Jane Sutcliffe draws upon first-person accounts to recreate a compelling chronology of the events of August 24, 1814.