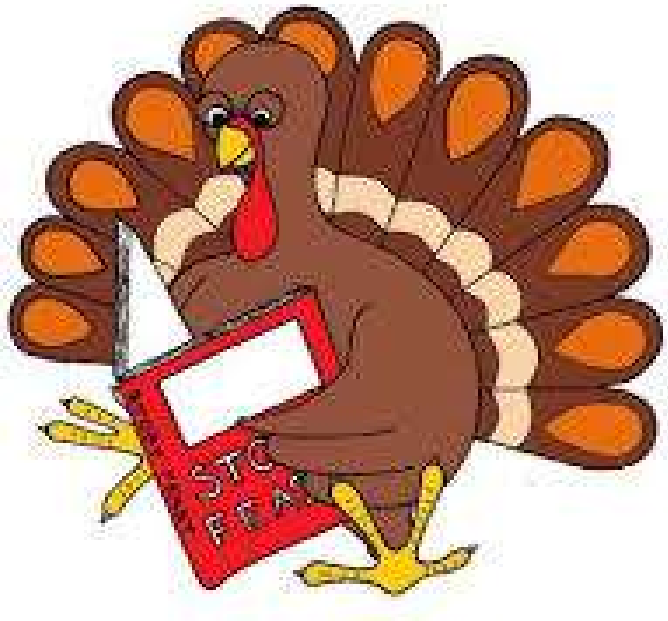
BOOK TALK



GOBBLE UP A GOOD BOOK



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Picture Book

Abrams, Stacey. **Stacey's remarkable books.** Every Thursday, Stacey finds joy in the school library and her passion for books, but when she meets Julie, a new student struggling with reading, they form a bond and inspire other classmates to share stories, fostering a love for reading together. New York, NY : Balzer + Bray, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, [2022] **P ABR**

Baptiste, Tracey. **Looking for a Jumbie.** "Mama says Jumbies exist only in stories. So Naya sets out on a nighttime adventure to find out for herself ... Naya is sure that Jumbies are real. Some have big mouths. Or thick fur. Or glowing skin. Or sharp teeth. Kind of like her new friends"-- Provided by publisher. New York, NY : Balzer + Bray, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, [2021] **P BAP**

Diggs, Taye. **Mixed me!** Rhyming text shares a day in the life of a mixed-race child named Mike as he answers questions about being mixed. New York : Feiwel and Friends, 2015. **P DIG**

Doctorow, Cory. **Poesy the monster slayer.** Once her parents are off to bed, Poesy excitedly awaits the monsters that creep into her room. With the knowledge she's gained from her trusty Monster Book and a few of her favorite toys, Poesy easily fends off a werewolf, a vampire, and much more. New York : First Second, imprint of Roaring Books Press, 2020. **P DOC**

Franklin, Ashley. **The little mermaid : make a splash.** In this picture book retelling of Disney's live action The Little Mermaid, Ariel longs to learn more about the human world and makes a deal with the Sea Witch, Ursula, to make her dream come true, but with disastrous consequences. Los Angeles : Disney Press, 2023. **P FRA**

Montague, Brad. **The Fantastic Bureau of Imagination.** Sparky the special figment agent delivers all the mail in the very orderly Fantastic Bureau of Imagination, until one day when all the unshared ideas in the world overflow and threaten to topple the whole building. New York : Dial Books for Young Readers, 2023. **P MON**

Sánchez Vegara, Ma Isabel. **Ella Fitzgerald**. Presents information about Ella Fitzgerald, from her youth mired in tragedy to her rise to stardom as one of the top jazz singers of all time. New York : Frances Lincoln Children's Books, 2018. **P SAN**

Sánchez Vegara, Ma Isabel. **Stevie Wonder**. Brief picture book biography of musician Stevie Wonder. Relates how he became blind just a few days after being born but as he grew up didn't let that stop him from learning to sing and play music. London : Frances Lincoln Children's Books, [2021] **P SAN**

Sickstein, Malik. **I grab the mic.** A young girl and her friends grapple with the nerves that comes with speaking and performing in front of a group. [Place of publication not identified] : Paw Prints Publishing, [2023] **P SIC**

Williams, Serena. **The adventures of Qai Qai.** Baby Girl has a dance recital coming up, and she can't help but worry. She's practiced and practiced, but what if something goes wrong? What if she forgets the steps or freezes up during her solo? Luckily, her best friend Qai Qai the doll has her back! When Qai Qai comes to life, they go on a magical journey that shows Baby Girl that she's ready for the stage. New York, NY : Feiwel and Friends, 2022. **P WIL**

Junior

Montijo, Rhode. **Stick together!** When Gabby Gomez's substitute teacher transforms into a giant hamster monster, she needs help from new friends and old to stop him. New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2021. **J MON**

Peck, Tiler. **Katarina Ballerina & the victory dance**. At ballet summer camp in Washington, DC, Katarina meets Ricky, who has endless talent for dance as well as for soccer. When Ricky returns home to London, England, Katarina's pen pal letters add support as Ricky tries to follow his passion and not others' opinions as he chooses between soccer and dance. New York, NY : Aladdin, 2021. **J PEC**

Van Putten, Melodye Micëre. **African dream stories**. "Nedra wanted to know. She was like many black young people who have questions about Black history and identity... Too often the answers are unsatisfactory and in a twist of self-determination, Nedra decides to dream herself a history. Were her dreams true? Her friends wanted to know too..."--Back cover. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania : Kephra Publications, [2022] **J VAN**

Young Adult

Amayo, Reni K. **Descendants of the first.** Deep cracks are forming throughout the kingdom of Nri with whispers of deadly successors lurking beneath the shadows. Despite having the same face, it seems the deepest crack is forming between Naala and Sinai, the reunited twin goddesses, who must put their differences aside as they travel through a broken Nri. As ongoing turmoil spreads throughout the kingdom, the daughters of Nri must unmask the true face of their enemy, as they discover that their unique blood has marked them with magic strong enough to restore true peace to the world - a task only they can complete. London : Onwe Press, 2021. **YA AMA**

Benton-Walker, Terry J. **Blood debts.** Sixteen-year-old twins Clement and Cristina feel lost after their father's death, but find a new sense of purpose as they work to quell the rising tensions between New Orleans's magic and non-magic communities and find out who cursed their mother. New York : Tor Teen, 2023. **YA BEN**

Fortin, Sue. **The girl who lied.** Erin and Roisin were once friends until a fatal accident ruined both their lives. Now, Roisin has discovered a secret--one Erin has kept for over a decade--and she's determined to make Erin pay for her lies. London : HarperImpulse, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, 2016. **YA FOR**

Gratton, Tessa. **Chaos & flame.** Two unlikely allies from rival factions, Darling Seabreak and Talon Goldhoard must work together to navigate treacherous House politics and ancient magic to keep their world from falling apart. New York, NY : Razorbill, 2023. **YA GRA**
Henry, April. **Girl forgotten.** When seventeen-year-old Piper Gray starts a true crime podcast investigating a seventeen-year-old murder cold case, she puts her life in danger as she digs deep into the mysteries of the past. New York : Christy Ottaviano Books/Little, Brown and Company, 2023. **YA HEN**

Len, Vanessa. **Only a monster.** Joan's world is turned upside down when she learns her family are monsters, and her cute coworker, Nick, is a legendary monster slayer who will do anything to destroy her family. She soon comes face-to-face with Aaron Oliver, the heir to a rival monster family, and they must join forces to save their families, themselves, and the world. New York : HarperTeen, an imprint of HarperCollins Publisher, 2022. **YA LEN**

Morrow, Bethany C. **Mem : a novel.** Set in a glittering art-deco alternate 1920s where the wealthy elite are able to remove their memories to exist as zombie-like clones, a debut novel traces the experiences of a first clone capable of creating her own memories whose ability to live an independent life is heartbreakingly shattered when she is summoned back to the cavernous lab where she was created. Los Angeles, CA : The Unnamed Press, 2018. **YA MOR**

Peppins, Brianna. **Briarcliff Prep.** "Avi LeBeau juggles navigating her first year at a Historically Black Boarding School with the revelation that her older sister Belle is in an abusive romantic relationship"-- Provided by publisher. Los Angeles : Hyperion, 2022. **YA PEP**

Sambury, Liselle. **The one.** Told in alternating timelines, seventeen-year-old Daisy and her mother move into her deceased uncle's mansion, only to find horrors waiting inside, and ten years later, Brittney investigates the mystery behind the Miracle Mansion that turned her mother's life around. New York : Margaret K. McElderry Books, [2023] **YA SAM**

Non-Fiction

Lightbourne, Gail L. **When I see the honey bee, I see its sting : honey bee facts.** "In When I See the Honey Bee, I See Its Sting, your child will find out about honey bee facts given from the honey bee's perspective. Turn each page to see how honeybees are very important to us as they not only provide wax and honey, but they are also responsible for pollination. Experience your child's captivation when he or she asks basic questions about the life cycle of the honeybee."-- Back cover. United States: Kingdom News Publication Services, [2023] **595.799 L**

Sanchez, Anita. **The forest in the sea : seaweed solutions to planetary problems.** "An exploration of seaweed's role in marine ecosystems and climate change solutions"-- Provided by publisher. New York : Holiday House, [2023] **579.8177 S**

Sanchez, Anita. **Save the... whale sharks**… From where whale shark habitats are found to what it's like to be a whale shark to why whale sharks are endangered and who has been working hard to save them, this book gives readers all the facts they know to become whale shark experts. New York, NY : Philomel Books, an imprint of Penguin Random House LLC, 2022. **597.3 S**

Graphic Novels

DiMartino, Michael Dante. **The legend of Korra. Turf wars. Part one.** A pompous developer plans to turn the new spirit portal into an amusement park, potentially severing an already tumultuous connection with the spirits. What's more, the triads have realigned and are in a brutal all-out brawl at the city's borders--where hundreds of evacuees have relocated! In order to get through it all, Korra and Asami vow to look out for each other--but first, they've got to get better at being a team and a couple! Milwaukie, OR : Dark Horse Books, 2017. **GN AVA**

DiMartino, Michael Dante. **The legend of Korra. Turf wars. Part two.** Recovering from the fight and furious for revenge, Triple Threats member Tokuga solidifies his ties with the duplicitous Wonyong. Meanwhile, when Republic City's housing crisis reaches its peak, Zhu Li sets her sights on the biggest public figure in the city--President Raiko--in a bid for the presidency! With her friend's success, the future of the spirit portal, and the wellbeing of Republic City's citizens at stake, can Korra remain neutral and fulfill her duties as the Avatar? Milwaukie, OR : Dark Horse Books, 2017. **GN AVA**

DiMartino, Michael Dante. **The legend of Korra. Turf wars. Part three.** Asami is kidnapped and Korra sets out in pursuit to rescue her--the problem is she doesn't know where she has been taken. The Avatar must make peace with a dangerous foe to find Asami again--and that enemy, Tokuga, has a sinister plan. Milwaukie, OR : Dark Horse Books, 2018. **GN AVA**

Brockington, Drew. **CatStronauts. Book 1, Mission Moon.** Alerted to a global energy crisis, the President consults with the World's Best Scientist, who suggests sending a special group of astronauts to turn the Moon into a solar power plant. New York : Little, Brown and Company, 2017. **GN BRO**

Brockington, Drew. **CatStronauts. 2, Race to Mars.** "With national pride and valuable scientific research on the line, the CatStronauts race against the CosmoCats and others to be the first cats to Mars"-- Provided by publisher. New York : Little, Brown and Company, 2017. **GN BRO**

Brockington, Drew. **CatStronauts. Book 3, Space station situation.** "The CatStronauts--elite cat astronauts--are aboard the International Space Station to repair the faulty Hubba Bubba Telescope, but have to contend with communications interference and a near disaster that leaves them down a member"-- Provided by publisher. New York : Little, Brown and Company, 2017. **GN BRO**

Brockington, Drew. **CatStronauts. Book 4, Robot rescue.** When Cat-Stro-Bot gets into trouble while helping the CatStronauts team with their research on Europa, the CatStronauts defy mission control and undertake a secret mission to save their friend on Jupiter's frozen moon. New York : Little, Brown and Company, 2018. **GN BRO**

Cazenove. **Cat & cat. 4, Scaredy cat.** Follows the adventures of Cat and her father who are exhausted from caring for Sushi the cat. Meanwhile, Cat must deal with her dad's new girlfriend, Sam, and Sam's son, Virgil. New York : Papercutz, 2021. **GN CAZ**

Cimino, Luciana. **Nellie Bly.** Chronicles the life of Nellie Bly, a groundbreaking female investigative reporter in the late nineteenth century, and details her early life, investigative reporting work, philanthropic work, and solo journey around the world. Highlights famous female investigative reporters that were able to become reporters thanks to Bly's legacy. New York : Abrams ComicArts, 2021. **GN CIM**

Grine, Chris. **Animorphs. Volume 2, The visitor.** Rachel is still reeling from the news that Earth is secretly under attack by parasitic aliens, the Yeerks. Now she and her friends are the planet's only defense -- five kids who, purely by chance, stumbled onto a downed spacecraft and were given the power to morph into any animals they touch. The team's best lead is their assistant principal, Mr. Chapman, who is the human host to a high-ranking Yeerk official. New York, NY : Graphix, an imprint of Scholastic, 2021. **GN GRI**

Grine, Chris. **Animorphs. 3, The encounter.** When Tobias discovers the presence of an invisible Yeerk ship, he makes it his mission to work with Animorph friends Cass, Jake, Marco, and Rachel to disrupt their planned invasion. However, he must constantly fight against his hawk instincts that threaten to take over his psyche. New York, NY : Graphix, an imprint of Scholastic, 2021. **GN GRI**