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Picture Book

Blair, Landis. **The night tent.** Watson is having trouble sleeping when he notices a mysterious light coming from under his covers which leads him down a path through a forest and onto a magical adventure. New York : Margaret Ferguson Books, Holiday House, [2023] **P BLA**

Cabrera, Jane. **The Daily Sniff.** "Ted, a dog who gets his news each day by smelling out The Daily Sniff, investigates when his town is overcome by an unusual odor, which turns out to be a skunk family"-- Provided by publisher. New York : Holiday House, [2023] **P CAB**

Cornwall, Gaia. **Jabari tries.** Jabari is making a flying machine all by himself, but when it does not work the way he imagined, he learns about perseverance and problem-solving. Somerville, Massachusetts : Candlewick Press, 2020. **P COR**

Esbaum, Jill. **Bird girl : Gene Stratton-Porter shares her love of nature with the world.** Provides a picture book biography of American writer and nature photographer Geneva Stratton-Porter. Describes her love and care of birds as a child, her career writing about birds, and how she taught herself to take photographs of birds to accompany her writing. Includes biographical information. New York : Calkins Creek, [2024] **P B STR**

Fraser, Lu. **The littlest yak and the new arrival.** As Gertie prepares for the arrival of her new sibling, she worries there will not be enough room in Mummy's heart for two yaks. Atlanta : Peachtree, 2023. **P FRA**

King, Coretta Scott. **Coretta : the autobiography of Mrs. Coretta Scott King.** "This is the autobiography of Coretta Scott King--wife of Martin Luther King, Jr.; founder of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change (the King Center); architect of the MLK, Jr. legacy; and global leader in movements for civil and human rights as well as peace. Learn about how a girl born in the segregated deep south became a global leader at the forefront of the peace movement and an unforgettable champion of social change. Resilience, bravery, and joy lie at the center of this timeless story about fighting for justice against all odds." -- Provided by publisher. New York : Godwin Books, Henry Holt and Company, 2024. **P B KIN**

MacKay, Elly. **Frostfire.** "Follow dragon-expert Miriam and curious Celeste on a magical winter's day walk through their garden, where a snow dragon just might be hiding. Elly MacKay's ... artwork and sweet sibling story will cast a spell over readers of all ages in this playfully imaginative picture book"-- Provided by publisher. Plattsburgh, NY : Tundra, [2024] **P MAC**

Robbins, Dean. **You are a star, Martin Luther King, Jr.** "Using a unique mix of first-person narrative, hilarious comic panels, and essential facts, Dean Robbins introduces young readers to a trailblazer of the civil rights movement. The fourth book in an exciting nonfiction series, You Are a Star, Martin Luther King Jr. focuses on Martin's lifelong mission to ensure that African

Americans gained their constitutional rights"-- Provided by publisher. New York : Scholastic Press, 2025. **P B KIN**

Schulz, Charles M. **It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown.** Linus convinces Sally to wait for the Great Pumpkin to arrive on Halloween. New York : Simon Spotlight, [2015] **P SCH**

Stephens, Ann Marie. **Catawampus! : a story of shapes.** Kitties are challenged to build a robot and use the wind to make it move. With circles, squares, triangles, and rectangles, the kitties do their best to tape, glue, and paste. How might these disorderly cats make sense of all these shapes and build a successful robot? New York : Astra Young Readers, an imprint of Astra Books for Young Readers, [2025] **P STE**

Syed, Anoosha. **That's not my name!** Mirha questions her name after her classmates continually pronounce it wrong on the first day of school so her mother helps her to learn the significance of her name and to be proud of it. New York : Viking, 2022. **P SYE**

Westerfeld, Scott. **Before you were here.** From sun beams to water, a young child discovers how the different ingredients of the natural world make them, and how the world connects each of us. New York : Roaring Brook Press, 2024. **P WES**

Intermediate

Schmidt, G. Z. **The curious vanishing of Beatrice Willoughby.** Six eccentric guests are invited to the home of the infamous Amadeus family where they must work together to uncover the truth behind a thirteen-year-old mystery before the clock runs out. New York : Holiday House, [2023] **I SCH**

Young Adult

Pearsall, Kate. **Bittersweet in the Hollow.** Acting out superhero fantasies on the streets and rooftops of Chicago, best friends Corey, Holly, and Savitri are shattered by a murderous act of violence that leaves two of them disillusioned and unable to move on. New York : Putnam/G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2023. **YA PEA**

Reynolds, Jason. **Twenty-four seconds from now... : a LOVE story.** In a series of moments spanning two years, seventeen-year-old Neon navigates the progression of his relationship with Aria, culminating in a case of the jitters as the two intend to take the next big step in their relationship. New York, NY : Atheneum, 2024. **YA REY**

Scalzi, John. **The Kaiju Preservation Society.** "The Kaiju Preservation Society is John Scalzi's first standalone adventure since the conclusion of his New York Times bestselling Interdependency trilogy. When COVID-19 sweeps through New York City, Jamie Gray is stuck as a dead-end driver for food delivery apps. That is, until Jamie makes a delivery to an old acquaintance, Tom, who works at what he calls "an animal rights organization." Tom's team needs a last-minute grunt to handle things on their next field visit. Jamie, eager to do anything, immediately signs on. What Tom doesn't tell Jamie is that the animals his team cares for are not

here on Earth. Not our Earth, at at least. In an alternate dimension, massive dinosaur-like creatures named Kaiju roam a warm and human-free world. They're the universe's largest and most dangerous panda and they're in trouble. It's not just the Kaiju Preservation Society whose found their way to the alternate world. Others have, too. And their carelessness could cause millions back on our Earth to die"-- Provided by publisher. New York : Tor, 2022. **YA SCA**

Tahir, Sabaa. **Heir**. Told in alternating voices, three teens, whose fates intertwine to stop the murder of innocent children, journey across two warring nations to ensure a better future for their people. New York, New York : G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2024. **YA TAH**

Non-Fiction

Calandrelli, Emily. **Stay curious and keep exploring: next level : 50 bigger, bolder science experiments to do with the whole family**. A new book of 50 bigger, bolder, next-level STEAM experiments for the whole family, including even more diverse science biographies and stories, from Emily Calandrelli, host of Netflix's Emily's Wonder Lab and author of the national bestseller Stay Curious and Keep Exploring. San Francisco, California : Chronicle Prism, [2024] **507.8 C**

Harvey, Derek. **Habitats : discover Earth's precious wild places**. "Take a journey through Earth's most amazing ecosystems, from icy seas and tropical rainforests to arid deserts and hostile mountains. Dive beneath the sunlit surface of the Coral Sea to find a reef bursting with life, or travel through the African Savanna to see powerful predators roaming the land. And as you go, discover how animals and plants adapt to their environment and each other."-- Page 4 of cover. New York, NY : DK Publishing, 2023. **577 H**

Newell, Chris. **If you lived during the Plimoth Thanksgiving**. Do you know the true story of the Thanksgiving feast at Plimoth? Carefully crafted to explore both sides. New York, NY : Scholastic Press, an imprint of Scholastic Inc., 2021. **974.4 N**

Rosenstock, Barb. **Sea without a shore : life in the Sargasso**. From bryozoans and snails to shrimps, eels, swordfish, and whales, the Sargasso Sea provides a home to countless types of marine life, thanks to the prevalence of microalgae called sargassum. Following a single blade of this extraordinary seaweed as it grows and spreads, readers see what it provides for the sea's organisms: a base for hydroids and tube worms to filter and feed, shelter for anemones and nudibranchs and their nutritious waste, hunting grounds for crabs and amphipods, and a source of nourishment and protection for the fish, birds, whales, and reptiles that feed on these smaller creatures. New York, N.Y. : Norton Young Readers, an imprint of W. W. Norton & Company, [2024] **589.4 R**

Van Vleet, Carmella. **Frozen in time : what ice cores can tell us about climate change**. An introduction to paleoclimatology and ice cores for kids, connecting the methods that scientists use to study our climate history with future climate change solutions. New York : Holiday House, [2024] **551.609 V**

Graphic Novel

Mukwa, Cameron. **The ribbon skirt.** Ten-year-old Anang wants to make a ribbon skirt, a piece of clothing typically worn by women in the Anishinaabe tradition, for an upcoming powwow, but they aren't sure what others will think since they are two-sprit and nonbinary. With the help of their friends, family, neighbours, and the spirits, Anang collects the materials they need to make a ribbon skirt. Includes back matter, a glossary, and a recipe. New York, NY : Graphix, an imprint of Scholastic, 2024. **GN MUK**