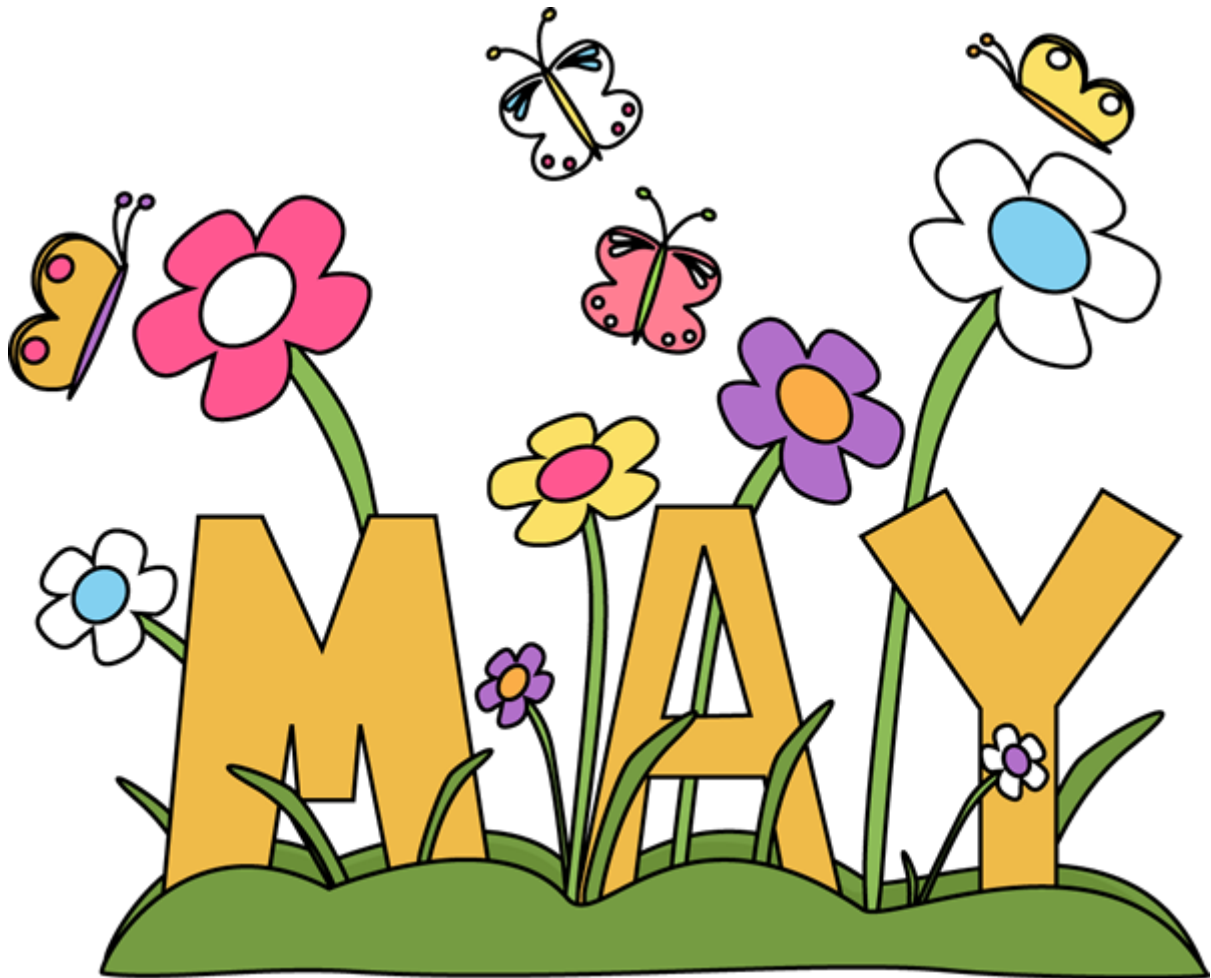


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PARENT-TEACHER

Abery, Julie. **Baby triceratops.** "Baby Triceratops explores the prehistoric world with others in his herd in this sturdy board book. On an adventure to find food, they meet a big scary dinosaur. It'll take speed and strength to escape to safety"-- Provided by publisher. Mankato, Minnesota : Amicus Ink, 2024. **PT ABE**

Ajmera, Maya. **Global baby grandparents.** "This photo-illustrated board book celebrates the special bond shared by babies and their grandparents all over the world"-- Provided by publisher. Watertown, MA : Charlesbridge, [2024] **PT AJM**

Ajmera, Maya. **Global baby playtime.** "Babies around the world play in many different ways, clapping, pointing, smiling, and sharing--and learning about the world around them"-- Provided by publisher. Watertown, MA : Charlesbridge, [2021] **PT AJM**

Arena, Jen. **Marta! big & small.** In this story that incorporates some Spanish words, Marta explores the world of opposites and animals. New York : Roaring Brook Press, 2023. **PT ARE**

Baby up, baby down : a first book of opposites. This bright, playful board book introduces sets of opposites for babies to identify, from up and down to quiet and noisy! Each pair of concepts is demonstrated with fun photographs of young ones, making for an adorable read. And Baby Up, Baby Down is perfect for bedtime, with an ending that will settle Baby off to sleep. New York, NY : Abrams Appleseed, 2020. **PT BAB**

Brisson, Pat. **Tummy time friends.** When babies lift their heads and upper bodies while lying on their tummies, they are developing crucial muscles. Unfolded on the floor during tummy time, this freestanding book will inspire infants to lift their heads to see the beautiful faces surrounding them. And best of all, your baby's curious, growing brain will be engaged right along with his or her muscles. [Thomaston, ME] : Tilbury House Publishers, [2020] **PT BRI**

Chapman, Jared. **Vegetables in pajamas.** It's bedtime! There are lots of different kinds of pajamas. But which ones are the best for sleeping tight? New York : Abrams Appleseed, 2023. **PT CHA**

Charman, Katrina. **Rumble, rumble, dinosaur.** "Set to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star", join a host of different dinosaurs over the course of a day"-- Provided by publisher. New York : Bloomsbury Children's Books, 2022. **PT CHA**

Cliff, Cynthia. **A weekend trip.** Carlo and his dog Pepin are going on a weekend trip to a seashore village. While on the trip they see familiar faces from their neighborhood and also make new friends. Follow Pepin and your favorite characters as they pack for the trip and go hiking, biking, dodging raindrops, swimming and even dancing. Prestel Verlag, Munich : Penguin Random House, [2024] **PT CLI**

Detrick-Jules, St. Clair. **My hair is like the sun.** In rhyming text, celebrates the natural hairstyles of African American children, encouraging them to see themselves reflected in the wonders of nature. San Francisco, California : Chronicle Books LLC, [2023] **PT DET**

Esbaum, Jill. **Bath time physics.** An introduction to the basic concepts of physics that centers around bath time. Somerville, Massachusetts : MIT Kids Press, an imprint of Candlewick Press, 2023. **PT ESB**

Lin, Grace. **Circle! Sphere!** "Manny, Olivia, and Mei are blowing bubbles. Manny's wand is a circle, Olivia's wand is a square, and Mei's wand is a heart. What shape will their bubbles be? Engages young children in exploring geometry and making predictions."-- Provided by publisher. Watertown, MA : Charlesbridge, [2020] **PT LIN**

Lin, Grace. **Up to my knees!** Mei learns about measurements when she plants a sunflower and watches it grow taller and taller. At first, it's only as tall as her toe, but soon it's up to knees, waist, and shoulders. She starts to wonder how tall it will grow. Watertown, MA : Charlesbridge, [2020] **PT LIN**

Lin, Grace. **What will fit?** Olivia is visiting the farmers' market, and she is searching for the right object to fill her basket. Studying items of different shapes and sizes, Olivia finds the perfect thing to buy using her spatial reasoning skills. Watertown, MA : Charlesbridge, [2020] **PT LIN**

Lin, Grace. **Where are the eggs?** "While looking for the eggs that the chickens laid, Mei searches all over her yard. Teaches young readers about spatial sense"-- Provided by publisher. Watertown, MA : Charlesbridge, [2023] **PT LIN**

Moore, Katrina. **Who's digging?** "Big jobs for little babies! Construction workers dig. Farmers dig. Paleontologists dig. And so do babies! This board book series nurtures the youngest explorers' curiosity about the world and the people around them."--Page 4 of cover. New York : Abrams Appleseed, an imprint of Abrams, 2025. **PT MOO**

Redwing, Ptery. **Dinos love donuts : yummy lift-a-flap.** Sweet and silly little dinos love donuts, and lots of other yummy (and healthy!) foods, too -- from toddler staples like nuggets and macaroni and cheese, to new favourites like tofu and hummus. Your little dino-lover will be delighted to see how dinosaur kids slurp their spaghetti, spell words in their alphabet soup, and watch at the oven door for the cookies to finish baking! Rolling Meadows, Illinois : Cottage Door Press, [2023] **PT RED**

Roberts, Jillian. **Calm.** "A quiet board book full of soothing messages to encourage adult readers stay calm and co-regulate with the babies and toddlers in their lives."-- Provided by publisher. [Victoria, British Columbia] : Orca Book Publishers, 2022. **PT ROB**

Singh, Rina. **My heart beats.** "A photographic board book that features the sounds of heartbeats from around the world."-- Provided by publisher. Victoria, British Columbia : Orca Book Publishers, 2021. **PT SIT**

Sitgraves Turner, Brook. **Hair**. Beautiful photos of real-life families showcase all the wonderful forms of hair, while poetic text builds both vocabulary and empathy. Berkeley, California : Little Feminist, [2020] **PT SIT**

Van Camp, Richard. **May we have enough to share**. A book on gratitude celebrates having food, shelter, and success, as well as the love of family and community. ." [Victoria, British Columbia] : Orca Book Publishers, 2019. **P VAN**

Vickers, Roy Henry. **Raven squawk, orca squeak**. Introduces iconic sounds of the West Coast and supports the language development of babies and toddlers. Madeira Park, British Columbia : Harbour Publishing, 2020. **P VIC**

Weatherford, Carole Boston. **Grandma and me**. With simple rhyming text, a young child reflects on the many reasons they love their Grandmother. Naperville, Illinois : Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, [2022] **PT WEA**

Weatherford, Carole Boston. **Me and the family tree**. As a young girl reflects on her family, she notices how she resembles various family members as well as how she is unique. Naperville, Illinois : Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, [2022] **PT WEA**

PICTURE BOOKS

Andrés, José Carlos. **The very hungry mummy**. "In the wilds of Egypt, something terrifying has awoken... Andages the Mummy! And she's very hungry! Can Andages feed her insatiable appetite?"--Back cover. **P AND**

Aristizabal, Michelle. **Natural labor and birth: an evidence-based guide to the natural birth plan**. "The ONLY evidence-based resource covering natural childbirth practices offering a logical middle-of-road approach to the natural birth movement. Natural Labor and Birth: An Evidence-Based Guide to the Natural Birth Plan is written to provide a reliable source of information for healthcare professionals caring for patients seeking a natural birth. Up until now, doctors and nurses who would like to work with women seeking a natural birth have been frustrated by the lack of easily accessible, trustworthy resources on this topic, and most have not been trained on how to utilize methods outside of the traditional framework. Evidence-based natural childbirth is not discussed in any unified fashion in any of the existing obstetrical texts. Natural Labor and Birth: An Evidence-Based Guide to the Natural Birth Plan seeks to end the friction between natural and traditional obstetrics care. It is unique in that it does not attempt to make a case for natural childbirth, it only seeks to demonstrate how natural birth can exist within the framework of typical antepartum care and hospital deliveries and respond to patient preferences. It teaches the skills necessary to assist a woman through an unmedicated childbirth that are not taught in most obstetrical residencies and nursing programs and provides a compilation of the medical evidence supporting alternative practices"-- Provided by publisher. New York : McGraw-Hill, [2019] **PT 618.4 A**

Bettencourt, Karlie. **Julian goes to a fiesta : a story about Azorean culture**. Follow Julian as he and his family go to the island of Terceira in the Azores for a big festa (party)! Julian learns all about Azorean culture, some Portuguese words, and the traditions that his family follows. The

book also highlights beautiful cities and things to see on the island of Terceira. Chambersburg, PA : Lightning Source LLC, [2023] **P BET**

Brantz, Loryn. **Now that you're here : a love poem your baby can see.** In this high-contrast black-and-white board book, caregivers celebrate the experiences kids of all abilities have with their loved ones. New York : HarperFestival, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, 2023. **PT BRA**

Daywalt, Drew. **The Crayons give thanks.** "The Crayons are thankful for so many things--from blueberries to night skies to life jackets to their parents and the luck that brought them all together. This humorous, mini hardcover book shows that there are so many things to be thankful for, everywhere we look"-- Provided by publisher. New York : Philomel, 2024. **P DAY**

Hakanson, Cath. **The parents' guide to explaining sex : what to tell your child and 5 simple steps to get started.** In this book, family communication and sex education expert Cath Hakanson draws on over 25 years of experience of clinical experience and improving parenting skills to offer you over 20 ways to start talking about sex with your teen or pre-teen child, in a manner that allows both the child and the parent to be comfortable and confident! Cloisters Square, WA : Sex Ed Rescue, [2022] **PT 613.9 H**

How to raise confident multicultural children. An insightful guidebook to raising a confident, bilingual, and multicultural child. [Place of publication not identified] : [publisher not identified], [2021?] **PT 649.1 H**

Ip, Sharon Emanuel. **Kaia and the sun.** Where does the sun go at night? On her Caribbean Island, Kaia watches the sun slip beyond the horizon and wonders where it goes. With her mom's gentle guidance, she discovers the sun's daily path and how its light connects us all. Atlanta, Georgia : OneLove Kids Press, 2025. **P IP**

Mind the children : how to think about the youth mental health collapse. A collection of writings from medical professionals, researchers, and journalists delving into different aspects of the youth mental health crisis. Adults' plan to make children's lives easier may actually be setting them more adrift, and to reverse the trend, we must examine the root causes. Across 11 chapters, experts explore various aspects of the crisis-including social media and screen time, the decline in institutions such as marriage and religion, and changes in attitudes around children's independence-and what parents, teachers, and policymakers can do to help. Washington, DC : AEI Press, publisher for the American Enterprise Institute, [2025] **PT 155.5 M**

Reynolds, Kate E. **What's happening to Ellie? : a book about puberty for girls and young women with autism and related conditions.** Ellie notices that her body is changing. Hair is growing in new places and there are other changes happening too. Ellie's mum helps her understand that she has started growing into a woman. Follow Ellie as she begins to notice changes to her body, this simple resource helps parents and carers teach girls with autism and related conditions about puberty. London : Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2015. **PT 616.85 R**

Reynolds, Peter H. **Never let a ghost borrow your library book: book care guidelines from the Library Secret Service.** Ramon loses confidence in his ability to draw, but his sister gives him a new perspective on things. Cambridge, MA : Candlewick Press, 2004. **P REY**

Sager Weinstein, Jacob. **Princess unlimited.** When a dragon attacks the kingdom and her parents are too preoccupied with sparkly things to help, the ever resourceful Princess Susan, with the help of some friends, puts into motion a delightfully unexpected plan. Boston : Clarion Books/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, [2021] **P SAG**

Sharpson, Neil. **Don't trust fish.** A supposed nature guide humorously warns readers why they should never trust fish, exploring their mysterious and villainous nature. New York : Dial Books for Young Readers, 2025. **P SHA**

Song, Angela. **For the fans!** Rumi, Mira, and Zoey are pop stars by day and Hunters by night. Meet them along with Saja Boys, the hottest new demon-boy band on the scene, Derpy Tiger, Sussie, and more beloved characters from K-Pop Demon Hunters. Featuring adorable, stylized artwork, this must-have, official storybook will entertain and excite fans of all ages. New York : Golden Books, [2025] **P SON**

Thorpe, Kiki. **Kong & me.** The mighty Titan and his new pal spend a day of fun and adventure exploring the many wonders of Skull Island--proving that friendships come in many sizes and no matter how different we are, no one is too big or small to find a true friend. Burbank : Legendary Comics, 2021. **P THO**

PICTURE BOOK BIOGRAPHY

Sánchez Vegara, Ma Isabel. **Bob Marley.** A picture book biography of reggae musician Bob Marley. Beverly, MA : Frances Lincoln Children's Books, 2025. **P B SAN**

EASY READER

Hallam, Frankie. **Go Team Spidey!** Meet the members of Team Spidey and some of their amazing friends, including Iron Man, Ms. Marvel, and Black Panther. With engaging, simple text, little ones can enter the world of reading whilst learning about bravery and teamwork with all of their favourite characters from the show. New York, NY : DK, 2025. **E HAL**

JUNIOR

Blom, Tracy. **Lissa loves bugs.** "Join a group of tweenaged friends -- each with their own scientific obsession! -- on a series of mystery adventures guided by a magical magnifying glass!"--Page 4 of cover. [Ashland, OH] : Paw Prints Publishing, [2025] **J BLO**

Bolte, Mari. **Animal attacks.** Provides fictionalized accounts of three historical animal attacks that describe how three young protagonists survive the threats to their lives. Includes illustrations. New York, NY : Phonic Books : DK Learning, 2025. **J AGA**

Butchart, Pamela. **The classroom cat.** Is the Classroom Cat trying to tell them something! YES! Can eating a puddle crisp make you ill? YES! Is Imaginary Margaret a bit of a prankster? YES!

So what are Class 2R going to do about it all? HAVE A LOT OF FUN! London : Nosy Crow, 2019. **J BUT**

Butchart, Pamela. **Dino chick.** The strangest things happen at Wigglesbottom Primary! When Year Two is chosen to look after some eggs that are about to hatch, they KNOW something is strange about one of them. What if it's not a chick egg, but a DINOSAUR EGG?? London : Nosy Crow, 2021. **J BUT**

Butchart, Pamela. **The sports day chicken.** Year 2 at Wigglesbottom Primary is never boring. They don't expect to run a race against a chicken at Sports Day, or eat green toxic slime at lunch (it's Halloween custard!) or that Anne Marie Moor is an ant queen and one of her subjects is called Lady Gaga. BUT THEY LOVE EVERY MINUTE OF IT! London : Nosy Crow, 2023. **J BUT**

Cardell, Eleanor. **Pompeii.** Thirteen-year-old Fabia and her brother Titus race to escape the destruction of Pompeii as Mount Vesuvius erupts. Includes discussion questions and historical information. New York, NY : Phonic Books : DK Learning, 2025. **J AGA**

Chapman, Linda. **Night shadows.** Ever since Mia and her friends stopped Aunt Carol from using dark magic to cause trouble in their small town, life has been peaceful for the girls and their Star Animals. But it seems that peace was only temporary as the girls and their Star Animals are going to have to use all of their Star Magic skills to battle the latest threat. Wilton, CT : Tiger Tales, 2021. **J CHA**

Gebhardt, Amanda. **A math class mystery.** "Meet Max, Liz, and Chen in Book 1 of the Code Breakers series as they investigate the strange happenings around their school. This decodable chapter book lets upper elementary readers build fluency with short vowels, consonant blends, and consonant digraphs, while unraveling this page-turning mystery"-- Provided by publisher. New York: Puffin Books, c2011. **J GEB**

Poh, Jennie. **A spell for disaster.** "Myrtle Stormwhisper is certain of one thing--she has given up magic for good. But when a knock at the door calls for Myrtle to pick up her wand again, she doesn't know if she can. It's been so long since she has cast a spell--what if she's forgotten how? There are lots of colorful characters at Anderson House: retirement home for witches. So grab your broom and get ready to meet them all in this truly magical adventure!"--Page 4 of cover. New York, NY : DK Flip, 2025. **J POH**

Winkler, Henry. **Bookmarks are people too!** Hank is worried about performing in the class play because he has difficulty reading lines. However, he finds a clever way to be a part of the fun, and even saves the day when things go wrong. New York : Penguin Workshop, 2014. **J WIN**

INTERMEDIATE

Applegate, Katherine. **The one and only family.** Ivan has been happily living in a wildlife sanctuary, with his friend Ruby next door in the elephant enclosure, frequent visits from his canine friend Bob, and his mate Kinyani by his side. And in the happiest turn of all, Ivan and Kinyani have welcomed a set of twins to their family! New York : Harper, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, 2024. **I APP**

Arnold, Marie. **The year I flew away.** After moving from her home in Haiti to her uncle's home in Brooklyn, ten-year-old Gabrielle, feeling bullied and out of place, makes a misguided deal with a witch. Boston : Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, [2021] **I ARN**

Baptiste, Tracey. **Carnival chaos.** When Misty moved from Trinidad to Brooklyn, she was not expecting to discover she is a moko jumbie spirit, that she and her cousins all have magic, and she certainly did not expect to discover a plot to capture magical power during the annual West Indian Labor Day parade. New York, NY : Disney-Hyperion, [2024] **I BAP**

Carmichael, Jodi. **The u-nique Lou Fox.** "Louisa, a fifth grader who has ADHD and dyslexia, wishes her overly tough teacher would disappear--then fears she has unleashed a curse when Mrs. Snyder becomes ill. Lou throws herself into the play she is writing and directing for her friends, but conflict follows when she becomes too pushy. At home, Lou alternates between jealousy and excitement as she prepares to become a big sister at last."-- Provided by publisher. Toronto, Ontario Canada : Pajama Press Inc., [2022] **I CAR**

Chokshi, Roshani. **Aru Shah and the nectar of immortality.** The Pandavas call on old friends, make new allies, and face fearsome trials as they embark on a mission to stop the Sleeper from accessing the nectar of immortality, but ultimately Aru must decide who deserves immortality--the devas or the asuras--and an unexpected answer comes from an unexpected place. Los Angeles : Disney-Hyperion, 2022. **I CHO**

Chokshi, Roshani. **Aru Shah and the Tree of Wishes.** After fourteen-year-old Aru Shah and her friends fail to keep a prophecy from the Sleeper, they undergo a rebranding campaign to prove the Pandavas's trustworthiness, but Aru believes they need to focus on finding the Tree of Wishes before the Sleeper and stopping war between the devas and the demons. Los Angeles : Disney-Hyperion, 2020. **I CHO**

Day, Nicholas. **A world without summer : a volcano erupts, a creature awakens, and the sun goes out.** Provides a nonfiction narrative account of events that took place in the years following the 1815 eruption of Mount Tambora in Indonesia. Explores the cataclysmic eruption--the biggest one in recorded history--and how it wreaked havoc upon the island and its surroundings, causing rapid global climate change, crop failures and famine, and political unrest. Describes the artists and writers documenting the time including writer Mary Shelley, who wrote the novel "Frankenstein" as a metaphor for the troubled times. New York Random House Studio, 2025. **I DAY**

Florence, Melanie. **Legends of Funland.** "In this high-interest accessible novel for middle readers, Buddy tries to impress his big brother by spending the night in a haunted theme park."-- Provided by publisher. [Victoria, British Columbia] : Orca Book Publishers, 2022. **I FLO**

Kessler, Liz. **Emily Windsnap and the castle in the mist.** When Emily provokes Neptune's wrath by finding a diamond ring buried under rocks in the ocean, he puts her under a curse that forces her to choose between being a mermaid and a human. London : Orion Children's Books, 2018. **I KES**

Kessler, Liz. **Emily Windsnap and the monster from the deep.** Reunited with her merman father and now living on an island located in the Bermuda Triangle, twelve-year-old Emily accidentally awakens the fearsome kraken and also faces a bully from her past. London : Orion Children's Books, 2018. **I KES**

Korman, Gordon. **Restart.** After losing his memory in a fall, thirteen-year-old Chase uncovers the person he was before and does not like what is revealed, but amnesia gives him an opportunity most people do not get--a clean slate. Waterville, Maine : Thorndike Press, 2023. **I KOR**

Oh, Annabelle. **Maggie and the story shadows.** Thirteen-year-old Maggie and her friends investigate her mother's disappearance and discover a world where stories are real. Los Angeles : Disney/Hyperion, 2025. **I OH**

Pérez, Celia C. **The first rule of punk.** Twelve-year-old María Luisa O'Neill-Morales (who really prefers to be called Malú) reluctantly moves with her Mexican-American mother to Chicago and starts seventh grade with a bang--violating the dress code with her punk rock aesthetic and spurning the middle school's most popular girl in favor of starting a band with a group of like-minded weirdos. New York, New York : Puffin Books, an imprint of Penguin Random House LLC, 2018. **I PER**

Perkins, Mitali. **The golden necklace.** On a tea plantation in Darjeeling, India, a twelve-year-old Nepali girl sets out to solve the mystery of her Bengali friend's missing jewellery. Watertown, MA : Charlesbridge, 2025. **I PER**

Steffan Ros, Manon. **The blue book of Nebo.** "After nuclear disaster, Rowenna and her young son, Dylan, are among the rare survivors in rural northwest Wales. Left alone in their isolated hillside cottage, after others have died or abandoned the towns and villages, they must learn new skills in order to remain alive. With no electricity or modern technology they must return to the old ways of living off the land, developing new personal resources. While they become more skilled and stronger, the relationship between mother and son changes in subtle ways, as Dylan must take on adult responsibilities, especially once his baby sister Mona arrives. Despite their close understanding, mother and son have their own secrets, which emerge as in turn they jot down their thoughts and memories in a found notebook. As each reflects on their old life and the events since the disaster which has brought normal, twenty-first century life to an end, their new-found maturity and sense of purpose contrast not only with their old selves but also with new emotional challenges when Mona sickens and dies. In this touching prize-winning and best-selling new novel, Manon Steffan Ros not only explores the human capacity to find new strengths when faced with the need to survive, but also questions the structures and norms of the contemporary world"-- Provided by publisher. Dallas, Texas : Deep Vellum Publishing, 2021. **I STE**

YOUNG ADULT

Acevedo, Elizabeth. **The Poet X**. When Xiomara Batista, who pours all her frustrations and passion into poetry, is invited to join the school slam poetry club, she struggles with her mother's expectations and her need to be heard. New York, NY : HarperTeen, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, 2018. **YA ACE**

Aguirre, Jorge. **Call me Iggy**. "Ignacio "Iggy" Garcia is an Ohio-born Colombian American teen living his best life. After bumping into Marisol (and her coffee) at school, Iggy's world is spun around. But Marisol has too much going on to be bothered with the likes of Iggy. She has school, work, family, and the uphill battle of getting her legal papers. As Iggy stresses over how to get Marisol to like him, his grandfather comes to the rescue. The thing is, not only is his abuelito dead, but he also gives terrible love advice. The worst. And so, with his ghost abuelito's meddling, Iggy's life begins to unravel as he sets off on a journey of self-discovery. Call me Iggy tells the story of Iggy searching for his place in his family, his school, his community, and ultimately--as the political climate in America changes during the 2016 election--his country. Focusing on familial ties and budding love, Call me Iggy challenges our assumptions about Latino-American identity while reaffirming our belief in the hope that all young people represent."-- From amazon.com. New York : First Second, 2024. **YA GN AGU**

Ali, S. K. **Misfit in love**. "Janna Yusuf and her friends are planning for her brother's nikah. But what started as a simple marriage ceremony is turning into the biggest event of the summer--and a chance for Janna to finally reveal her crush...or so she thinks"-- Provided by publisher. New York : Salaam Reads, 2022. **YA ALI**

Baguchinsky, Jill. **Mammoth**. Paleontology geek and plus-size fashion blogger Natalie Page lands an internship working with a celebrated paleontologist, but she realizes that in order to stand out in a field dominated by men, she must first learn to stand up for herself. Nashville, Tenn. : Turner Pub. Co., [2018] **YA BAG**

Biehn, Cass. **Vesuvius**. "In the final days of Pompeii, two boys--Felix and Loren--must grapple with closely-guarded secrets and untangle myth, magic, and memory to escape the burning city alive"-- Provided by publisher. Atlanta, Georgia : Peachtree Teen, [2025] **YA BIE**

Cho, Kat. **Vicious spirits**. "Somin and Junu are helping Miyoung and Jihoon heal from their recent trauma when a new supernatural threat arises"-- Provided by publisher. New York, NY : Penguin Books, 2021. **YA CHO**

Cho, Kat. **Wicked fox**. After eighteen-year-old Gu Miyoung, a nine-tailed fox surviving in modern-day Seoul by eating the souls of evil men, kills a murderous goblin to save Jihoon, she is forced to choose between her immortal life and his. New York, NY : Penguin Books, 2020. **YA CHO**

Davidhizar, Megan. **Gaslit**. When a night of babysitting turns fatal, a girl burdened with survivor's guilt becomes increasingly convinced that someone is responsible for the gas leak that

killed her family member--and that she was the intended target all along. New York, NY : Delacorte Press, 2026. **YA DAV**

Dennings, Hayley. **This ravenous fate.** "It's 1926 and reapers, the once-human vampires with a terrifying affliction, are on the rise in New York. But the Saint family's thriving reaper-hunting enterprise holds reign over the city, giving them more power than even the organized criminals who run the nightclubs. Eighteen year-old Elise Saint, home after five years in Paris, is the reluctant heir to the empire. Only one thing weighs heavier on Elise's mind than her family obligations : the knowledge that the Harlem reapers want her dead. Layla Quinn is a young reaper haunted by her past. Though reapers have existed in America for three centuries, created by New World atrocities and cruel experiments, Layla became one just five years ago. The night she was turned, she lost her parents, the protection of the Saints, and her humanity, and she'll never forget how Elise Saint betrayed her. But some reapers are inexplicably turning part human again, leaving a wake of mysterious and brutal killings. When Layla is framed for one of these attacks, the Saint patriarch offers her a deal she can't refuse: to work with Elise to investigate how these murders might be linked to shocking rumors of a reaper cure. Once close friends, now bitter enemies, Elise and Layla explore the city's underworld, confronting their intense feelings for one another and uncovering the sinister truths about a growing threat to reapers and humans alike"-- Provided by publisher. Naperville, Illinois : Sourcebooks Fire, [2024] **YA DEN**

Edwards, Citizen J. **Of time and light.** Veronica "Six" Ingram always thought her father had simply vanished. That is, until a strange boy appears beneath the lighthouse, whispering warnings about time, war, and a token that glows with power. Now she knows the truth: her father isn't missing-he's lost in time. [Place of publication not identified] : First Order Press, 2025. **YA EDW**

Evan, Erin. **The bone wars : a novel.** Sixteen-year-old Molly Wilder stumbles upon a set of strange bones during a paleontology summer internship in Montana's Badlands, which leads to a globetrotting trip to uncover the fossils' lineage. What Molly and her comrades come to realize is that bones like the ones they've discovered have been found before and some are willing to do anything to keep knowledge of them from getting out. San Francisco, California : Inkshares, Inc., [2023] **YA EVA**

Faizal, Hafsa. **A steeping of blood.** Arthie Casimir must rally her fractured crew and confront the ghosts of her past as White Roaring descends into chaos, vengeance looms, and love threatens to complicate everything. New York : Farrar Straus Giroux, 2025. **YA FAI**

Faizal, Hafsa. **A tempest of tea.** Arthie Casimir, a criminal mastermind, transforms her tearoom into an illegal bloodhouse for vampires, but when her establishment is threatened, she forms an unlikely alliance and assembles a misfit crew to infiltrate vampire society and uncovers a world-threatening conspiracy. New York : Farrar Straus Giroux, 2024. **YA FAI**

Faubion, Rebekah. **Lost girls of Hollow Lake.** Haunted by a disastrous school trip where three of her classmates never returned, Evie and her friends must return to a deadly island to confront a sinister force hunting them and uncover the secrets that could cost them everything. New York, NY : Delacorte Press, [2026] **YA FAU**

Graff, Lisa. **A scar like a river.** As thirteen-year-old Fallon navigates friendship struggles, family upheaval, and the chaos of the school play, secrets from her past—including the truth behind the large scar on her face—threaten to surface, forcing her to find the strength to confront them. New York : Little, Brown and Company, 2026. **YA GRA**

Ha, Robin. **The fox maidens.** A graphic novel reimagining the legend of the Fox Maiden from Korean mythology: Kai Song, dreaming of joining the warrior ranks like her father, who commands the Royal Legion, finds her hopes dashed by society's expectations of her as a young woman. When rumor reaches her that her grandfather might be the infamous nine-tailed fox demon Gumiho, Kai must confront her mother's past, her identity, and her destiny. New York : Balzer + Bray / HarperAlley, 2024. **YA GN HA**

Lin, Alice. **Fireworks.** Lulu Li's heart skips a beat when she learns her childhood-friend-turned-K-Pop-idol Kite Xu is returning to their hometown after being told to stop performing for a while, for mysterious reasons. Starstruck, nostalgic, and having to navigate jealous fans and protective family members, Lulu cannot help but wish her old friend would wake up and love her, too. New York, NY : Underlined/Delacorte Press, [2022] **YA LIN**

Lockington, Mariama. **Forever is now.** When sixteen-year-old Sadie, a Black bisexual recluse, develops agoraphobia the summer before her junior year, she relies on her best friend, family, and therapist to overcome her fears. New York : Farrar Straus Giroux, 2023. **YA LOC**

Moore, D. N. **The boy who learned to live.** Seventeen-year-old Oliver is wrenched from his life in a simulated environment in the year 2085, and must learn to survive in an outlaw society that forbids modern technology. [United States] : Avonlea Publishing, 2024. **YA MOO**

Nkera, N. Sonia. **Oracle asylum.** Ekara Amaare is the Crown Princess of the House of Blood, one of the four Crown Royals of Itakaa, and is set on marriage with no aspirations to the crown. But on the day she is preparing for the prancing Ceremony, the royal marriage ritual to find an eligible partner, the Oracle Asylum opens and the gods call for participants in the trials to choose a ruler for Itakaa. [Place of publication not identified] : [publisher not identified], 2025. **YA NKE**

Oliver, Lauren. **Delirium.** Lena looks forward to receiving the government-mandated cure that prevents the delirium of love and leads to a safe, predictable, and happy life, until ninety-five days before her eighteenth birthday and her treatment, when she falls in love. New York : Harper, 2011. **YA OLI**

Peppins, Brianna. **Briarcliff Prep : sophomore year.** Avielle "Avi" LeBeau faces friendship breakups, relationship drama, a nightmare roommate, and anxiety during her sophomore year at Briarcliff Prep. Los Angeles : Hyperion, 2024. **YA PEP**

Reyes, Sonora. **The golden boy's guide to bipolar.** "Seventeen-year-old Cesar Flores is finally ready to win back his ex-boyfriend. Since breaking up with Jamal in a last-ditch effort to stay in the closet, he's come out to Mami, his sister, Yami, and their friends, taken his meds faithfully,

and gotten his therapist's blessing to reunite with Jamal. Everything would be perfect if it weren't for The Thoughts--the ones that won't let all his Catholic guilt and internalizations stay buried where he wants them. The louder they become, the more Cesar is once again convinced that he doesn't deserve someone like Jamal--or anyone really. Cesar can hide a fair amount of shame behind jokes and his 'gifted' reputation, but when a manic episode makes his inner turmoil impossible to hide, he's faced with a stark choice--burn every bridge he has left or, worse--ask for help. But is the mortifying vulnerability of being loved by the people he's hurt the most a risk he's willing to take?"-- Provided by publisher. New York, NY : Harper, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, [2025] **YA REY**

Sáenz, Benjamin Alire. **Aristotle and Dante discover the secrets of the universe.** Fifteen-year-old Ari Mendoza is an angry loner with a brother in prison, but when he meets Dante and they become friends, Ari starts to ask questions about himself, his parents, and his family that he has never asked before. New York, New York : Simon & Schuster BFYR, 2012. **YA SAE**

Tan, June CL. **Darker by four.** "Rui has one goal in mind--honing her magic to avenge her mother's death. Yiran is the black sheep of an illustrious family. The world would be at his feet--had he been born with magic. Nikai is a Reaper, serving the Fourth King of Hell. When his master disappears, the underworld begins to crumble--and the human world will be next if the King is not found. When an accident causes Rui's power to transfer to Yiran, everything turns upside down. Without her magic, Rui has no tool for vengeance. With it, Yiran finally feels like he belongs. That is, until Rui discovers she might hold the key to the missing death god and strikes a dangerous bargain with another King"-- Provided by publisher. New York, NY : Harper Teen, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, [2024] **YA TAN**

When we become ours : a YA adoptee anthology. "A groundbreaking and must-read young adult fiction anthology written by adoptees of all backgrounds, for adoptees, that inclusively represents diverse experiences of youth adoptees..."-- Provided by publisher. New York, NY : HarperTeen, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, [2023] **YA WHE**

White, Kiersten. **The house of Quiet.** To save her sister, sixteen-year-old Birdie becomes a maid at the House of Quiet, a refuge for children whose Procedure triggered powers too terrible to live with, where she encounters aristocratic teens wielding strange abilities and uncovers terrifying threats and devastating truths. New York, NY : Delacorte Press, [2025] **YA WHI**

Williams, LaDarrion. **Bones at the crossroads.** Malik Baron, a Black teenager with magical powers, returns to Caiman University for his sophomore year, only to face new threats, family secrets, and the challenges of mastering his powers while uncovering his true legacy. New York : Labyrinth Road, [2025] **YA WIL**

Zoboi, Ibi Aanu. **(S)kin.** Fifteen-year-old Marisol, who sheds her skin every new moon and shifts into a fireball witch, is connected by a family secret to 17-year-old Genevieve, who reaches for some memory of her estranged mother, in a novel in verse based on Caribbean folklore. New York, NY : Versify, 2025. **YA ZOB**

NON-FICTION

Aillaud, Cindy Lou. **Recess at 20 below.** A look into what school and recess is like at 20 degrees below zero for kids in Alaska, one of America's coldest places. [Anchorage] : Alaska Northwest Books, [2019] **371.2 A**

Banned books. "Explores why some of the world's ... literary classics and seminal non-fiction titles were once deemed too controversial for the public to read--whether for challenging racial or sexual norms, satirizing public figures, or simply being deemed unfit for young readers. From the banning of All Quiet on the Western Front and the repeated suppression of On the Origin of Species, to the uproar provoked by Lady Chatterley's Lover, entries offer a ... chronological account of censorship, and the ... role that some banned books have played in changing history."-- Provided by publisher. New York, NY : DK Publishing, 2022. **098.1 B**

Bright, Michael. **Above, below and long ago : animals, plants and fossils in hidden places.** This nonfiction picture book for middle-grade readers takes a close look at animals and plants around the world that are in the air, hidden below ground or lived long ago. Illustrated with linocut prints. [Victoria, British Columbia] : Orca Book Publishers, [2025] **560 B**

Burnie, David. **Raindrops on a roller coaster: hail.** "Unleash your inner botanist and become an eyewitness to the dizzyingly diverse world of plants. The iconic eyewitness is back in a new and improved format to be passed down through the generations. This picture-led reference guide will take you on a visual tour of everything green and growing. Children will go on a journey through a plant's lifecycle; see a seed sprout, a fruit grow, and a Venus flytrap ensnare its prey"-- Provided by publisher. New York : DK Publishing, 2025. **580 B**

Currie-McGhee, Leanne. **Hi-tech jobs in medical technology.** "Teens interested in a career where they can work with advances technology and have a direct impact on people's lives can find many different paths in the medical field"-- Provided by publisher. San Diego, CA : ReferencePoint Press, [2024] **610.285 C**

Currie-McGhee, Leanne. **Hi-tech jobs in video gaming.** Today's video games are often visually detailed with intricate storylines and major character development. Everyone involved in the creation of these are typically passionate about gaming, and technically and creatively talented. For this reason, video gaming careers are exciting opportunities for young people to consider. San Diego, CA : ReferencePoint Press, [2024] **794.8 C**

Fleming, Candace. **Honeybee : the busy life of Apis mellifera.** Describes the life cycle of the hard-working honeybee. New York : Neal Porter Books, an imprint of Holiday House, [2019] **595.799 F**

Keenan, Sheila. **What is the story of Godzilla?** Describes the history of the film franchise "Godzilla", discussing its history, creation, popularity, and legacy in film and popular culture. Includes black-and-white illustrations, a list of statistics about Godzilla, and a foldout timeline. New York : Penguin Workshop, 2024. **791.43 K**

Knowledge encyclopedia : inventions and discoveries. From the first tools used by our ancestors to groundbreaking scientific revelations, this book answers exciting questions about how things came to be. Packed with well-labeled diagrams and an easy-to-understand glossary, it simplifies complex ideas for curious young minds. [India] : Wonder House Books, an imprint of Prakash Books, 2025. **609.1622 K**

Newbauer, Heidi. **Statues of Easter Island.** "An elementary-level introduction to the statues of Easter Island (moai), in the South Pacific, covering how, when, and why the Rapa Nui people crafted the famous wonders. Includes captions, on-page definitions, additional resources, and an index"-- Provided by publisher. Mankato, MN : Creative Education, Creative Paperbacks, [2025] **996.18 N**

Pitts, V. Peter. **Cool stuff at small colleges.** "V. Peter Pitts, "the Small College guy" has gone web surfing--again--this time taking a deep dive into 240 cool programs at 120 small colleges. Cool stuff like: Anthrozoology. Comedy Studies. Cycling. Take your pet to college. Motorsport Management. Green Chemistry. One-course-at-a-time curriculum. Automotive Restoration. Bourbon Studies. Space Science. Astrobiology. Paid summer research. Wilderness Medicine. Hip Hop and R&B--these and so much more, all at small colleges! Learning more about these cool programs will help students think creatively about their major and career choices. College administrators, always in search of "something new and different," might get inspiration from this book as well."-- From amazon.com. [Place of publication not identified] : V. Peter Pitts, [2024] **378.73 P**

Simply psychology. Covering the key psychological theories from moral development to cognitive behavioural therapy, each easy-to-read, single-page entry explains the concept more clearly than ever before. Organized into chapters covering each branch of psychology, the book maps the development of psychological study, unpacking the complex ideas from the philosophers, psychologists, and scientists who have shaped our understanding of the human brain. New York, NY : DK Publishing, 2022. **150 S**

Vermond, Kira. **The buzz on wild bees : the little-known pollinators that keep our planet humming.** "Say the word "bee," and most kids will think of honeybees or even bumblebees. But this is a book about wild, solitary bees. Think mason bees, mining bees, leafcutter bees, cuckoo bees or even oil-collecting bees. Never heard of them? Well, the fact is, wild solitary bees make up about 95 percent of the world's bee population. And for all their wildness, they're quite gentle little fuzz-buckets. Solitary bees have no hive or queen to protect, so they never swarm and most don't even sting (but if they do, it just feels like a pinprick). Not only that, we need these super pollinators for the health of our planet. Using a clear, concise language that keeps it light and engaging with plenty of silly word play, this introduction to the wide world of wild bees describes their life cycles, habitats, and behaviors -- some of which are weirder than others, such as the sweat bees that use their long tongues to lick salty sweat off animals, including humans, because pollen and nectar don't contain enough salt. It goes on to explain importance of wild solitary bees to all life on Earth (for instance, one in three mouthfuls of the food we eat depends on pollinating super powers of all bees, not just the honeybees), the challenges these bees face, and the things we can do to BEE part of the solution and help save all the bees! Includes a glossary, bibliography and full-colour endpapers displaying all the amazing-looking bees

included in the book. And of course, June Stuebe's beautiful illustrations capture in detail the incredible variety of wild bees -- from the bright blue body of the blueberry bee to the black and white spots of the domino cuckoo bee."-- Provided by publisher. Toronto, ON : Owlkids Books, 2025. **595.799 V**

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Dempsey, Sheena. **Pablo and Splash.** Pablo and Splash, best-friend Antarctic penguins with contrasting personalities, set off for a vacation but end up in a time-travel machine that takes them back to the dinosaur age, and must find a way to get back home before they become dino snacks. New York : Bloomsbury Children's Books, [2024] **GN DEM**

Dempsey, Sheena. **Pablo and Splash : frozen in time.** Best friend penguins Pablo and Splash travel back 60,000 years to Northern Europe during the Ice Age to rescue their friend, Professor O'Brien. New York : Bloomsbury Children's Books, [2024] **GN DEM**

FAIRY TALE/MYTHOLOGY

Curtis, Kenny. **Greeking out. Tales from the underworld : ghostly myths from the globe : an official podcast tie-in.** This middle-grade book contains 20 myths from around the world that focus on life, death, and the underworld. All are told in the voice of the popular Greeking Out podcast. The stories are accompanied by factual sidebars and interstitials that provide context on the myths. Washington, D.C. : National Geographic, [2025] **M CUR**

Saunders, Catherine. **Disney princess enchanted character guide.** Now updated with Moana and Raya, turn the pages of this enchanting guide to follow the wonderful tales of the Disney Princesses. From Tiana and Merida to Belle and Ariel, follow their captivating stories, meet their friends and foes, find out fun facts, and feast your eyes on beautiful pictures from these magical worlds. The Disney Princess Enchanted Character Guide is perfect for young fans to learn more about their favourite characters. New York, NY : DK Publishing, 2025. **FT SAU**

BIOGRAPHY

Heiligman, Deborah. **Vincent and Theo : the Van Gogh brothers.** "The true story of the relationship between brothers Theo and Vincent van Gogh"-- Provided by publisher. New York : Henry Holt and Company, 2017. **B VAN**

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Garcia, Emma. **My first 100 dino words : in English and Spanish.** "Roar! Let's journey back to prehistoric times as we bridge two languages to meet the creatures that roamed our Earth millions and millions of years ago. From gigantic dinos and fast dinos to discovery tools, fossils, and much more, your little ones will be immersed into the fascinating world of dinosaurs"--Page 4 of cover. [Los Angeles, California] : Lil Libros, LLC, 2024. **S GAR**

Rodríguez, Patty. **La Catrina : numbers = números.** Bilingual English-Spanish board book introduces numbers and objects associated with the Day of the Dead celebration. [Los Angeles, California] : Lil Libros, LLC, 2021. **S ROD**

Simões, Angela. **Uma casa Portuguesa = a Portuguese home.** The song "Uma Casa Portuguesa" is one of the most well known and iconic songs for the Portuguese community across the globe. This book documents the lyrics of the song, along with the English translation to help the Portuguese Diaspora have a better understanding and appreciation for the song. The delightful illustrations bring the lyrics and the story to life, to portray the simplicity and happiness of "A Portuguese Home." Chambersburg, PA : Lightning Source LLC, [2023] **PO SIM**

Smith, Angela Yuriko. **12 bedtime stories in Portuguese and English.** Experience the joy of bedtime through twelve unique tales written in both Brazilian Portuguese and English. You and your child will share a variety of fun and heartwarming moments while learning important key phrases and vocabulary. A great resource for your little one to learn language skills during their early childhood years. [Place of publication not identified] : Kyra Starr, [2023] **PO SMI**