

BOOK TALK

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Book Talk

PARENT-TEACHER

Alexander, Lori. **You are getting sleepy.** Tick-tock, peek at the clock... It's time for sleep, sweet baby! New York : Cartwheel Books, an imprint of Scholastic, [2022] **PT ALE**

Ayala-Kronos, Chris. **The pronoun book.** "They, she, he ... all together, us! Join along in this vibrant board book's joyful celebration of people and their pronouns."-- Provided by publisher. New York, NY : Clarion Books, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, [2022] **PT AYA**

Bain, Ken. **Head and shoulders.** "Children are eager learners, but many find school alienating. How can parents nurture kids' natural curiosity? Educators Ken Bain and Marsha Marshall Bain show that by creating a "learning household" that encourages creativity and resourcefulness, parents can help bring the joy of learning back to the classroom"-- Provided by publisher. Cambridge, Massachusetts : The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2025. **PT 371.192 B**

Brown, Margaret Wise. **The little fisherman.** Follows a big fisherman and a little fisherman working at sea. [Yarmouth, MA] : Islandport Press, 2020. **PT BRO**

Diamond, Rebekah. **Parent like a pediatrician : all the facts, none of the fear.** With authoritative up-to-date research and real-world advice on the myriad obstacles facing moms, dads, and caregivers, Dr. Diamond unpacks the whys behind the facts to empower your best parental instincts. From safe-sleep guidelines, breast feeding, and binky addiction to sensory developmental activities, baby products, and the final--and 100% evidence-based--word on the vaccination debate, Dr. Diamond helps parents cultivate the clarity and sound decisions you need to lessen the anxiety (for parent and baby) around what should be the joyful, connecting early months of life. New York, NY : Citadel Press, Kensington Publishing Corp., [2022] **PT 649.122 D**

Elmquist, Laurie. **City baby.** A poetic board book that reminds baby of all the joys of living in a bustling big city. [Victoria, British Columbia] : Orca Book Publishers, [2021] **PT ELM**

Fuente-Lau, Shuli de la. **How we eat.** This book celebrates all the different ways we eat (such as with spoons, chopsticks, and GI tubes), helping families and educators discuss ability, culture, and food. Berkeley, CA : Little Feminist LLC, 2022. **PT FUE**

Geron, Eric. **Hot Wheels let's race : 5-minute stories.** Meet a daring group of kids who have accepted the challenge to work together as a team and become Hot Wheel Racers. In these five stories, readers will discover if the legendary Bone Shaker is haunting the Ultimate Garage, how sweet it really is to drive the Donut Drifter, the speediest way to

defeat a giant octopus, and so much more. [Hawthorne, California] : Mattel Press, [2024] **PT FIV**

Gehl, Laura. **Baby paleontologist.** A baby paleontologist digs for fossils, discovering plants and animals that lived long ago. New York, NY : HarperFestival, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, [2020] **PT GEH**

Hakanson, Cath. **The sex education answer book : by the age responses to tough questions kids ask parents about sex.** This book is the easy and awkwardness-free reference that'll demystify sex for both parent and child.. Cloisters Square, WA : Sex Ed Rescue, [2020] **PT 649.65 H**

Hello, baby : say hello in 15 languages. Say hello in fifteen different languages as babies all over the world play and enjoy their day. New York, NY : Little Bee Books, [2023] **PT HEL**

I see you, baby! I see you, baby! I see you reading, smiling, playing, and so much more! Enjoy all the exciting baby can do in this delightful board book filled with bright photographs of adorable babies. Oakville ON, Canada : Flowerpot Press, 2023. **PT ISE**

LEGO City. Construction site : a push, pull and slide book. Make the LEGO bricks move - tip your bricks out of the dumper trucks, lift them up and put them down with your crane and then slide the scene-changing mechanism to see what you have built - all in a day's work! New York, NY : MacMillan Children's Books, 2025. **PT LEG**

LEGO City. Fire station : a push, pull and slide book. The Fire Chief and her crew need your help! Young LEGO fans can bring the fire station to life as they push, pull and slide the tabs in this cool board book. Open the fire station doors, make the helicopter take off and then slide the scene-changing mechanism to drive off in the fire engine - all in a day's work for brave little heroes! New York, NY : MacMillan Children's Books, 2025. **PT LEG**

LEGO City. Space mission : a push, pull and slide book. The LEGO City astronauts are on a mission! Little LEGO fans can help fly a spaceship and land safely on the moon as they push, pull and slide the tabs in this cool board book. Helps budding astronauts to enhance motor skills, develop hand-eye coordination, play as they read, and be imaginative. New York, NY : MacMillan Children's Books, 2025. **PT LEG**

Mitchell, Dolisha. **How we play.** "Celebrates all the diverse ways we play (from music and movement, to nature and art), helping parents and educators discuss how our bodies work differently, and advocate for inclusive play!"-- Provided by publisher. Berkeley, CA : Little Feminist, [2024] **PT MIT**

Mother Moon. **The belly song.** "With millions of listens around the world, Mother Moon's uplifting song about body positivity and neutrality is a perfect introduction for babies and toddlers. With a QR code link to the song, irresistible illustrations, and a

powerful message of love, acceptance, and kindness to our bodies, this board book is a great gift for any growing library."-- Provided by publisher. New York : Little Bee Books, [2024] **PT MOT**

Pinkney, Andrea Davis. **Count to love!** This charming board book from the New York times best-selling and award-winning duo celebrates sweet baby love with bouncing, rhythmic text and whimsical illustrations. New York, NY : Cartwheel Books, an imprint of Scholastic, [2021] **PT PIN**

Pinkney, Andrea Davis. **Hello, beautiful you!** "Get ready for sweet togetherness as you snuggle up with your little one and show them how truly extraordinary and beautiful they are. With bouncing, rhythmic text from New York Times bestselling author Andrea Davis Pinkney and tender, charming illustrations from Caldecott Honor and Coretta Scott King Award-winning illustrator Brian Pinkney, this joyful celebration is the perfect way to rejoice and teach your child that they too, can spread their light!"-- Provided by publisher. New York, NY : Cartwheel Books, an imprint of Scholastic, [2021] **PT PIN**

Plourde, Lynn. **Go, grandpa, go!** "Grandpa is on the go in this charming board book! From pulling the wagon, to swinging on swings, to splashing in puddles, grandpa and grandchild are always having a blast! This board book perfectly captures the special bond that grandfathers have with their grandchildren."-- Provided by publisher. New York : Little Simon, an imprint of Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing Division, [2020] **PT PLO**

Schindel, John. **The babies and kitties book.** Babies and kitties love to do a lot of the same things. Boston : Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, [2020] **PT SCH**

Sevigny, Alisha. **Give me a snickle!** A photographic board book that celebrates words made up to express love and joy. [Victoria, British Columbia] : Orca Book Publishers, 2022. **PT SEV**

Sobotka, Amanda. **Ten little dinosaurs : a counting storybook.** Using a creative, hands-on approach to counting, this inventive board book uses tactile dinosaur buttons to help children count how many little dinosaurs are left as the story progresses. Nashville, Tennessee Applesauce Press, 2024. **PT SOB**

Turner, Brook Sitgraves. **Celebrations.** This book helps families and educators discuss belief systems, ceremonies, and holidays to spread love and understanding for all faiths. Berkeley, CA : Little Feminist, [2022] **PT TUR**

Waller, Victoria E. **Yes! Your child can : creating success for children with learning differences.** "Help and hope for parents of children with learning differences. Every child can succeed in school and life, but some children need more help than others. For over 40 years, internationally acclaimed reading specialist and student advocate Dr. Victoria E. Waller has helped children who have trouble reading, who can't sit still in class, who don't feel like they can participate-children whom teachers have all but given up on. In

Yes! Your Child Can, Dr. Waller shares with parents, teachers, and therapists her proven techniques to create success for children with learning differences and draw out the singular genius within your child. In compassionate, nontechnical, easy-to-understand language, Yes! Your Child Can gives step-by-step guidance on how to help your child achieve in school and build lifelong intellectual confidence. Drawing on the latest science and her own wide-ranging experience, Dr. Waller explains why it's important to pay attention to your first gut feeling that your child may need extra help and shows how to navigate testing, medication, and choosing a team to help your child. Most importantly, Yes! Your Child Can shows you how to use your child's natural strengths and passions to build their academic, social, and personal confidence. Dr. Waller empowers parents to let their children follow their own interests, whether that's learning about sharks, reading to the dog, or building with Legos and writing about their creations. With Dr. Waller's help, learning can be motivating and fun. Dr. Waller's techniques are smart, caring, and effective with any child, no matter their current or past educational difficulties. Respectful, compassionate, and offering real help, Yes! Your Child Can is the first book every parent of a child with learning differences should read"-- Provided by publisher. Fresno, California : Quill Driver Books, [2022] **PT 371.926 W**

Wynter, Anne. **Hands on!** An encouraging board book follows the first steps of a curious baby. New York : Balzer + Bray, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, [2022] **PT WYN**

Young, Jessica. **Baby's here!** Rhyming text and sweet illustrations for little ones who love babies or are welcoming a new sibling themselves. New York, NY : Clarion Books, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, [2022] **PT YOU**

Zollman, Alan. **STEM SMART parenting : a practical guide for nurturing innovative thinkers.** STEM SMART Parenting is an easy-to-understand, invaluable resource for parents, unpacking and translating the research of STEM learning into a practical how-to guide. With real-life examples, daily activities, and key takeaways, this book shows parents how to prepare their child, from toddlers to teenagers, for a STEM-driven world. Lanham : Rowman & Littlefield, [2025] **PT 155.41 Z**

PICTURE BOOK

Awan, Jashar. **Every Monday Mabel.** Every Monday Mabel takes her breakfast outside and waits for her favorite part of the week: the garbage truck. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, [2025] **P AWA**

Becker, Shelly. **Even superheroes have bad days.** A group of superheroes has a bad day and learns to cope with their emotions. New York : Sterling Children's Books, [2016] **P BEC**

Beckmeyer, Drew. **Stalactite & Stalagmite : a big tale from a little cave.** Two little mineral piles, Stalactite and Stalagmite, foster a friendship over millions of years as they

grow closer together, figuratively and literally. New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, [2025] **P BEC**

Burgess, Matthew. **Fireworks**. When two children wake on a hot day to celebrate Independence Day, they partake in a host of traditions from a parade, to icy watermelon, to dancing to music. When darkness falls, the anticipation grows for the fireworks show--and it does not disappoint--as pops and booms fill the sky with sparkling light before the tired children return home to sleep. New York : Clarion Books, 2025. **P BUR**

Forsythe, Matthew. **Aggie and the ghost**. Aggie's enthusiasm about living alone wanes when she discovers her house is haunted. New York, N.Y. : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, [2025] **P FOR**

Handford, Martin. **Where's Waldo? : the great games speed search**. Think you can beat a friend at finding Waldo? Challenge accepted! The spotlight is on sports, games, and contests in another adrenaline-pumping special-format adventure. Somerville, Massachusetts : Candlewick Press, [2024] **P HAN**

Handford, Martin. **Where's Waldo? : the mighty magical mix-up**. "Wizard Whitebeard has lost his magic staff, and it's stirring up mischief everywhere. Dragons are making a spectacle at the seaside, robots have crash-landed in the Stone Age, dinosaurs are wandering in the Wild West, there's a sticky situation at a castle made of cake. The magical mayhem seems unstoppable! Follow Waldo and his friends on a quest to find the sneaky staff and unravel this mighty mess"-- Provided by publisher. Somerville, Massachusetts : Candlewick Press, [2024] **P HAN**

Ho, Joanna. **Becoming boba**. Mindy is the first baby in Milk Tea Town whose colours are different, but as more are born they band together to study history and learn what it really means to be "boba". New York, NY : Orchard Books, an imprint of Scholastic Inc., [2025] **P HO**

Ho, Joanna. **Eyes that kiss in the corners**. A self-confident and strong young girl recounts how she shares her eyes--and so much more--with her mother, her amah and her little sister. [New York, New York] : Harper an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, [2021] **P HO**

Kang, Angie. **Our lake**. Two grieving brothers visit the lake their father took them to for the first time. New York, New York : Kokila, 2025. **P KAN**

Lang, Suzanne. **Grumpy monkey : don't be scared**. It's Halloween, and Jim Panzee and his jungle friends set out to get some treats. But with spooky sounds around every corner, Jim and his friend must find the courage to continue on their trick-or-treating mission. New York : Random House Studio, [2023] **P LAN**

Laymon, Kiese. **City summer, country summer**. Three African American boys, including one visiting from New York, form a meaningful connection during a summer

trip to rural Mississippi. New York, N.Y. : Kokila, an imprint of Penguin Random House, LLC, [2025] **P LAY**

Mandin, Christy. **Millie Fleur saves the night.** Millie Fleur bakes delicious moon pies and convinces the townspeople of Garden Glen to welcome the dark by visiting a fragrant moon garden and noticing beautiful night creatures. New York : Orchard Books, an imprint of Scholastic Inc., 2025. **P MAN**

Peña, Zeke. **Sundust.** "A look at the author's hometown of El Paso, where the sun reigns over the vast desert and shapes all that it touches"-- Provided by publisher. New York, N.Y. : Kokila, an imprint of Penguin Random House LLC, 2025. **P PEN**

Ramsey, Calvin A. **The library in the woods.** When Junior moves to Roxboro, North Carolina, in 1959, new friends bring him to an incredible place: the Negro Library. Minneapolis : Carolrhoda Books, [2025] **P RAM**

Reul, Sarah Lynne. **Beansprout.** A child plants a mystery seed for a class project and is disappointed when nothing sprouts, but rescues the remaining seeds and decides to plant them. Watertown, MA : Charlesbridge, [2025] **P REU**

Thompkins-Bigelow, Jamilah. **Salat in secret.** "In this beautiful story of community, family, and acceptance, a boy named Muhammad receives a special salat rug on his seventh birthday. Seven is the age when Muslim children are encouraged to pray, and Muhammad is determined to do all five daily prayers on time. But one salat occurs during the school day--and he's worried about being seen praying at school. His father parks his truck to worship in public places, and people stare at and mock him. Will the same thing happen to Muhammad? In the end, with help from his teacher, he finds the perfect place to pray"-- Provided by publisher. New York : Random House Studio, [2023] **P THO**

Webster, Christy. **Ghost-Spider.** "Marvel's Ghost-Spider spins an action-packed web in her first-ever Little Golden Book! In another part of the Spider-Verse, Gwen Stacy gets bitten by a radioactive spider instead of Peter Parker. Gaining amazing spider-like super-powers, she swings into action as the Super Hero Ghost-Spider--while also rocking out in a too-cool all-girl rock band"-- Provided by publisher. New York : Golden Books, [2023] **P WEB**

Westbrook, Pasha. **Braided roots : the interweaving of history, family, and a father's love.** "As a little girl's father loving braids her hair, he shares with his daughter the strength and resilience of their ancestors, Freedmen who walked the Trail of Tears from Mississippi to Oklahoma"-- Provided by publisher. New York : Orchard Books, an imprint of Scholastic Inc., 2025. **P WES**

PICTURE BOOK BIOGRAPHY

Weatherford, Carole Boston. **André : André Leon Talley - a fabulously fashionable fairy tale.** Provides a picture book biography of gay, African American fashion king

Andre Leon Talley who overcame abuse, bullying, homophobia, and racism to build a life around French fashion. Includes an author's note, a list of influences, a fashion glossary, and resources. New York : Henry Holt and Company, 2025. **P B TAL**

EASY READER

Agostini, Alliah L. **We dig fossils.** Ava loves fossils, but she finds none in her backyard, at the park, or at the beach. So she and her family visit a fossil park, and Ava finally finds a fossil of her own. New York : Random House, 2025. **E AGO**

Buller, Laura. **The great panda tale.** Introduces readers to pandas, describing the care of the panda mother and the lives of panda cubs. New York, NY : DK, 2023. **E BUL**

Kessler, Liz. **Dolphin rescue.** Discovering Sea Park is not what it seems after rescuing a pair of dolphins caught in nets, best mer-friends Emily, Shona and Aaron must show the boat's crew that sea animals should be playing free, not in a tank. Somerville, Massachusetts : Candlewick Press, 2024. **E KES**

Kessler, Liz. **Shona finds her voice.** It's almost time for the Shiprock School talent show, and Shona Silkfin loves to sing, but she's too nervous to sign up. With some encouragement from her best friend, Emily Windsnap, Shona agrees to participate. The day of the show, Shona is still nervous, but she finds the confidence to sing in front of everyone at school. Somerville, Massachusetts : Candlewick Press, 2022. **E KES**

Kessler, Liz. **The truth about Aaron.** When a mysterious ship docks at the castle, summer Aaron and his friends Emily Windsnap and Shona Silkfin embark on an adventure to retrieve Aaron's trident pendant. They soon discover a surprising family secret that changes everything Aaron thought he knew about himself. Somerville, Massachusetts : Candlewick Press, 2023. **E KES**

Lee, Anthony J. **This is Ghost-Spider.** "Gwen Stacy, aka Ghost-Spider, and her band The Mary Janes are playing a fundraiser for their local science library. Their rocking out is interrupted by Rhino, as he makes a run for it with all the money they've raised! Ghost-Spider swings in and saves the day"-- Provided by publisher. Los Angeles, California : Marvel, 2024. **E LEE**

March, Julia. **Pet pals.** Meet Paisley and her pet bunny Melody, Nova and her rescue pup Pickle, Leo and his cat Churro, and all the others. Join them as they visit the vet and pet salon, go on fun outings, and learn all about how to look after their animal friends. New York, NY : DK, 2026. **E MAR**

JUNIOR

Angleberger, Tom. **The strange case of Origami Yoda.** Sixth-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really

predict the future. Includes instructions for making Origami Yoda. New York : Amulet Books, 2015. **J ANG**

Mara, Maddy. **Aisha the sapphire treasure dragon.** Aisha, who draws power from sapphires, and her friends Mei and Quinn are the Treasure Dragon Girls who turn into dragons to protect the Magic Forest from harm. Now the evil Shadow Queen and her sprites have stolen the Magic Mirror from the Magic Forest's secret vault, and if the girls can't get it back, it could be winter in the Magic Forest forever. New York, NY : Scholastic Inc., 2021. **J MAR**

Mara, Maddy. **Azmina the gold glitter dragon.** Azmina, Willa, and Naomi are thrilled to learn they're Glitter Dragon Girls. Summoned to the Magic Forest by its magnificent ruler, the Tree Queen, the girls quickly find out their dragon-selves have unbelievable abilities...As Dragon Girls, they are sworn protectors of the forest and must help keep it safe from the troublesome Shadow Sprites, who are determined to take the forest's magic for their own. New York, NY : Scholastic Inc., 2021. **J MAR**

Mara, Maddy. **Mei the ruby treasure dragon.** As the Treasure Dragon Girls, Mei, Aisha, and Quinn have the ability to turn into powerful dragons. The girls soon embark on a dangerous mission to find the ancient "Forest Book" in order to learn about the history of the Magic Forest and keep it safe. New York, NY : Scholastic Inc., 2021. **J MAR**

Mara, Maddy. **Naomi the rainbow glitter dragon.** "Naomi loves being a Glitter Dragon Girl. She can fly above treetops and roar glittery bursts of magic. Best of all, she and the other Glitter Dragons are keeping their beloved Magic Forest safe from the Shadow Sprites. But all is not as it seems in this special place. The Shadow Sprites' power is growing. . . and they may not be alone. Naomi must harness all the dragon magic she's learned to lead the Glitter Dragon Girls against this new threat"-- Provided by publisher. New York, NY : Scholastic Inc., 2021. **J MAR**

Mara, Maddy. **Quinn the jade treasure dragon.** Quinn, Aisha, and Mei--the Treasure Dragon Girls--have learned to transform into dragons of power while visiting the Magic Forest. Now tasked with helping the forest's Tree Queen protect her realm from the Shadow Sprites, the Dragon Girls have their work cut out for them--especially when the Heartstring Violin goes missing. Quinn's jade dragon powers will be needed to rescue the violin from the Sprites. New York, NY : Scholastic Inc., 2021. **J MAR**

Mara, Maddy. **Willa the silver glitter dragon.** "Willa and her friends have a powerful magic inside of them--they each have the ability to transform into a Glitter Dragon Girl...The troublesome Shadow Sprites are after the Tree Queen's magic again, and it can only be saved by a special potion. The Dragon Girls must work together to gather all of the ingredients. Willa is leading their quest, but she's scared of what might happen if they don't succeed"-- Provided by publisher. New York, NY : Scholastic Inc., 2021. **J MAR**

INTERMEDIATE

Águila, María Dolores. **A sea of lemon trees : the Corrido of Roberto Alvarez.** Based on a true story, twelve-year-old Roberto Alvarez becomes the lead plaintiff in a 1931 lawsuit challenging school segregation in Lemon Grove, California, and stands up for justice with the support of his Mexican American community. New York, NY : Roaring Brook Press, 2025. **I AGU**

Applegate, Katherine. **Pocket Bear.** "Thimble-born from tip to toe, Pocket Bear remembers every moment of his becoming--the glimmering needle, the silken thread, the tender hands as each careful stitch brought him closer to himself. Born during the throes of WWI, he was designed to fit into the pocket of a soldier's jacket, eyes sewn a bit higher than normal so that he always gazed upward. That way, glancing at his pocket, a soldier would see an endearing token of love from someone back home, and, hopefully, a good luck charm. Now, over a century later, Pocket serves as unofficial mayor of Second Chances Home for the Tossed and Treasured, where stuffed toy animals are refurbished and given a fresh opportunity to be loved. He and his best feline friend Zephyrina, known far and wide as 'The Cat Burglar,' have seen it all, and then some"-- Provided by publisher. New York, NY : Feiwel and Friends, an imprint of Macmillan Publishing Group, LLC, 2025. **I APP**

Arnold, Marie. **Split the sky.** "In a town with growing racial tension, a young Black girl must use her powers of foresight to save an unarmed teen from being killed"-- Provided by publisher. New York : Little, Brown and Company, 2025. **I ARN**

Barnes, Derrick. **The incredibly human Henson Blayze.** Thirteen-year-old Henson Blayze strives to be seen as more than just a football player in his predominantly white small town of Great Mountain, Mississippi, but when a horrific incident compels him to speak out, he must choose between playing football and seeking justice. New York : Viking, 2025. **I BAR**

Chokshi, Roshani. **Aru Shah and the city of gold.** "Aru Shah and her sisters--including one who also claims to be the Sleeper's daughter--must find their mentors Hanuman and Urvashi in Lanka, the city of gold, before war breaks out between the devas and asuras"-- Provided by publisher. Los Angeles : Disney-Hyperion, 2021. **I CHO**

Esplin, J. L. **96 miles.** During a massive blackout in rural Nevada, two brothers struggle to survive without their self-reliance-obsessed dad and without enough water cross the desert for help. New York : Starscape, a Tom Doherty Associates Book, 2020. **I ESP**

Greenwald, Lisa. **Fortune tellers.** When the long-ago fortune tellers they created in third grade start popping up in the most unexpected places during the summer before seventh grade, three former best friends -- Millie, Nora and Bea -- see this as a sign to finally reconnect and reunite. New York : Katherine Tegen Books, 2024. **I GRE**

Hartman, Aubrey. **The undead fox of Deadwood Forest.** "An undead fox serving as the Usher of souls has his life upended when a mysterious badger soul appears"-- Provided by publisher. New York : Little, Brown and Company, 2025. **I HAR**

Huett, Caleb Zane. **Buster undercover.** "Tonio is not allowed to let anyone know that he can communicate fluently with his therapy dog, Buster. But when dogkind requires that Tonio make friends with a bully, are Tonio and Buster going to go through a ruff patch... or learn some new tricks to keep the dogs in their town safe?"-- Provided by publisher. New York : Scholastic Press, 2022. **I HUE**

Nayeri, Daniel. **The teacher of Nomad Land : a World War II story.** "1941. The German armies are storming across Europe. Iran is a neutral country occupied by British forces on one side, Soviet forces on another. Soldiers fill the teahouses of Isfahan. Nazi spies roam the alleyways. Babak and his little sister have just lost their father. Now orphans, fearing they will be separated, the two devise a plan. Babak will take up his father's old job as a teacher to the nomads. With a chalkboard strapped to Babak's back, and a satchel full of textbooks, the siblings set off to find the nomad tribes as they make their yearly trek across the mountains. On the treacherous journey they meet a Jewish boy, hiding from a Nazi spy. And suddenly, they are all in a race for survival. Against the backdrop of World War II comes an epic adventure in the faraway places. Through the cacophony of soldiers, tanks, and planes, can young hearts of different creeds and nations learn to find a common language? Master storyteller Daniel Nayeri keeps you on the edge of your seat, uncertain to the very end."-- Provided by publisher. Montclair : Levine Querido, 2025. **I NAY**

Schaeffer, Rebecca. **Not even bones.** Nita's mother hunts monsters and, after Nita dissects and packages them, sells them online, but when Nita follows her conscience to help a live monster escape, she is sold on the black market in his place. Boston, Massachusetts : Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2018. **I SCH**

Shah, Wali. **Call me Al.** "In this middle-grade novel, eighth-grade student Ali Khan finds that writing poetry--first about his crush, then about what it means to be an immigrant and the anti-Muslim racism around him--helps him discover who he truly is."-- Provided by publisher. [Victoria, British Columbia] : Orca Book Publishers, 2024. **I SHA**

YOUNG ADULT

Arnold, Marie. **I was told there would be romance.** Fifteen-year-old Haitian American Fancy navigates high school, friendship, and crushes. New York : Little, Brown and Company, 2024. **YA ARN**

Buccellato, Brian. **Justice League vs. Godzilla vs. Kong.** "The DC Universe is about to get shaken-up when the Legion of Doom unlocks a portal to another dimension, unleashing the fiercest Monsters in the Multiverse. Godzilla, the King of the Monsters has emerged from the deep seas of Metropolis, interrupting Superman's proposal to Lois Lane. King Kong is taking on the world's greatest heroes in his home turf, Skull Island.

Can the Justice League send these creatures back to their own dimension before it's too late? How do you destroy the Justice League? The question has been plaguing Lex Luthor and his Legion of Doom since the two titanic groups first came to blows. When confronted with the colossal entities of Skull Island, Lex believes he's found the answer to their eternal question. It's Superman vs. Godzilla, Wonder Woman vs. Behemoth, Green Lantern vs. Scylla, Batman vs. Camazotz, and Supergirl vs. Kong in this all-out battle for the fate of the DC Universe. Can Superman stand up to the power of Godzilla? Can Lex Luthor harness the primal forces of Skull Island? It's time to find out the answers to these questions and more!"-- Provided by publisher. Burbank, California : DC Comics, 2024. **YA GN BUC**

Ferguson, Jenny. **A constellation of minor bears.** After her brother suffers a traumatic brain injury, Molly Norris-Norquay is determined to do their planned hike along the Pacific Crest Trail on her own but instead is stuck backpacking with her brother's best friend, whom she blames for the accident. New York, NY : Heartdrum, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, [2024] **YA FER**

Kaepernick, Colin. **Change the game : a graphic novel.** Provides an autobiographical graphic novel of professional football player and activist Colin Kaepernick who describes his journey as an elite high school athlete and how he learned to carve his own path, seek his own opportunities, and live by his own choices. New York : Graphix / Kaepernick Publishing, 2023. **YA GN KAE**

Kim, Sophie. **The god and the gumiho.** "In this contemporary fantasy, the most notorious nine-tailed fox in Korea pairs up with a trickster god-turned-detective to track down a wrathful demon before it can destroy the mortal world"-- Provided by publisher. New York : Del Rey, [2024] **YA KIM**

Kim, Sophie. **The god and the gwisin.** "In this swoony sequel to The God and the Gumiho, a trickster god must work with his reincarnated lost love to solve his brother's murder on board a luxury underworld cruise ship"-- Provided by publisher. New York : Del Rey, [2025] **YA KIM**

Levy, Joanne. **The book of Elsie.** "In this high-interest accessible novel for middle-grade readers, Elsie comes up with a plan to save her local synagogue."-- Provided by publisher. [Victoria, British Columbia] : Orca Book Publishers, 2022. **YA LEV**

Lewis, Caryl. **The danger of small things.** In a dystopian society devoid of art and love and where young girls are forced to hand pollinate plants, fourteen-year-old Jess tries to inspire a revolution using smuggled paints and a brush. New York : Atheneum, 2026. **YA LEW**

Narsimhan, Mahtab. **Careful what you wish for.** "In this high-interest accessible novel for teen readers, a lonely teen stumbles onto a website that makes wishes come true."-- Provided by publisher. Washington, : Orca Book Publishers, 2022. **YA NAR**

Oh, Axie. **The girl who fell beneath the sea.** In this retelling of the Korean legend The tale of Shim Cheong, sixteen-year-old Mina is swept away to the Spirit Realm, where, assisted by a motley crew of demons, gods, and lesser spirits, she sets out to awaken the sleeping Sea God and save her homeland and family from deadly storms. New York : Feiwel and Friends, 2022. **YA OH**

Oppel, Kenneth. **Every hidden thing.** In the late nineteenth century, a budding romance develops between Rachel and Samuel, two teenagers from rival families of fossil hunters heading out to the badlands in search of a rare dinosaur skeleton. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, [2016] **YA OPP**

Pacat, C. S. **Fence.** Nicholas, the illegitimate son of a fencing champion, gets his chance to prove himself in the sport when he is accepted to an elite private school, but he must compete against his annoying roommate and his half brother. Los Angeles, CA : Boom! Box, [2018] **YA GN PAC**

Shusterman, Neal. **All better now.** Three teens seek to unravel the truth behind conflicting agendas surrounding a deadly virus that could change humanity forever. New York : Simon & Schuster BFYR, [2025] **YA SHU**

Tieri, Frank. **Godzilla : here there be dragons.** In the 1500s, a ship of seafaring navigators run afoul of a lost world where there is only one king, the King of the Monsters! San Diego, CA : IDW Publishing, [2024] **YA GN TIE**

Utomi, Moses Ose. **Children of Usevi.** The elite group of girl warriors from the Mud Fam, who excel in the sport of Bowling, face new challenges and threats when a mysterious man claiming to come from the gods arrives and initiates a dangerous tournament. New York : Atheneum, [2025] **YA UTO**

Utomi, Moses Ose. **Daughters of Oduma.** Sixteen-year-old Dirt, a retired elite female fighter, must enter the South God Bow tournament to protect her found family of younger sisters and their beloved Mud Fam. New York : Atheneum, [2023] **YA UTO**

Weir, Andy. **The Martian : a novel.** Stranded on Mars by a duststorm that compromised his space suit and forced his crew to leave him behind, astronaut Mark Watney struggles to survive in spite of minimal supplies and harsh environmental challenges that test his ingenuity in unique ways. New York : Crown Publishers, [2014] **YA WEI**

NON-FICTION

Belge, Kathy. **Queer : the ultimate LGBTQ guide for teens.** A guide that helps LGBTQ teens come out to friends and family, navigate their new LGBTQ social life, figure out if a crush is also queer, and rise up against bigotry and homophobia. San Francisco, CA : Zest Books, [2019] **306.76 B**

Bell, Samantha. **Before streaming music.** "Describes methods of listening to music before the development of modern streaming services including phonographs, records, cassettes, CDs, and more. Includes fun facts and a "Blast from the Past" special feature"-- Provided by publisher. Lake Elmo, MN : Focus Readers, 2020. **621.389 B**

Boyett, Jason. **12 major world religions : the beliefs, rituals, and traditions of humanity's most influential faiths.** No matter your religious background, religious literacy is absolutely vital in our society. For billions of people, having a religious belief system provides purpose in life. This book offers an impartial look at where each of these belief systems intersects, how they differ, and why some have been or are currently misunderstood. Berkeley, California : Zephyros Press, [2016] **200 B**

Crow-Miller, Britt. **World of rot : learn all about the wriggly, slimy, super-cool decomposers we couldn't live without.** "World of Rot takes readers on a deep dive into the process of decay, from the science behind it to an up-close and personal look at the organisms that do the dirty work to make our planet livable. With a touch of humor and quirky full-color illustrations, kids will learn about the life-recycling system happening all around us-in the sea, in the soil, and even inside our own bodies"-- Provided by publisher. North Adams, MA : Storey Publishing, [2024] **581.7 C**

Dolbear, Emily J. **2,501 incredible facts for kids on World Cup soccer.** Kids want to know everything about their favourite athletes, and with this engaging, colourful collection of facts, figures, and photos, they will get a big step closer. From game-changing greats to tips on how to rule the pitch, this book finds ways to delight and intrigue readers. New York, NY : World Almanac Books, [2025] **796.334 D**

Donnelly, Patrick. **All-pro soccer almanac.** From the best scorers, defenders, and goalies to the World Cup and everything in between, readers will find soccer's latest and greatest stats here. North Mankato, Minnesota : Capstone Press, 2026. **796.334 D**

Dougherty, Terri. **Hi-tech jobs in science.** Provides a guide to the education, responsibilities, skills and personality, salary, work setting, and future job outlook of hi-tech jobs in science, and features an interview with someone who works in the field. Includes colour photographs, sidebars, and additional resources. San Diego, CA : ReferencePoint Press, [2024] **502.3 D**

Dowsett, Elizabeth. **Amazing but true! : fun facts about the LEGO world - and our own!** "From unbelievable space and nature facts, to mind-boggling inventions and technology trivia, discover amazing information about the world around us with the help of LEGO minifigures and bricks"-- Provided by publisher. New York : DK Publishing, [2022] **688.725 D**

Dowsett, Elizabeth. **LEGO Star Wars character encyclopedia.** Presents the LEGO action figures based on the "Star Wars" universe, detailing the number of pieces and describing each figure and its variations, when they were made, the playsets in which

they appear, and the movie to which they relate. New York : DK Publishing, [2025] **688.725 D**

Find the magic! Every day is magical for Ariel, Belle, Cinderella, Rapunzel, Aurora, Tiana, Snow White, and Merida! Search for hidden surprises in 8 busy scenes, then turn to the back of the book for even more Look and Find challenges. Chicago : PI Kids, an imprint of Phoenix International Publications, Inc., [2026] **793.73 F**

Foster, Thomas C. **How to read literature like a professor : for kids.** Presents a guide on how to become a thoughtful reader. New York, New York : Harper, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, [2013] **808 F**

Gagne, Tammy. **Teens dealing with addiction.** "Teens Dealing with Addiction grapples with addiction in teenagers. The book both familiarizes teens with this serious issue and offers ideas for where to find help and support. The book includes a graphic that presents key information visually, source notes, and resources to aid in further research"-- Provided by publisher. San Diego, California : BrightPoint Press, [2025] **616.86 G**

Gagne, Tammy. **Teens dealing with learning disorders.** "Teens Dealing with Learning Disorders familiarizes teens with learning disorders and offers ideas for where to find help and support. The book includes a graphic that presents key information visually, source notes, and resources to aid in further research"-- Provided by publisher. San Diego, California : BrightPoint Press, [2025] **371.9 G**

Howard, Sherry. **Exploring gaming industry careers.** Explores careers in the gaming industry, presenting job profiles such as game design, programming, writing, and quality assurance, and outlining required skills, training pathways, and typical pay ranges. Highlights extracurricular strategies, recommended school courses, and steps for gaining practical experience. Includes photographs, a glossary, and further resources. Minneapolis: Twenty-First Century Books, 2026. **331 H**

Kallen, Stuart A. **Hi-tech jobs in robotics.** "The career field for robotics is experiencing unprecedented growth due to advances in engineering, AI, and machine learning. This high-tech progress is converging to produce the next generation of automated machines that are increasingly smaller, cheaper, safer, and more easily programmed. The revolution in robotics is expected to create 97 million new jobs by the end of the decade. Scientists and engineers skilled in mechanics, robotics, AI, computing, and electronics are needed to design, test, and build robots. Technicians, programmers, and others who specialize in robotic processes are in demand anywhere robots are at work"-- Provided by publisher. San Diego, CA : ReferencePoint Press, [2024] **629.892 K**

Knabb, Muriel. **Teens dealing with online bullying.** "Teens Dealing with Online Bullying familiarizes teens with the serious issue of online bullying and offers ideas for where to find help and support. The book includes a graphic that presents key information visually, source notes, and resources to aid in further research"-- Provided by publisher. San Diego, CA : BrightPoint Press, [2025] **302.343 K**

Kosara, Tori. **The LEGO games book.** "Build in some time for fun! Who can stack the tallest tower in 60 seconds? Can anyone solve the puzzle cube? With more than 50 fun challenges, puzzles, brainteasers, and games, get out your LEGO bricks and put your friends and family to the test."-- Provided by publisher. New York, New York : DK, 2020. **688.72 K**

Larsen, Ib. **Teens dealing with sexual violence.** "Teens Dealing with Sexual Violence grapples with the challenge of sexual violence that teenagers face in today's world. The book both familiarizes teens with this serious issue and offers ideas for where to find help and support. The book includes a graphic that presents key information visually, source notes, and resources to aid in further research"-- Provided by publisher. San Diego, California : BrightPoint Press, [2025] **362.76 L**

Pallotta, Jerry. **Lion vs. tiger.** If you stripped the fur off these two giant cats, they would look identical and only a special person could tell them apart. The big difference is the tiger hunts alone and the lion is a pack animal. They live on different continents. This fight would never happen in the wild. New York : Scholastic Inc., [2015] **579.9 P**

Pallotta, Jerry. **Tyrannosaurus rex vs. velociraptor.** Shares facts about tyrannosaurus rex and velociraptors, comparing their behaviour and physical characteristics to determine who would win in a fight. New York : Scholastic Inc., [2016] **567.912 P**

Pallotta, Jerry. **Ultimate small shark rumble.** "Sixteen small but MIGHTY sharks battle it out in a huge fight! Who will be the small shark champion? This nonfiction reader compares and contrasts 16 small but savage sharks. Readers will learn about each shark's unique features, behavior, and more. Then, compare and contrast the battling animals before finally discovering the winner!"-- Provided by publisher. New York : Scholastic Inc., [2023] **597.3 P**

Simply AI : facts made fast. Covering a broad range of fields within AI - from computing and mathematics to politics and philosophy - entries demystify what artificial intelligence is and how it works, how it has dramatically changed how we live, and how it might evolve in the future. Everyone is talking about AI, but this book helps to explain each individual aspect of AI more clearly than ever before. New York, NY : DK, 2024. **006.3 S**

Shaha, Alom. **About time : a children's guide to the history and science of time.** Time is central to our experience as humans, and it's important for children to know not just how to tell the time, but also how to make the most of it. This book will help them learn how to tell the time on a variety of devices, and about all the different ways humans have tried to do this. Through unique and fun interactive elements, the book will also help children understand how clocks work and even build some time-telling and clockwork devices for themselves! New York : DK, 2025. **529.7 S**

Steffens, Bradley. **Hi-tech jobs in social media.** "More than 70 percent of US adults get at least some of their news from social media websites. Those with the skills to make the most of social media activity will earn considerably more than the national average. As long as people continue to turn to social media for fun, relaxation, and information, the future of social media-related careers is bright"-- Provided by publisher. San Diego, California : ReferencePoint Press, [2024] **302.231 S**

Streissguth, Thomas. **Making video games.** Explores the history of video games and how they are made. Traces the preproduction to postproduction process that happens at large video game companies and discusses how smaller developers make, market, and distribute independent games. Includes photographs, sidebars, a list of facts, a glossary, and further resources. Minneapolis, Minnesota : Essential Library, [2025] **794.8 S**

Wolny, Philip. **Teens dealing with mental illness.** "Teens Dealing with Mental Illness grapples with mental illness in teenagers. The book both familiarizes teens with this serious issue and offers ideas for where to find help and support. The book includes a graphic that presents key information visually, source notes, and resources to aid in further research"-- Provided by publisher. San Diego, California : BrightPoint Press, [2025] **616.89 W**

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Angleberger, Tom. **Dino Poet.** "Get writing or get eaten! Dino Poet is on a mission: to write the first great poem--ever! His lunch, a prehistoric frog, is also on a mission: to not get eaten! So when Frog tells Dino Poet that his poems stink, he decides lunch can wait . . . for now. The two set off into the wide, wild world, chasing life! Chasing poetry! Until a T-Rex starts chasing them"-- Provided by publisher. New York, NY : Abrams Fanfare, 2025. **GN ANG**

Bunn, Cullen. **Godzilla vs. Mighty Morphin Power Rangers.** "When the evil sorceress Rita Repulsa retrieves the multiversal focus--a gemstone through which all realities can be seen--she sets her sights on an alternate Earth where the Power Rangers don't exist to interfere with her nefarious plans! But what she finds instead are a race of alien conquerors known as the Xiliens, who are unleashing unpredictable Kaiju in the hopes of defeating Godzilla and taking over the planet. As the two join forces, they find their goals interrupted by the arrival of the Power Rangers! Can they and Godzilla stop the threat before it's too late?"-- Provided by publisher. San Diego : IDW Publishing, 2022. **GN BUN**

Craft, Jerry. **Marvel. Super stories. Book 1.** In graphic novel format, looks at fifteen Marvel superhero stories, including Spider-Man, Black Panther, Ms. Marvel, and others. New York : Amulet Books, [2023] **GN CRA**

Damián. **Lost in the future. 1, The storm.** A school field trip to an ancient castle goes terribly wrong for a group of friends, when a dangerous storm erupts. As they are about to leave the castle, four friends are cornered by their arch nemesis-- the class bully, who

tries to pull one of his usual pranks. Instead, they all get the scare of their lives, when they fall down a tunnel that transports them into the future: a future where mankind has nearly disappeared from the face of the earth, and where nature has taken control. New York : Papercutz, 2024. **GN DAM**

Damián. **Lost in the future. 2, Trapped!** With the help of the Knights Templar, our heroes have made another jump through time in an attempt to return to the present and their families. Something has gone wrong, however, as they find themselves somewhere else in the future. It's a savage, ravaged world, where the survivors face a daily fight for survival against gangs of teenage hooligans! New York : Papercutz, 2025. **GN DAM**

Dempsey, Sheena. **Pablo and Splash : Roman holiday.** "When a friend tells Pablo and Splash that he doesn't believe their stories about time travel, our two penguin besties set out to prove him wrong by time traveling to ancient Rome and stealing a gladiator's helmet to bring back. Their friend Professor O'Brain agrees to lend them her time machine, as long as they agree not to do anything that will mess up history. Two penguins in togas running wild in ancient Rome--what could possibly go wrong?"-- Provided by publisher. New York : Bloomsbury Children's Books, 2025. **GN DEM**

Douyé, Sylvia. **Sorceline. Book 3.** After discovering the true identity of her mother, Sorceline finds herself tangled up in more mysteries and tests than ever before. With the departure of Archibald Balzar, she and the other students find themselves left in the care of Vorn, an entity at the center of their troubles who doesn't seem to share their concern for magical beasts. Sorceline must find a way to free her father and save her mother from Vorn, but as she investigates, the creatures of the island face a new threat. Kansas City, Missouri : Andrews McMeel Publishing, [2025] **GN DOU**

Goetter, Sara. **Cryptid kids. 1, The Bawk-ness monster.** Penny is certain that when she was a little girl, a creature called the Bawk-ness Monster, saved her life. With the help of her best friends Luc and K, she embarks on a mission to see the half sea serpent, half chicken she calls Bessie one last time before she moves to a new city. The friends soon discover cryptids are being kidnapped by an evil collector, and they set off to save the mythical creatures. New York : First Second, 2023. **GN GOE**

Goetter, Sara. **Cryptid kids. 2, Moby Duck.** "A year after Penny, K, and Luc rescued the Bawk-Ness Monster and a submarine full of cryptids from the nefarious Alvida Scales, they've reunited for what's supposed to be a low-key trip to the seashore with K's dad. K has big plans to follow in her great-aunt's cryptid-hunting footsteps and track down the mysterious Moby Duck with her two best friends in tow, but there are a couple big problems with this plan. First of all, Penny's also bringing a stranger along--a kid named 'Jo' who likes anime and video games and other things that K thinks are super boring. And if that wasn't bad enough, because of everything that went wrong on their last big trip together, K is forbidden from cryptid hunting of any kind. It's a disaster all around!"-- Provided by publisher. New York : First Second, 2025. **GN GOE**

Hale, Shannon. **Dream on.** Cassie, a middle-grade girl who feels overlooked in her crowded family and sees her best friend drifting away, believes she's found a solution

when she receives a sweepstakes letter proclaiming she has won a huge prize. However, as her imagination runs wild with what prizes might fix everything, she must confront whether winning can truly make her life better. New York : Roaring Brook Press, 2025.

GN HAL

Harper, Charise Mericle. **Wrong friend.** "Charise and Casey have been best friends for years. It never mattered that Casey was older--until she started high school. When Casey moves on without her, Charise sets out on a mission to get a new best friend. But can she find that perfect person while navigating long-distance friendships, guinea pig allergies, and the embarrassing quirks of her family?"--Page 4 of cover. New York : First Second, 2026. **GN HAR**

Healy, Kay. **Casey's cases. The mysterious new girl.** Hapless-but-spirited tween detective Casey tackles cases big and small, from a new girl at school to a lost cat. New York : Holiday House, 2025. **GN HEA**

Knight, Rosie. **Godzilla : monster island summer camp.** As an aspiring cartoonist, Zelda has always dreamed of attending an art summer camp, and this year she finally gets to go! But when she arrives to Make It Summer Camp, she's horrified to see the easels and sketchboards have been replaced with dodgeball and calisthenics. The camp is under new, suspicious management that's turned it into an extreme sports nightmare. San Diego, CA : IDW Publishing, a division of Idea & Design Works, LLC, [2024] **GN KNI**

Lawton, Moss. **Hellaween : spellbent.** Gwen, an aspiring witch, and her two best friends try and have a great Halloween, even while dealing with pesky do-gooders, escaped monsters, and a harsh curfew. New York : Razorbill, 2024. **GN LAW**

Liu, Marjorie M. **Wingbearer.** "Zuli is extraordinary--she just doesn't realize it yet. Raised by mystical bird spirits in the branches of the Great Tree, she's never ventured beyond this safe haven. She's never had to. Until now. When a sinister force threatens the life-giving magic of the tree, Zuli, along with her guardian owl, Frowly, must get to the root of it. So begins an adventure bigger than anything Zuli could've ever imagined--one that will bring her, along with some newfound friends, face-to-face with an ancient dragon, the so-called Witch-Queen, and most surprisingly of all: her true identity. This captivating middle grade graphic novel, the first of a series, is perfect for fans of the Amulet books and the Wings of Fire series."-- Provided by publisher. New York, NY : Quill Tree Books, imprints of HarperCollins Publishers, [2022] **GN LIU**

Liu, Marjorie M. **Wingborn.** Zuli, Frowly, and Orien escape imprisonment on one floating cargo ship, only to be held captive on another ship whose members learn Zuli's mysterious connection to the dragons. When the Incanting Council boards the ship to try to recapture them, Zuli and her friends make their escape and continue their quest to save the souls of her bird friends and further understand her connection to the witch-queen Zara. New York, NY : Quill Tree Books, imprints of HarperCollins Publishers, [2024] **GN LIU**

Lloyd, Megan Wagner. **Winging it.** Twelve-year-old Luna reluctantly moves from California to Virginia to live with a grandmother she barely knows and to gain insight into her late mother's naturalist past. During a visit to the National Museum of Natural History, she becomes determined to find a rare luna moth, discovering her mother's field notebooks and embarking on outdoor adventures that lead her into new friendships and deeper understanding of home and loss. New York, NY: Graphix, an imprint of Scholastic, 2025. **GN LLO**

McMahon, Bob. **Cookie & Broccoli. Scariest Halloween ever!** While revelling in funny tricks and sweet treats on Halloween, Cookie and Broccoli learn the true meaning of bravery and not judging others before you get to know them. New York : Dial Books for Young Readers, 2024. **GN MCM**

Miller, Kayla. **Click.** When Olive's friends form groups for the school variety show without her, she's left feeling left out and afraid she'll miss out entirely on being part of the show. But when she realizes she'd be a perfect host for the show, everything seems to click into place and her sadness is replaced with excitement. Massachusetts : Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2019. **GN MIL**

Miller, Kayla. **Dragon tales.** A collection of three stories about Dragon and his misadventures. New York, NY : Scholastic Inc, 2026. **GN PIL**

Probert, Tim. **Lightfall. Book one, the girl & the Galdurian.** "For fans of Amulet and middle grade readers who love sweeping worlds like Star Wars, the first book of the Lightfall series introduces Bea and Cad, two unlikely friends who get swept up in an epic quest to save their world from falling into eternal darkness."-- Provided by publisher. New York, New York : HarperAlley, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, [2020] **GN PRO**

Probert, Tim. **Lightfall. four, a place between.** "Bea, Cad, and their friends continue their quest to restore light on their dark world. After surviving a shipwreck on the Fuelle Sea, Cad washes ashore on the shores of Pellidyr. There, he searches for Lorgon, the Water Spirit, but instead finds the other spirits of Irpa who question if their planet can be saved. One of them offers to help Cad and transports him to A Place Between, a strange liminal realm between the living and the dead, where Cad works to uncover the reason Lorgon summoned them to Pellidyr in the first place. Meanwhile, Bea awakens within the walls of the capital city. While Pellidyr's leader has heard the tales of Bea's derring-do and believes her to be a hero with all the answers, she's never felt more uncertain about the future. What she does know is that she can't accomplish anything without her crew. When Bea's escape plan also brings her to A Place Between, she makes a shocking discovery that changes her understanding of everything that came before her...and what could soon follow"-- Provided by publisher. New York, New York : HarperAlley, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, [2026] **GN PRO**

Santat, Dan. **The aquanaut.** Five years ago, Sophia's father was lost at sea during a research mission, and she now spends her days at Aqualand, the marine theme park her dad and uncle created. But everything changes when an "aquanaut" breaks into the park's

research lab, and she discovers it's piloted by four intrepid sea creatures. When the creatures learn of the increasing commercialization of Aqualand, they set out to free their fellow marine life with the help of Sophia. New York, NY : Graphix, an imprint of Scholastic, 2022. **GN SAN**

Smart, Jamie. **Welcome to Animal Island!** This hilarious story is interspersed with engaging search and find pages, since Chaffy has a habit of getting lost, as well as items that aren't where they should be! Join Max and Chaffy on their adventure to discover what's been lost, and everything that can be found, on Animal Island. Oxford : David Fickling Books, 2023. **GN SMA**

Tarshis, Lauren. **I survived the attack of the grizzlies, 1967.** Presents a graphic novel detailing eleven-year-old Melody Vega and her family's visit to Glacier National Park for their annual trip in 1967. Melody has a frightening encounter with a grizzly bear, making her a part of one of the deadliest seasons in the history of America's national parks. Includes an author's note, information about grizzlies, tips for encountering a grizzly bear, and advice for protecting the wilderness and its wildlife. New York, NY : Graphix, an imprint of Scholastic, 2022. **GN TAR**

Trujillo, Josh. **Miraculous. Volume 1, Pizza pursuit and other cat tales.** "Spots on with everyone's favorite bugaboo Ladybug and her trusted partner, the purrfect Cat Noir. This dynamic hero duo is hanging out on Parisian roofs and, when they're not saving the day, they're getting into some super hijinks. What happens when Ladybug and Cat Noir share a pizza--and Cat Noir runs off with it? Plus, does catnip work only on felines? Or could a little spritz attract the miraculous Ladybug? All this and more in the first volume of the Miraculous Ladybug graphic novel series, influenced by the award-winning TV show and with chibi-inspired art from the Youtube shorts"-- Provided by publisher. [New York, New York] : Papercutz, [2024] **GN TRU**

Trujillo, Josh. **Miraculous. Volume 2, Curiosity kicked the cat and other tales.** "Ladybug and Cat Noir return for some more super-charged superhero antics. Ladybug is writing a secret letter! Can Cat Noir discover what it says? Plus: Marinette is baking up a surprise. But her cake is burnt. . . then salty! Gah! Is Marinette being a super-klutz, or is something else afoot?"--Page 4 of cover. [New York, New York] : Papercutz, [2025] **GN TRU**

Vuong, Tri. **LEGO Ninjago. Shatterspin.** "As war erupts in Ninjago, young champion Garmadon sets off on a quest to discover the truth behind Shatterspin, but can he resist wielding this forbidden technique? Or is corruption the only path toward saving his beloved Ninjago?"--Page 4 of cover. Portland, Oregon : Image Comics, 2025. **GN VUO**

Wang, Jen. **Ash's cabin.** "Adults ignore the climate crisis. Other kids Ash's age are more interested in pop stars and popularity contests than in fighting for change. Even Ash's family seems to be sleepwalking through life. The only person who ever seemed to get Ash was their Grandpa Edwin. Before he died, he used to talk about building a secret cabin, deep in the California wilderness. Did he ever build it? What if it's still there, waiting for him to come back--or for Ash to find it? To Ash, that maybe-mythical cabin

is starting to feel like the perfect place for a fresh start and an escape from the miserable feeling of alienation that haunts their daily life. But making the wilds your home isn't easy"-- Provided by publisher. New York : First Second, 2024. **GN WAN**

Yang, Gene Luen. **Secret coders.** Attending an elite school where enterprising students are challenged to solve a variety of clues and puzzles using computer programming, Hopper and her friend, Eni, resolve to crack the school founder's most elusive mystery together. New York : First Second, 2015. **GN YAN**

FAIRYTALE AND MYTHOLOGY

Curtis, Kenny. **Greeking out. Heroes and Olympians : an official podcast tie-in.** In this book the reader will encounter a god kidnapped by pirates, sheep used as camouflage, a super-shiny fleece, some dangerous metalworking, the world's most perfect animal, a really heavy boulder, and much more. Washington, District of Columbia: National Geographic, [2024] **M CUR**

O'Bryan, John. **Beasts of the four nations : creatures from Avatar, the last airbender and the legend of Korra.** Discover the creatures of Avatar: The Last Airbender and The Legend of Korra with this in-depth exploration of the Four Nations' animal inhabitants! Part of what everyone loves about the Four Nations is all the strange and wonderful (and sometimes scary!) creatures that inhabit them! From the Air Nomads' flying bison, to Kyoshi Island's elephant koi, to the Earth Kingdom's singing groundhogs and the little purple pentapus, look to this hardcover volume for images and information on Avatar and Korra's creatures large and small. Milwaukie, OR : Dark Horse Books, 2025. **M OBR**

LIBRARY OF THINGS

Marvel. **Spider-sense Spider-Man lenticular puzzle.** Spider-Man, Black Cat, and the Green Goblin battle in this fun puzzle. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, c2015. **YLOT 010 Puzzle**

Eurographic kids. **Girl power firefighters.** Girls do everything, including fight fires! Enjoy dreams of firefighting with this colourful 100-piece puzzle. **YLOT 011 Puzzle**

New York Puzzle Company. **National Geographic red-eyed tree frog mini 100 piece jigsaw puzzle.** Piece together a picture of an iconic rain-forest amphibian. **YLOT 012 Puzzle**

Re-marks. **Kittens in a box puzzle.** A super cute 100 piece jigsaw puzzle featuring kittens in a box. **YLOT 013 Puzzle**

Springbok. **The library.** This puzzle features an amazing maze of books and colours to explore and challenge puzzlers of all levels. **YLOT 014 Puzzle**

The Jigsaw Puzzle Factory, LLC. **Peanuts Christmas lights jigsaw puzzle.** This holiday puzzle features characters from the beloved Peanuts gang. **YLOT 015 Puzzle**

Ravensburger. **Thomas meets with friends.** Build a picture of Thomas the Tank Engine alongside several of his friends. **YLOT 016 Puzzle**

Cardinal. **Disney Princess 48 piece puzzle.** Construct a picture featuring the Disney princesses Rapunzel, Belle, and Ariel. **YLOT 017 Puzzle**

Ravensburger. **Disney Princess 15 piece puzzle.** Create a puzzle of Disney princess Cinderella. **YLOT 018 Puzzle**