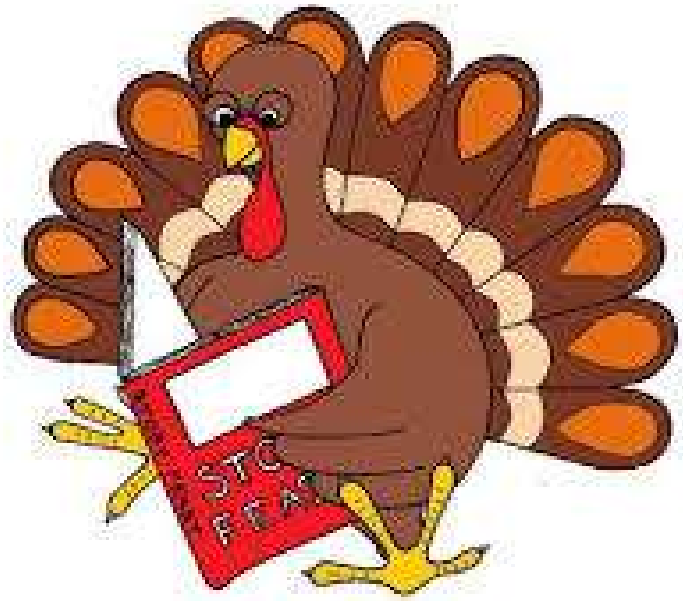
BOOK TALK





GOBBLE UP A GOOD BOOK

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PARENT-TEACHER

Yurich, Ginny. **Homeschooling : you're doing it right just by doing it.** "In this must-have resource for parents who homeschool or who want to start, popular podcaster and founder of the 1000 Hours Outside Movement equips parents with the confidence and tools they need to give their children the education they dream of and deserve"-- Provided by publisher. Grand Rapids, Michigan : Baker Books, a division of Baker Publishing Group, [2025] **PT 371.042 Y**

PICTURE BOOK

Fogel, Jon. **Set my feelings free.** A rhyming picture book about processing, expressing, and coping with feelings for young children. Minneapolis : Beaming Books, 2026. **P FOG**

McGonigle, Amanda**. There's always room.** Meet Rainbow Cat and her one-of-a-kind couch, a cozy spot that somehow always has space for one more friend. Place of publication not identified : COAT GT Inc., 2026. **P MCG**

Stutzman, Jonathan. **Llama destroys the world.** Eating too much pie causes Llama to rip his dancing pants, opening a black hole and threatening the entire universe. New York, New York : Henry Holt and Company, [2019] **P STU**

Yamada, Kobi. **Caring.** Alluring illustrations capture the relationship between a young boy and a devoted gardener who has transformed a desolate piece of land into a lush, natural oasis. Everett, WA : Compendium, Inc., [2025] **P YAM**

EASY READER

Mini Bluey. "When Dad complains about how different Bluey and Bingo are, Bluey decides to color Bingo to be more like her. But when Bluey paints herself to look more like her little sister, Mum and Dad like Big Bingo more! Will Bluey and Bingo learn to be happy just how they are?"-- Provided by publisher. New York, NY : Penguin Young Readers Licenses, an imprint of Penguin Random House LLC, 2024. **E BLU**

JUNIOR

Bond, Michael. **A bear called Paddington.** Life is never the same for the Brown family after they bring adventurous Paddington Bear into their home. New York, NY : Harper, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, 2014. **J BON**

Calì, Davide. **The truth about my unbelievable summer...** When asked about his summer vacation, a boy spins a wild tale of globe-spanning adventures. San Francisco : Chronicle Books, 2016. **J CAL**

Stilton, Geronimo. **Cyber-thief showdown.** After discovering that someone on the Internet has stolen his identity, Geronimo Stilton enlists the help of computer expert Professor Margo Bitmouse to track down the hacker before Geronimo's reputation is ruined. New York : Scholastic Inc., 2015. **J STI**

Stilton, Geronimo. **Mouse house hunter.** When Grandfather William informs him that the Rodent Gazette is out of money, Geromino is forced to sell his house in order to keep the paper afloat. New York : Scholastic Inc., 2015. **J STI**

INTERMEDIATE

Applebaum, Kirsty. **The strange disappearance of Imogen Good.** "What if you disappeared and no one remembered who you were? A forbidden garden. A missing girl. And the ancient legend that links them . . . Fran doesn't want to stay with her aunt and uncle and her snooty cousin, Imogen. But when she arrives at their home on the grounds of Stillness Hall, Imogen isn't there. Her aunt and uncle say they've never heard of Imogen-or even had a daughter. So it's up to Fran, and Imogen's best friend, Bex, to find her. Except Bex doesn't know who Imogen is either. How will Fran find her cousin if no one will admit she ever existed? Could a locked and dangerous garden and a mysterious old tale of enchantment and death hold the answers?"-- Provided by publisher. London, UK : Nosy Crow, 2026. **I APP**

Bouwman, H. M. **Scattergood.** "In 1941 rural Iowa, thirteen-year-old Peggy's quiet life is turned upside down by refugee arrivals, first love, and a heartbreaking diagnosis"-- Provided by publisher. New York : Holiday House, [2025] **I BOU**

Calonita, Jen. **Isle of Ever.** In order to receive her mysterious inheritance, twelve-year-old Everly "Benny" must play--and win--a game following clues left by her ancestor. Naperville, Illinois : Sourcebooks, [2025] **I CAL**

Smith, Linda Joan. **The peach thief.** "The night that workhouse orphan Scilla Brown dares to climb the Earl of Havermore's garden wall, she wants only to steal a peach--the best thing she's ever tasted in her hard, hungry life. But when she's caught by the earl's head gardener and mistaken for a boy, she grabs on to something more: a temporary job scrubbing flowerpots. If she can just keep up her deception, she'll have a soft bed and food beyond her wildest dreams . . . maybe even peaches. She soon falls in with Phin, a garden apprentice who sneaks her into the steamy, fruit-filled greenhouses, calls her "Brownie," and makes her skin prickle. At the same time, the gruff head gardener himself is teaching lowly Scilla to make things grow, and she's cultivating hope with every seed she plants. But as the seasons unfurl, her loyalties become divided, and her secret grows harder to keep. How far will she go to have a home at last?"-- Provided by publisher. Somerville, MA : Candlewick Press, 2025. **I SMI**

Stecher, Leah. **A field guide to broken promises.** After a move to Southern California for her mom's dream job, Evie Steinberg is hoping her seventh grade year will be better than her sixth--the one where she blames herself for ruining her father's cryptozoology career. Evie believes that if she does everything perfectly, help out with her sister and cause no trouble at home, her family will finally have the permanent home she's always wanted. However, when her grades begin slipping and a bully begins to taunt her, her life unravels as she pushes her needs aside and tries to get to the bottom of the bully's motives. New York : Bloomsbury Children's Books, 2025. **I STE**

YOUNG ADULT

Archer, Brooke. **A song in the dark.** Jo is haunted by the death of her best friend, and when her mother moves the family hoping for a fresh start, Jo falls in love with a ghost who is haunted in his own way. New York : G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2026. **YA ARC**

Cavalancia, Kaitlyn. **Mystery Royale.** Named in the will of a wealthy man as potential beneficiaries, a group of teenagers must solve a murder to win the magical inheritance. Los Angeles : Hyperion, 2025. **YA CAV**

Donaldson, Jennifer. **A lie for a lie.** Told in alternating voices, two teenagers, one in Austin, Texas, and the other in Portland, Oregon, enter dangerous romantic relationships. New York : G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2026. **YA DON**

Goldis, Jaclyn. **The last time we saw her : a novel.** Ten years ago, a teenage summer camper disappeared while searching for rumored treasure on a remote island. Now, the long-buried truth of what happened to her threatens the lives of her friends. New York : Atria Books, 2026. **YA GOL**

Redgate, Riley. **Alone out here.** When the president's daughter--eighteen-year-old Leigh Chen--ends up on the only ship escaping a dying earth, she and a group of teenagers must grapple with the challenges of what it will take to survive as the last remnants of humanity. Los Angeles, CA : Hyperion, an imprint of Buena Vista Books, Inc., 2022. **YA RED**

Riesen, Lila. **Rainsong**. In a small coastal town haunted by unsolved disappearances, seventeen-year-old Zayn, gifted with a secret ability to heal, finds herself in the middle of a generations-old feud as she unravels a deadly mystery before she becomes the next victim. New York : Alfred A. Knopf, [2026] **YA RIE**

Swann, R. N. **In case I go missing**. Seventeen-year-old Fenny and her friend Sam investigate the disappearance of their friend Sarah, an amateur detective who vanished while exploring a mysterious case connected to their town's dark past. New York, NY : Viking, 2026. **YA SWA**

NON- FICTION

Carser, A. R. **Asteroids, comets, and meteors.** Readers will learn about how asteroids compare to comets. They will also learn the difference between meteoroids, meteors, and meteorites. Minneapolis, Minnesota : Abdo Reference, a division of ABDO, 2026. **523.6 C**

Gagne, Tammy. **The night sky**. Readers will learn about the stars, constellations, planets, galaxies, and other objects that appear in the night sky. Minneapolis, Minnesota : Abdo Reference, a division of ABDO, 2026. **523.8 G**

Guelzow, Lynn. **The best beginner's guide to dogs and puppies for kids : everything you need to know about breeds, training, safety, and more!** Whether you have a dog, are dreaming of a new puppy, or just love anything with four paws, this guide is packed with the essential advice and fun facts every dog-loving kid needs. Every chapter begins with a short real-

life story to introduce the topic and show why it matters-covering everything from puppy chewing and house-training to how to connect with your pup and understand what they need. Over 100 adorable pictures will keep young readers interested in these life-long lessons for both ends of the leash. New York : Sky Pony Press, 2026. **636.7 G**

Schaub, Michelle. **Meadows of the sea : the wonders of seagrass.** The vital ecosystem of underwater seagrass meadows is explored, including the many species of fish, mammals, reptiles, and invertebrates that call it home. Ann Arbor, Michigan : Sleeping Bear Press, 2026. **577.69 S**

Sekaninová, Štěpánka. **The book of disappearing plants.** "Step into a world of wonder and warning with The Book of Disappearing Plants, a breathtaking journey through the vanishing green corners of our planet. This beautifully illustrated and powerfully written book invites young readers to discover the incredible stories of 30 plants that once thrived--and the urgent reasons they're fading away. This book reveals the silent disappearance of plant species due to climate change, deforestation, and urban expansion. But it's not just a story of loss--it's a call to action. With every page, kids will learn how they can become protectors of the planet and champions of conservation."-- Provided by publisher. Czech Republic Albatros Media, 2026. **581.6 S**

Williams, Rachel. **Patience...** Explores the life cycle of plants, trees, animals, and humans, and examines the importance of patience. New York : Magic Cat Publishing, 2024. **179.9 W**

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Calin, Cassandra. **The new girl.** "Lia and her family are waiting to board a flight across the Atlantic, leaving behind family, friends, and Romania--the only home Lia has ever known. But Lia's heartache is overshadowed by the discomfort of her first period. As if things weren't difficult enough! Now Lia is thrust into a world where everything is different: her home, her language, and even her body. With so many changes happening at once, Lia struggles with schoolwork, has trouble communicating with classmates, and has no idea how to manage her unpleasant periods. Will she ever feel like herself again?"-- Provided by publisher. New York : Graphix, an imprint of Scholastic, 2024. **GN CAL**

Holm, Jennifer L. **Sunny figures it out.** "There's no question that Sunny has fun whenever she hangs out with Tony. They go to the movies together, talk a lot at school, and support each other when they need it. But are they dating? Sunny isn't sure...but her friend, Deb, is. She thinks Sunny and Tony should be doing the couples-skate at the local roller rink. And Tony should be giving Sunny his jacket to wear...Fur Sunny, this doesn't feel great...Maybe she needs to stop taking everyone else's advice in order to figure things out for herself"-- Provided by publisher. New York, NY : Graphix, an imprint of Scholastic, 2025. **GN HOL**

Holm, Jennifer L. **Sunny makes a splash.** With most of her friends away, Sunny faces a long, hot, and boring summer until she helps out classmate Tony during a rush at the country club's pool snack shack and subsequently lands a job there. Through the days of serving bomb pops and perfecting her dealing-with-people skills, Sunny gets to know Tony and begins to like him as

both a friend and maybe something more. New York, NY : Graphix, an imprint of Scholastic, 2021. **GN HOL**

Holm, Jennifer L. **Sunny makes her case.** Sunny embarks on an adventure into the world of after-school activities when she decides to join the debate club. Sunny realizes she has a lot to learn about debate, especially that it's about so much more than just mere arguing; she'll have to back up talks with facts. New York, NY : Graphix, an imprint of Scholastic, 2024. **GN HOL**

Miller, Kayla. **Act.** When Olive finds out that a school policy will keep some of the sixth graders from going on a field trip to the big city, she decides to do something to change that policy, even if it means running against her friends in the student council election. Boston : Etch, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2020. **GN MIL**

Miller, Kayla. **Break.** Olive is less-than-excited to be spending Spring Break stuck with her dad, but as the week winds on, loneliness and resentment throw her out of whack and threaten to turn her visit into a spring bust. Minneapolis, Minnesota : Abdo Spotlight, a division of ABDO, 2026. **GN MIL**

Miller, Kayla. **Camp.** Olive is excited to spend two weeks at camp with her friend Willow, but when Willow struggles to make friends with the other campers, Olive feels overwhelmed that she's Willow's only friend. And after the two have a fight that leaves them not speaking to one another, Olive wonders if they'll ever be friends again. Boston, Massachusetts : Clarion Books, [2019] **GN MIL**

Miller, Kayla. **Clash.** Olive is the first to welcome new kid Natasha when she joins their sixth grade class. Unfortunately, Natasha doesn't seem to want to have anything to do with Olive and appears to get along better with Olive's friends. Though Olive hopes for the best, it appears Natasha is trying to exclude her from her friends and she must rely on her own resiliency to confront Natasha about her behaviour. Boston : Etch, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2021. **GN MIL**

Miller, Kayla. **Crunch.** Olive enjoys being busy, but as everything adds up in her jam-packed schedule, the crunch time threatens her ability to accomplish her goals and find time for herself. Minneapolis, Minnesota : Abdo Spotlight, a division of ABDO, 2026. **GN MIL**

Miller, Kayla. **Stuck.** Olive can't wait to reunite with Max and Bree at Camp Acorn Lake, but her fun plans with her two closest camp friends are ruined when she learns that Max and Bree aren't speaking to each other. Olive finds herself trapped in the middle, especially when they try to make her choose sides, and while Willow is busy with her active schedule, Olive is left behind with unhappy first-time camper Nat. To distract herself, Olive focuses on ways to improve the camp, but she needs the others' help to make it work, so she sets out to find a way to get her friends to work together once more. New York, NY : Clarion Books, [2025] **GN MIL**

O'Connor, George. **Loki.** Night comes to Asgard, but the trickster Loki cannot sleep. He cannot stop thinking about his past ill-adventures--like his challenging of the wolf, Fenrir, and his part in the theft of Asgard's golden apples--and worries he has angered Odin too much this time. As

tensions rise among the gods, Loki must decide how far his cunning will go: repair bonds at court or answer his grudge with destructive cunning. New York : First Second, 2025. **GN OCO**

Osborne, Mary Pope**. Afternoon on the Amazon : the graphic novel.** Eight-year-old Jack, his seven-year-old sister, Annie, and Peanut the mouse ride in a tree house to the Amazon rain forests, where they encounter giant ants, flesh-eating piranhas, hungry crocodiles, and wild jaguars. New York : Random House, [2024] **GN OSB**

Osborne, Mary Pope. **Night of the ninjas : the graphic novel.** The magic tree house takes Jack and Annie back in time to feudal Japan where the siblings learn about the ways of the Ninja. New York : Random House, [2023] **GN OSB**

LIBRARY OF THINGS

Baby puzzle - farm animals. Make 4 puzzles: a horse, chicken, cow, and pig. **YLOT 020**

Lion King - four scene puzzle. Recreate four scenes from the classic Lion King movie. **YLOT 021**

Maisy yard puzzle. Create a scene of Maisy and her friends having fun outside. **YLOT 023**

Ravensburger big cat nap puzzle. Stunning, bold scene of a cozy cat nap filled with majestic lions, tigers, exotic leopards, and more. Images in this vibrant and colorful puzzle that inspires creativity, focus, and family fun for kids and animal lovers alike. **YLOT 022**