

**LRC Emergent Readers,
Chapter Books and Novels
*For Primary Students***



Compiled by Joan Pearce

December 2024

Dear Colleagues:

The LRC has an extensive collection of picture books, emergent readers, decodable books, leveled readers, early chapter books and novels, in a variety of formats, to support your Kindergarten to Grade Three learners:

- Kits of 10+ copies of emergent readers, early chapter books and novels (including individual copies of the titles to borrow to preview)
- Kits designated as K-3 with individual titles of popular new titles
- Kits of Decodable books
- Kits of Leveled books
- Mental Health kits to explore various themes through the reading of picture books

The number of LRC copies of each title have been listed to help you with planning. If a professionally narrated audiobook or ebook exists in Sora, then they have been listed as well. Ebooks and audiobooks can be signed out through your Sora account.

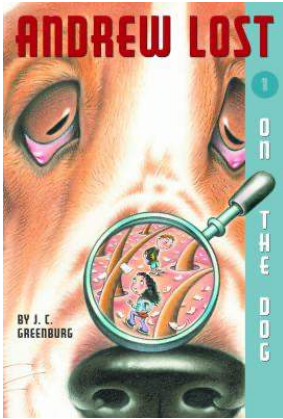
The titles in kits that have 10+ copies have been sent to ARC-BC. If a title is missing from their collection, please let me know,

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District Elementary Teacher-Librarian

Learning Resources Centre

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Andrew Lost : On the Dog (*Andrew Lost, Bk.1*)

By Judith C. Greenburg, c2002

Interest Level: Gr. 1-4, Reading Level: 3.3

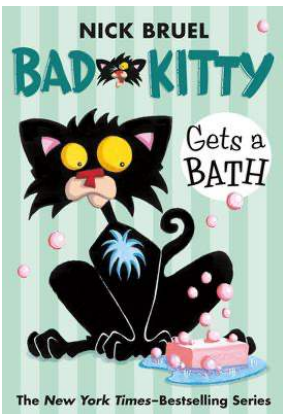
Themes: Science Fiction, Dogs, Inventions, Action & Adventure

Summary:

“Ten-year-old inventor Andrew Dubble decides to test his latest creation, the Atom Sucker, and accidentally shrinks himself, his robot Thudd, and his cousin Judy down to the size of specks-- unfortunately lodged near the nose of the neighbor's dog.” –

Follett

**LRC: 12 print copies*



Bad Kitty Gets a Bath (*Series: Bad Kitty*)

By Nick Bruel, c2008

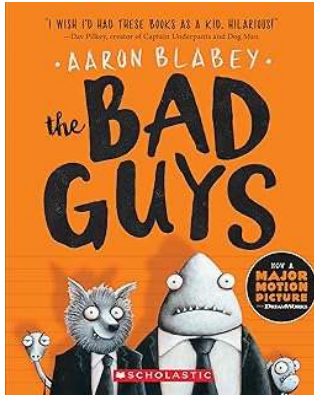
Interest Level: Gr. 2-5, Reading Level: 3.7

Themes: Animal Stories, Humorous Stories, Cats

Summary:

“Takes a humorous look at the normal way cats bathe, why it is inappropriate for humans to bathe that way, and the challenges of trying to give a cat a real bath with soap and water. Includes fun facts, glossary, and other information.” – *Follett*

**LRC: 21 print copies*



The Bad Guys (Series: *Bad Guys, Bk. 1*)

By Aaron Blabey, c2016

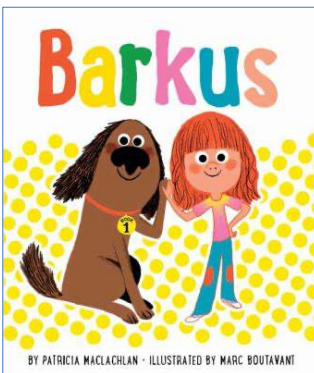
Interest Level: Gr. 3-6, Reading Level: 2.8

Themes: Graphic Novels, Humorous Stories, Action & Adventure, Animal Stories, Heroes, Rescues

Summary:

“They sound like bad guys, they look like bad guys, and they even smell like bad guys. But Mr. Wolf, Mr. Piranha, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Shark are about to change all of that...Mr. Wolf has a daring plan for the Bad Guys' first good mission. They are going to break two hundred dogs out of the Maximum-Security City Dog Pound. Will Operation Dog Pound go smoothly? Will the Bad Guys become the Good Guys? And will Mr. Snake please stop swallowing Mr. Piranha?!” – *Amazon.ca*

**LRC: 12 print copies*



Barkus (Series: *Barkus, Bk. 1*)

By Patricia MacLachlan, c2017

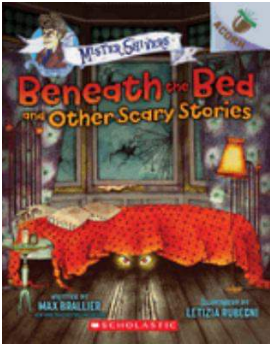
Interest Level: Gr.1-4, Reading Level: 2.3

Themes: Dogs, Humorous Stories, Imagination & Play

Summary:

“Barkus is a large and very smart dog who comes to live with seven-year-old Nicky when Nicky's Uncle Everton goes traveling--and soon he is a family and school favorite.” – *Pub.*

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Beneath the Bed and Other Scary Stories (Series: *Misty Shivers*, Bk. 1)

By Max Brallier, c2019

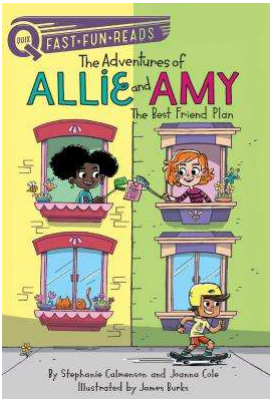
Interest Level: Gr. K-2, Reading Level: 2.5

Themes: Horror, Imagination, Fear Stories

Summary:

“Beneath the bed -- Hair down to my stomach -- Statue -- Dark and stormy night -- Noise at the window. The kids at school dare John to visit the old house on the hill at night, and when he and his sister go in they find dusty dishes set on the table, a book open like it is waiting for a reader, and something hiding under the bed in the attic--and that is only one of the five scary stories with unexpected twists that are included in this collection.” - *Follett*

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The Best Friend Plan (Series: *The Adventures of Allie and Amy*)

By Stephanie Calmenson, c2020

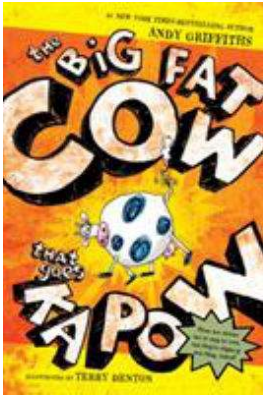
Interest Level: K-3, Reading Level: 1.5

Themes: Best Friends, Camp, Summer

Summary:

“Best friends Amy and Allie do absolutely everything together. And this summer they have made a list of activities that they will do each and every day. But then Allie learns she's being sent to sleep-away camp and all their plans are ruined! How will these BFFs ever make it through the summer?” - *Pub.*

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The Big Fat Cow That Goes Kapow

By Andy Griffiths, c2008

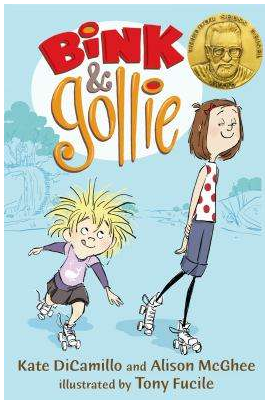
Interest Level: K-3, Reading Level: 1.7

Themes: Humorous Stories, Animals, Cows

Summary:

“Big fat cows -- Noel the mole -- Klaus the mouse -- Willy the worm -- Keith, Ed, and Daisy -- Lumpy-head Fred -- Brave Dave -- Ruth's super scooter -- Mike's bike -- Somewhere less spiky. Presents a collection of ten humorous rhyming stories for beginning readers.” - *Follett*

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Bink & Gollie (Series: *Bink & Gollie, Bk. 1*)

By Kate DiCamillo, c2010

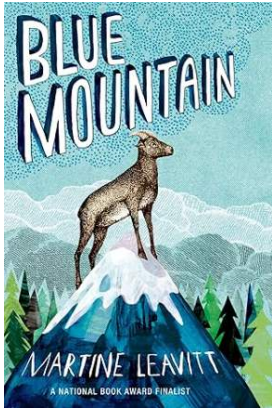
Interest Level: Gr. 1-4, Reading Level: 2.5

Themes: Adventure, Friendship, Humorous Stories

Summary:

“Two roller-skating best friends--one tiny, one tall--share three comical adventures involving outrageously bright socks, an impromptu trek to the Andes, and a most unlikely marvelous companion.” - *Follett*

**LRC: 12 print copies*



Blue Mountain

By Martine Leavitt, c2014

Interest Level: 3-6, Reading Level: 4.8

Themes: Endangered Species, Canadian Rockies, Bighorn Sheep, Survival, Man's Effect on the Environment

Summary:

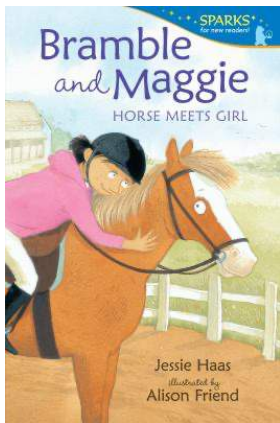
“When young Tuk is born on the mountain, life is simple for a young bighorn. Run, jump and play with his bandmates, eat and grow strong. But soon it will be up to Tuk to lead the herd to a new mountain he has seen far to the west. It will be a long journey filled with dangers. Wolf, bear, wolverine, puma — and man.

The responsibility to lead the herd sits uneasily on Tuk's shoulders. But Tuk is the one who has seen the blue mountain in the distance, and his bandmates are counting on him. There is little Mouf, full of questions. There is Sham, who must reach their new lambing grounds before her lamb is born. And there are his male rivals, who challenge his ability to lead them. After all, Tuk is just a yearling, and his horns are not even fully formed.

As the journey lengthens, it becomes more urgent. Swamps and impenetrable forests block their path. Hungry predators demand their due. Human highways and machines and dwellings contaminate formerly pristine valleys.

Yet Tuk finds a way, with the help of his friend Rim, the loyal ewe, Dall, and his trust in Blue Mountain — a place where the bighorn can live in peace, on the gifts that the mountain provides.” — *Amazon.ca*

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Bramble and Maggie: Horse Meets Girl (Series: Candlewick Sparks: Bramble and Maggie)

By Jessie Haas, c2012

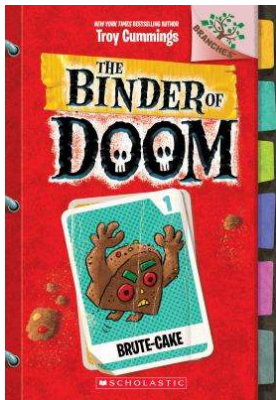
Interest Level: K-4, Reading Level: 2.1

Themes: Horses, Country Life

Summary:

"Maggie, a little girl who longs for a horse of her own, finds her match in Bramble, a horse who has grown tired of riding lessons and walking in circles." - *Follett*

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Brute-Cake (Series: Binder of Doom, Bk. 1)

By Troy Cummings, c2019

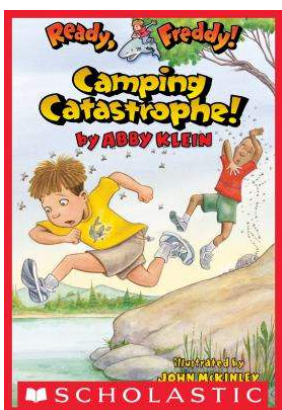
Interest Level: Gr. 1-3, Reading Level: 2.8

Themes: Scary Stories, Best Friends, Monsters

Summary:

"It has been several months since monsters last plagued the town of Stermont, and frankly Alexander Bopp (leader of the Super-Secret Monster Patrol) is bored, and misses his friends Rip (immersed in video games) and Nikki (soccer camp), so when his father signs him up for a summer maker program at the library he is happy to go--but soon he starts finding weird old-timey objects, and monster trading cards, and it starts to look like maybe monsters are back in Stermont." - *Pub.*

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Camping Catastrophe!

By Abby Klein, c2008

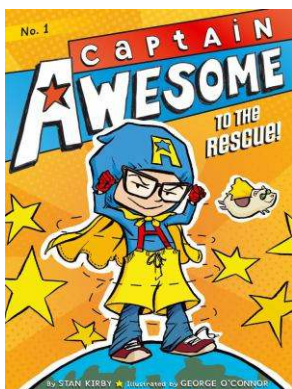
Interest Level: K-3, Reading Level: 2.1

Themes: Camping, Fishing, Friendship, Problem Solving

Summary:

“First-grader Freddy, who is afraid of the dark, is going camping with his father and his friend Robbie, and they get into predicaments and adventures while trying to fish, set up a tent, and sleep under the stars.” - *Follett*

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Captain Awesome to the Rescue! (Series: Captain Awesome)

By Stan Kirby, c2012

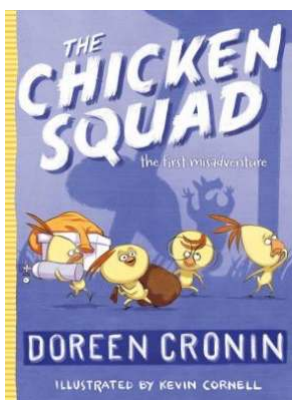
Interest Level: K-4, Reading Level: 3.5

Themes: Hamsters, Moving (Households), School Stories, Humorous Stories

Summary:

“When second-grader Eugene and his family move to a new neighborhood and he starts at a new school, he has a chance to bring out his superhero alter ego, Captain Awesome, to find the kidnapped class hamster.” - *Follett*

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The Chicken Squad : The First Misadventure (Series: Chicken Squad, Bk. 1)

By Doreen Cronin, 2014

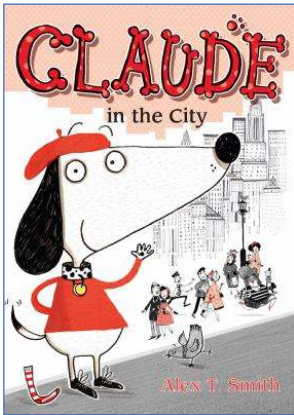
Interest Level: Gr. 2-4, Reading Level: 3.3

Themes: Farm Animals, Mystery, Humorous Stories

Summary:

“Dirt, Sweetie, Poppy and Sugar, the chicks of the Chicken Squad, must figure out what Tail the squirrel is so afraid of.” - *Follett*

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Claude in the City (Series: *Claude*)

By Alex T. Smith, c2011

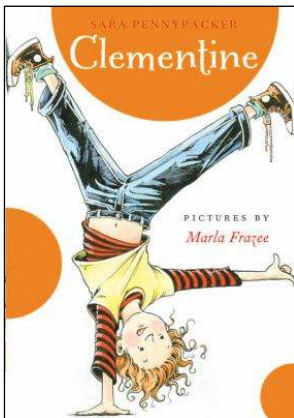
Interest Level: Gr. 2-4, Reading Level: 4.0

Themes: City Life, Dogs, Humorous Stories, Adventure

Summary:

“When Claude, a small, plump dog, and his friend, Sir Bobblysock, visit the city, Claude heroically, if accidentally, stops a thief. Then, when Sir Bobblysock becomes ill, Claude rushes him to a hospital and is mistaken for a doctor.” - *Follett*

**LRC: 12 print copies*



Clementine (Series: *Clementine, Bk. 1*)

By Sara Pennypacker, c2006

Interest Level: Gr. 2-5, Reading Level: 4.5

Themes: Apartment Life, Family Life, Friendship

Summary:

“While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.” - *Follett*

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Danger! Tiger Crossing (Series: *Fantastic Frame*)

By Lin Oliver, c2018

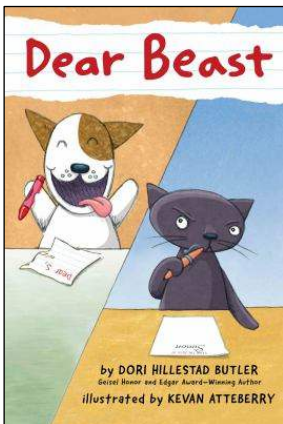
Interest Level: Gr. 3-6, Reading Level: 3.7

Themes: Paintings, Jungles, Adventure

Summary:

“When ten-year-old Tiger Brooks and his family move into a new home, he sees some strange things at the house next door--like a talking pig in a top hat! When he and his neighbor, Luna Lopez, investigate, they discover a reclusive old woman and her magical golden frame, through which they can enter the world's greatest paintings. In this book, Tiger and Luna get pulled into the painting *Surprised!* or *Tiger in a Tropical Storm* by Henri Rousseau. But they must escape the jungle adventure before time runs out, otherwise they'll be trapped in the painting forever!” – *Pub.*

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Dear Beast (Series: *Dear Beast, Bk. 1*)

By Dori Hillestad Butler, 2020

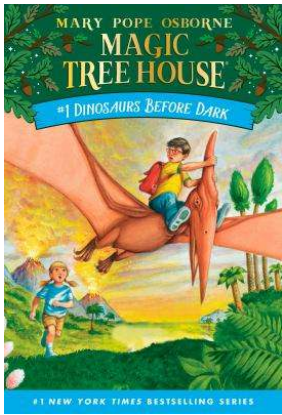
Interest Level: Gr. 1-4, Reading Level: 2.9

Themes: Animals, Humorous Stories, Friendship, Jealousy

Summary:

“Through a series of letters, Simon, a grumpy and jealous cat, informs Baxter, his boy's new dog, that he is not welcome and should leave at once.” – *Follett*

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Dinosaurs Before Dark (Series: Magic Tree House, Bk. 1)

By Mary Pope Osborne, c1992

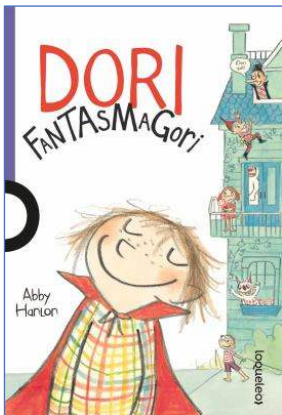
Interest Level: Gr. 1-4, Interest Level: 2.6

Themes: Dinosaurs, Time Travel, Fantasy

Summary:

“Eight-year-old Jack and his younger sister Annie find a magic tree house, which whisks them back to an ancient time zone where they see live dinosaurs.” - Follett

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Dory Fantasmagory (Series: Dory Fantasmagory, Bk. 1)

By Abby Hanlon, c2019

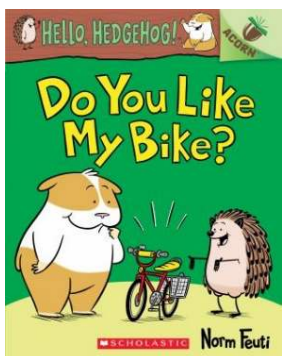
Interest Level: K-3, Reading Level: 3.2

Themes: Imagination, Family Life, Humorous Stories

Summary:

“Dory, the youngest in her family, is a girl with a very active imagination, and she spends the summer playing with her imaginary friend, pretending to be a dog, battling monsters, and generally driving her family nuts.” - Follett

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Do You Like My Bike? (Series: Hello, Hedgehog, Bk. 1)

By Norma Feuti, c2019

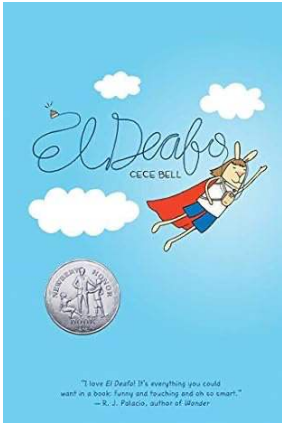
Interest Level: K-1, Reading Level: 1.3

Themes: Cycling, Friendship

Summary:

“Hedgehog goes riding on his new bike, with his best friend Harry.” - Follett

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El Deafo

By Cece Bell, c2014

Interest level: 3-6, Reading level: 3.2

Themes: Graphic Novels, Real Life, Diverse Abilities, Autobiography, Deaf Children, Friendship, Physical Diversity, School Stories

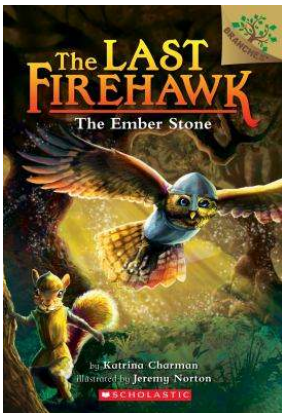
Summary:

“Starting at a new school is scary, especially with a giant hearing aid strapped to your chest! At her old school, everyone in Cece's class was deaf. Here, she's different. She's sure the kids are staring at the Phonic Ear, the powerful aid that will help her hear her teacher. Too bad it also seems certain to repel potential friends.

Then Cece makes a startling discovery. With the Phonic Ear, she can hear her teacher not just in the classroom, but anywhere her teacher is in the school--in the hallway . . . in the teacher's lounge . . . in the bathroom! This is power. Maybe even superpower! Cece is on her way to becoming El Deafo, Listener for All.

But the funny thing about being a superhero is that it's just another way of feeling different . . . and lonely. Can Cece channel her powers into finding the thing she wants most: a true friend?”
- *Pub.*

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The Ember Stone (Series: Branches: Last Firehawk, Bk. 1)

By Katrina Charman, c2017

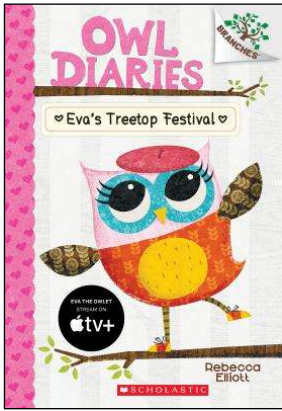
Interest Level: Gr. 1-3, Reading Level: 3.1

Themes: Fantasy, Rescue, Adventure

Summary:

“Perodia is threatened by Thorn, a powerful vulture, who is using magic to spread a terrible darkness--but when a young owl named Tag, and his best friend, the squirrel Skyla, rescue a golden egg from Thorn's Tiger bats they may have found the key to Perodia's salvation: the last firehawk, guardian of the ember stone.” - *Follett*

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Eva's Treetop Festival (Series: Branches: Owl Diaries, Bk. 1)

Rebecca Elliot, c2015

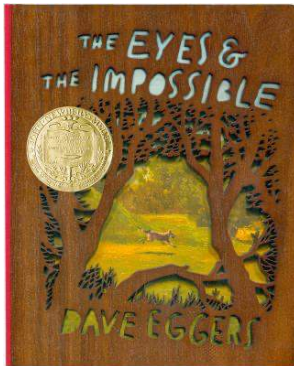
Interest Level: K-2, Reading Level: 3.3

Themes: Diaries, Friendship, Animal Stories, School Stories

Summary:

“Having a Bloomtastic Festival at school to celebrate spring is a great idea--but Eva Wingdale, a young owl, discovers that it is also a lot of work, and there is nothing wrong with asking her friends for help.” - *Follett*

**LRC: 12 print copies*



The Eyes & the Impossible

By Dave Eggers, c2023

Interest Level: Gr. 3-7, 4-7, Reading Level: ?

Themes: Animal Stories, Fantasy, Adventure, Relationship Skills, City and Town Life, Dogs, Social Emotional learning, Interconnectedness

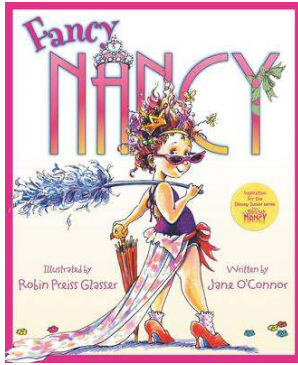
Summary:

“A wild, lyrical, hilarious and beautiful story of a wild dog living and surviving in an urban park

Johannes, a free dog, lives in a park hemmed in on three sides by dense human neighborhoods, and on one side by the ocean. His job is to be the Eyes--to see everything that happens within the park and report to the park's elders, three ancient bison who ensure the Equilibrium. His friends--a stalwart seagull, a mordant raccoon, a one-eyed squirrel, and a pelican who can read--work with him as the Assistant Eyes, observing the humans and other animals who share the park and making sure everything is in balance.

But changes are afoot. More humans, including Trouble Travelers, arrive in the park. A new building, containing mysterious and hypnotic rectangles, goes up. And then there are the goats--an actual boatload of goats--who appear, along with a shocking revelation that changes Johannes' view of the world.” – *Pub.*

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Fancy Nancy (Series: *Fancy Nancy Picture Books*)

By Jane O'Connor, c2006

Interest Level: K-2, Reading Level: 2.3

Themes:

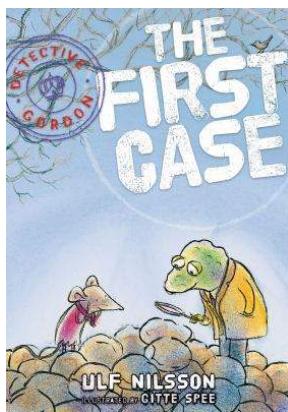
Summary:

“Meet Nancy, who believes that more is ALWAYS better when it comes to being fancy. She loves to wear fancy clothes, play with fancy toys, and most of all, use fancy words! But everyone in her family is just the opposite. From the top of her tiara down to her sparkly studded shoes, Nancy is determined to teach her family a thing or two about being fancy.

How Nancy transforms her parents and little sister for one enchanted evening makes for a story that is funny and warm— with or without the frills. This heartwarming story emphasizes the importance of family and the power of self-expression.” –

Amazon.ca

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The First Case (Series: *Detective Gordon, Bk. 1*)

By Ulf Nilsson, c2015

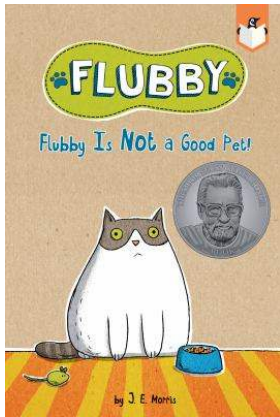
Interest Level: Gr. K-5, Reading Level: 4.2

Themes: Mystery, Animal Stories, Toads

Summary:

“Someone's stealing nuts from the forest, and it's up to Detective Gordon to catch the thief Unfortunately, solving this crime means standing in the snow and waiting for a long time.... If only he had an assistant--someone small, fast, and clever—to help solve this terrible case.” – *Pub.*

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Flubby is Not a Good Pet (Series: *Flubby*)

By J.E. Morris, c2019

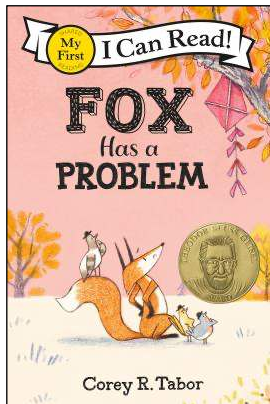
Interest Level: K-2, Reading Level: 0.7

Themes: Cats, Pets, Humorous Stories

Summary:

“Although Flubby the cat refuses to do pet tricks, he proves his pet worthiness during a scary situation.” - *Follett*

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Fox Has a Problem (Series: *I Can Read! My First-Fox*)

By Corey R. Tabor, c2023

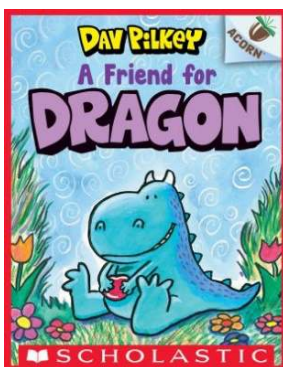
Interest Level: K-1, PS-2, Reading Level: 0.7

Themes: Animal Stories, Cooperation, Foxes

Summary:

“Fox has a problem: His kite is stuck in a tree! But every clever plan creates even *more* problems for him—and for all his friends. Can they work together to fix things before it’s too late? Carefully crafted using basic language, word repetition, sight words, and whimsical illustrations.” – *Amazon.ca*

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A Friend for Dragon

By Dav Pilkey, c1991

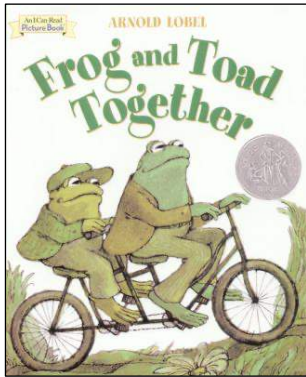
Interest Level: K-2, Reading Level: 2.2

Themes: Friendship, Dragons, Feelings

Summary:

“Dragon is lonely, so he goes looking for a friend and when an apple falls on his head, he is convinced that he has found one; but at home Apple is quiet and unresponsive, and when a visit to the doctor only makes things worse, Dragon mourns the loss of his friend--until an apple tree grows where Apple is buried.” - *Follett*

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Frog and Toad Together

By Arnold Lobel, c1971, 1999

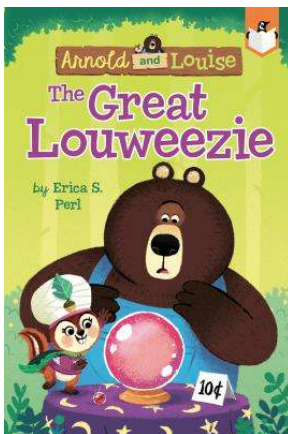
Interest Level: K-3, Reading Level: 2.9

Themes: Animal Stories, Friendship, Frogs, Toads

Summary:

“Frog and Toad are best friends—they do everything together. When Toad admires the flowers in Frog's garden, Frog gives him seeds to grow a garden of his own. When Toad bakes cookies, Frog helps him eat them. And when both Frog and Toad are scared, they are brave together.” – *Amazon.ca*

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The Great Louweezie (Series: Arnold and Louise, Bk. 1)

By Erica S. Perl, 2019

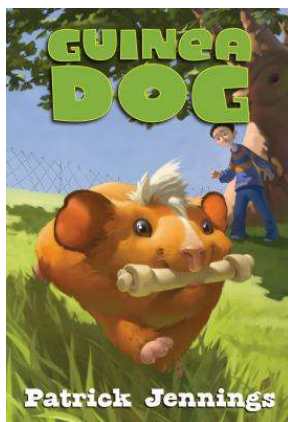
Interest Level: 1-3, Reading Level: 2.1

Themes: Best Friends, Animal Stories, Fortune Telling

Summary:

“The unlikely friendship of Arnold and Louise -- a big bear and a chatty chipmunk -- is tested when Louise claims to be able to predict the future.” - *Follett*

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Guinea Dog (Series: Guinea Dog, Bk. 1)

By Patrick Jennings, c2010

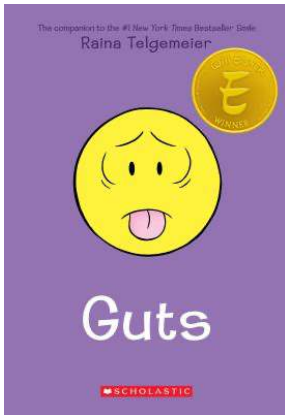
Interest Level: Gr. 3-6, Reading Level: 3.7

Themes: Guinea Pigs, Family Life, School Stories

Summary:

“When his mother brings home a guinea pig instead of the dog he has always wanted, fifth-grader Rufus is not happy--until the rodent starts acting exactly like a dog.” -*Follett*

**LRC: 12 print copies, ebook and audiobook in Sora*



Guts

By Raina Telgemeier, c2019

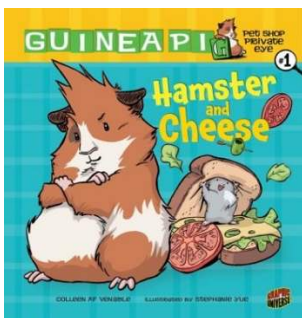
Interest Level: 3-7, Reading Level: 3.1

Themes: Graphic Novels, Realistic Fiction, Autobiography, Stress, Stomach Diseases, School Stories, Friendship

Summary:

“Raina wakes up one night with a terrible upset stomach. Her mom has one, too, so it's probably just a bug. Raina eventually returns to school, where she's dealing with the usual highs and lows: friends, not-friends, and classmates who think the school year is just one long gross-out session. It soon becomes clear that Raina's tummy trouble isn't going away... and it coincides with her worries about food, school, and changing friendships. What's going on? Raina Telgemeier once again brings us a thoughtful, charming, and funny true story about growing up and gathering the courage to face -- and conquer -- her fears.” – *Amazon.ca*

**LRC: 12 print copies*



Hamster and Cheese (Series: Guinea Pig, Pet Shop Private Eye)

By Colleen A. F. Venable, c2010

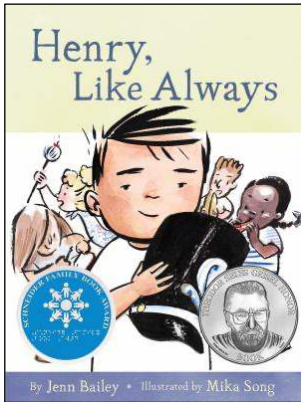
Interest Level: Gr. 1-3, Reading Level: 2.0

Themes: Pets, Comics, Mystery

Summary:

“Sasspants, a guinea pig, reluctantly agrees to act as a private investigator when Hamisher the hamster begs for her help in discovering who is stealing sandwiches from the pet shop's befuddled owner.” - *Follett*

**LRC: 12 print copies*



Henry, Like Always (Series: *Henry Chronicles, Bk. 1*)

By Jenn Bailey, c2024

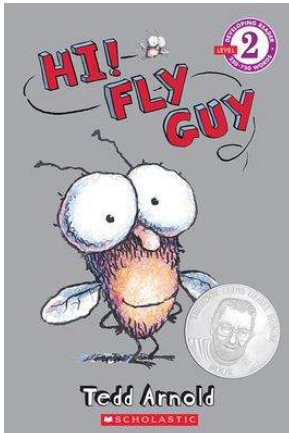
Interest Level: Gr. 1-4, Reading Level: 1.6

Themes: Diverse Abilities, Realistic Fiction, Self-Management, Social-Emotional Learning, Friendship

Summary:

“Henry likes Classroom Ten. He likes how it is always the same. But this week, Henry's class will have a parade, and a parade means having Share Time on the *wrong day*. A parade means playing instruments that are *too loud*. A parade means this week is *not* like always. Join Henry as he navigates the ups and downs of marker missiles, stomach volcanoes, and days that feel a little too orange. From the creators of the Schneider Family Honor-winning picture book *A Friend for Henry*, this warmly funny book starring a child on the autism spectrum is a reassuring read for school-bound kids of all stripes.” – *Amazon.ca*

**LRC: 12 print copies*



Hi! Fly Guy (Series: *Fly Guy, Bk. 1*)

By Tedd Arnold, c2005

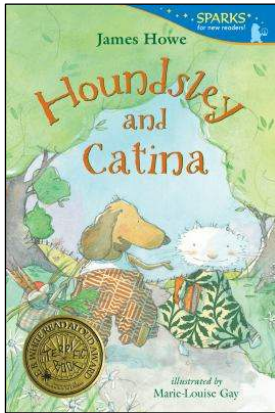
Interest Level: K-3, Reading Level: 1.4

Themes: Friendship, Insects, Adventure, Pets

Summary:

“When Buzz captures a fly to enter in The Amazing Pet Show, his parents and the judges tell him that a fly cannot be a pet, but Fly Guy proves them wrong.” - *Follett*

**LRC: 12 print copies, audiobook in Sora*



Houndsley and Catina (Series: Candlewick Sparks: Houndsley and Catina, Bk. 1)

By James Howe, 2013

Interest Level: K-4, Reading Level: 2.9

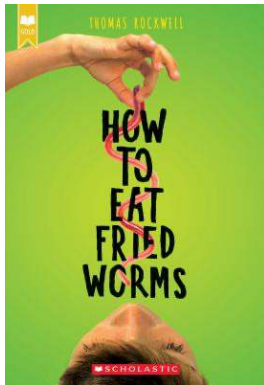
Themes: Friendship, Cats, Dogs

Summary:

“Houndsley and Catina run into trouble when they decide to prove that they are the best at cooking and writing, respectively.”

- Follett

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How to Eat Fried Worms

By Thomas Rockwell, c1973, c2019

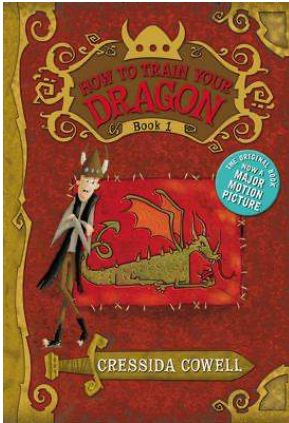
Interest Level: Gr. 3-7, Reading Level: 3.5

Themes: Realistic Fiction, Humorous Stories, Worms, School Stories, Friendship

Summary:

“People are always daring Billy to do zany things. But Billy may have bitten off more than he can chew when he takes his friend Alan's bet that Billy can't eat fifteen worms in fifteen days. If Billy wins, Alan has to fork over fifty dollars. Billy wants the money to buy a used minibike, so he's ready to dig in. He sets up mustard and ketchup, salt and pepper, and sugar and lemon to disguise the disgusting taste. Good news for Billy, once he gets going, he finds himself actually getting hooked on those juicy worms. Bad news for Billy, Alan is busy cooking up schemes to make Billy worm out of the bet. Will Billy keep up his wormy work for fifteen days? No cheating! Keep eating! Worm by worm by worm...” – Scholastic back cover

LRC: 12 copies, audiobook in Sora



How to Train Your Dragon (*How to Train Your Dragon, Bk. 1*)

By Cressida Cowell, c2003, 2010

Interest Level: Gr. 3-5, 4-8, Reading Level: 6.6

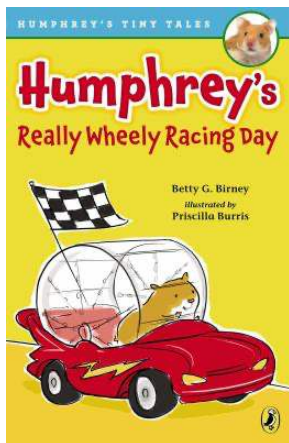
Themes: Fantasy, Dragons, Vikings, Humorous Stories

Summary:

“Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III, the quiet and thoughtful son of the Chief of the Hairy Hooligans, tries to pass the important initiation test of his Viking clan by catching and training a dragon. Can Hiccup do it without being torn limb from limb?

Join his adventures and misadventures as he finds a new way to train dragons--and becomes a hero. This action-packed, hilarious, and perfectly illustrated novel is a modern classic beloved by millions across the globe.” – *Pub.*

**LRC: 12 print copies*



Humphrey's Really Wheely Racing Day (*Series: Humphrey's Tiny Tales, Bk. 1*)

By Betty G. Birney, c2014

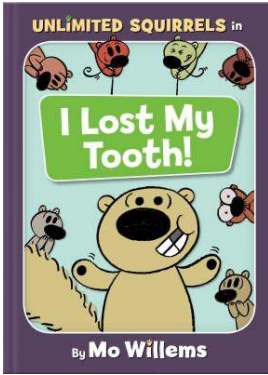
Interest Level: K-3, Reading Level: 3.1

Themes: Animal Stories, Hamsters, Racing, School Stories

Summary:

“When Mandy, one of the students from classroom 26, brings a special hamster-sized race car to class, it means just one thing--Humphrey is going to be in a hamster race.” – *Pub.*

**LRC: 12 print copies*



I Lost My Tooth (Series: *Unlimited Squirrels*)

By Mo Willems, c2018

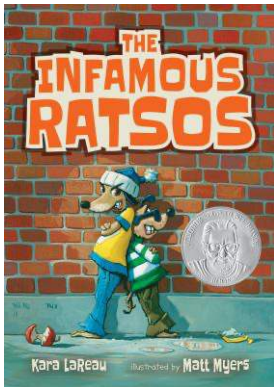
Interest Level: K-2, Reading Level: 2.1

Themes: Animal Stories, Humorous Stories, Squirrels, Teeth

Summary:

“In *I Lost My Tooth!*, Zoom Squirrel has lost a front tooth! The Squirrels leap into action when they discover the missing tooth is a *baby* tooth! Do you know more about teeth than the Squirrels do? You will by the end of this book!” – *Pub.*

**LRC: 12 print copies*



The Infamous Ratsos (Series: *Infamous Ratsos, Bk. 1*)

By Kara LaReau, c2016

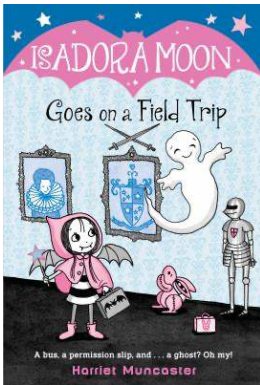
Interest Level: Gr. 2-4, Reading Level: 3.5

Themes: Fantasy, Humorous Stories, Brothers, Rats

Summary:

“Louie and Ralphie Ratso's dad, Big Lou, always says that there are two kinds of people: those who are tough and those who are soft. Louie and Ralphie are tough, tough, tough, just like Big Lou, and they're going to prove it. But every time they try to show just how tough they are, the Ratso brothers end up accidentally doing good deeds instead. What'll Big Lou do when he finds out they've been acting like softies all over the Big City? Perfect for emerging and reluctant readers, this clever and surprisingly warm-hearted chapter book shows that being tough all the time can be really tough.” – *Pub.*

**LRC: 12 print copies*



Isadora Moon Goes on a Field Trip (Series: *Isadora Moon*, Bk. 5)

By Harriet Muncaster, c2019

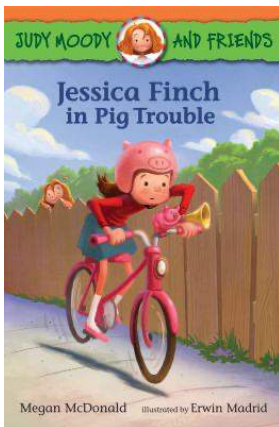
Interest Level: Gr. 1-4, Reading Level: 3.5

Themes: Fantasy, Ghost Stores, Castles, Fairies, Vampires

Summary:

"Isadora knows what it's like to be different. When she and her class go on a field trip to an old castle, Isadora's friends are spooked. What if they see a ghost? Only Isadora knows ghosts aren't scary -- they're just different." - OCLC

**LRC: 12 print copies*



Jessica Finch in Pig Trouble (*Judy Moody and Friends*, Bk. 1)

By Megan McDonald, c2014

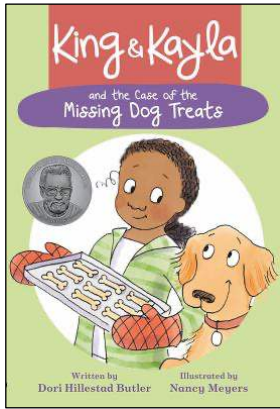
Interest Level: K-2, Reading Level: 2.2

Themes: Realistic Fiction, Friendship, Pigs as Pets

Summary:

"With her birthday coming up, Jessica hopes that, just maybe, her present will be a real-live potbellied pig. Jessica can hardly wait for her party with Judy Moody and all their friends. But Judy Moody is acting like a pig-head, and Jessica UN-invites her from the party. To make matters worse, Jessica has snooped around the house and has found zero sign of a pig present. Could her birthday be any more of a disaster? Geared to newly independent readers, this story will have Judy Moody fans in pig heaven." – *Pub.*

**LRC: 12 print copies*



King & Kayla and the Case of the Missing Dog Treats (Series: *King & Kayla*)

By Dori Butler, c2017

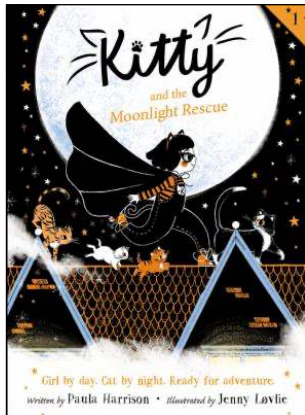
Interest Level: Gr. 1-2, Reading Level: 1.4

Themes: Mystery, Dogs, Pet Stories

Summary:

King's human, Kayla, has baked some treats for a friend's new puppy, Thor, but some go missing and it is up to King to find the culprit." – *Follett*

**LRC: 12 print copies*



Kitty and the Moonlight Rescue (Series: *Kitty, Bk. 1*)

By Paula Harrison, c2019

Interest Level: Gr. 1-4, Reading Level: 2.5

Themes: Fantasy, Action and Adventure, Cats, Superheroes

Summary:

"Kitty is special. Her mother is a superhero with catlike powers that Kitty and her little brother Max will someday inherit. But being a superhero involves going on daring adventures at night, and Kitty doesn't know if she'll ever be brave enough for that!

One night though, Kitty finds a sleek black cat with white paws waiting at her window. When he introduces himself, Kitty is shocked to realize she can understand him—her powers have arrived! The cat, Figaro, has a problem..." – *Amazon.ca*

**LRC: 12 print copies*



Kiwi Cannot Reach

By Jason Tharp, c2019

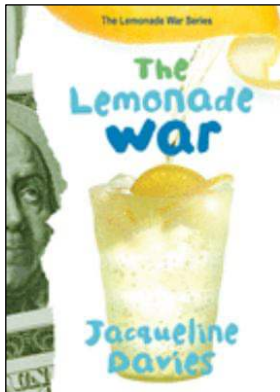
Interest Level: K-1, Reading Level: 1.5

Themes: Animal Stories, Humorous Stories, Determination, Kiwis

Summary:

"Kiwi sees a rope. He wants to pull it, but he cannot reach! What will happen next? Beginning readers can help Kiwi by turning the pages, shaking the book, and more in this interactive story." – *Pub.*

**LRC: 12 print copies*



The Lemonade War (Series: *Lemonade War, Bk. 1*)

By Jacqueline Davies, c2007

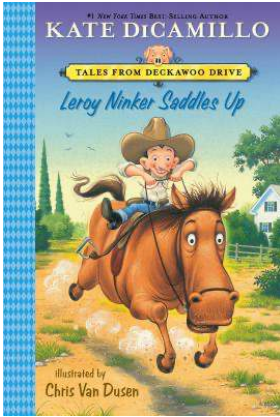
Interest Level: Gr. 3-5, Reading Level: 4.1

Themes: Brothers and Sisters, Money & Business, Mathematics

Summary:

"Fourth-grader Evan Treski is people-smart. He's good at talking with people, even grownups. His younger sister, Jessie, on the other hand, is math-smart, but not especially good with people. So when the siblings' lemonade stand war begins, there really is no telling who will win--or even if their fight will ever end. Brimming with savvy marketing tips for making money at any business, definitions of business terms, charts, diagrams, and even math problems, this fresh, funny, emotionally charged novel subtly explores how arguments can escalate beyond anyone's intent." – *Follett*

**LRC: 24 print copies, ebook and audiobook in Sora*



Leroy Ninker Saddles Up (Series: *Tales from Mercy Watson's Deckawoo Drive, Bk. 1*)

By Kate Di Camillo, c2015

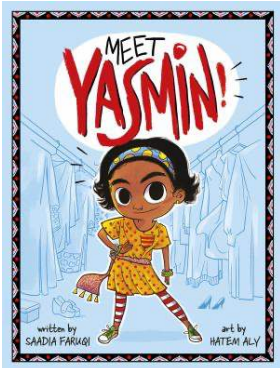
Interest Level: Gr. 1-4, Reading Level: 3.7

Themes: Humorous Stories, Realistic Fiction, Horses, Action & Adventure

Summary:

“Leroy Ninker has everything he needs to be a cowboy except for a horse, but that all changes when he meets Maybelline, and then it's love at first sight. Aligned to Common Core Standards and correlated to state standards.” – *Pub.*

**LRC: 12 print copies*



Meet Yasmin (Series: *Yasmin*)

By Saadia Faruqi, c2019

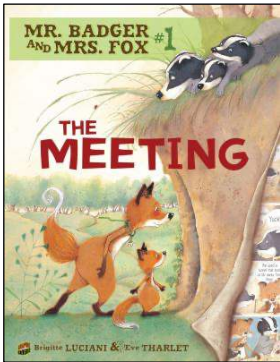
Interest Level: Gr. 1-3, Reading Level: 1.6

Themes: Family Life, School Stories, Pakistani Americans, Creativity, Self-Confidence

Summary:

“Meet Yasmin! Yasmin is a spirited second-grader who's always on the lookout for those "aha" moments to help her solve life's little problems. Taking inspiration from her surroundings and her big imagination, she boldly faces any situation, assuming her imagination doesn't get too big, of course! A creative thinker and curious explorer, Yasmin and her multi-generational Pakistani American family will delight and inspire readers.” – *Pub.*

**LRC: 12 print copies, ebook and audiobook in Sora*



The Meeting (Series: Mr. Badger and Mrs. Fox, Bk. 1)

By Brigitte Luciani, c2010

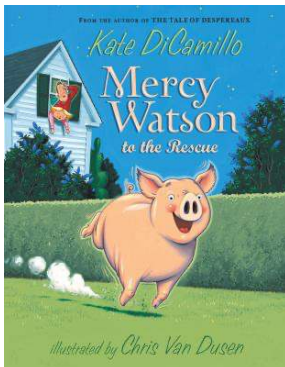
Interest Level: Gr. 1-3, Reading Level: 2.0

Themes: Graphic Novels, Cartoons and Comics, Foxes, Siblings, Stepfamilies, Toleration

Summary:

“Grub, Bristle, and Ginger agree on only one thing: badgers and foxes cannot be friends. But when hunters chase Ginger and her mother out of their den, Mr. Badger and Mrs. Fox decide they should all live together. Grub, Bristle, and Ginger have a BIG PLAN to change their parents' minds . . . but it's going to take a lot of cooperation to prove that they just can't get along! This is the first book in the Mr. Badger and Mrs. Fox series.” – *Amazon.ca*

**LRC: 12 print copies*



Mercy Watson to the Rescue (Series: Mercy Watson, Bk. 1)

By Kate DiCamillo, c2005

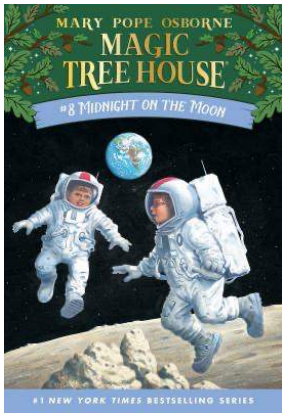
Interest Level: K-2, Reading Level: 2.7

Themes: Animal Stories, Humorous Stories, Pigs

Summary:

“To Mr. and Mrs. Watson, Mercy is not just a pig -- she's a porcine wonder. And to the portly and good-natured Mercy, the Watsons are an excellent source of buttered toast, not to mention that buttery-toasty feeling she gets when she snuggles into bed with them. This is not, however, so good for the Watsons' bed. BOOM! CRACK! As the bed and its occupants slowly sink through the floor, Mercy escapes in a flash - "to alert the fire department," her owners assure themselves. But could Mercy possibly have another emergency in mind -- like a sudden craving for their neighbors' sugar cookies? Welcome to the wry and endearing world of Mercy Watson.” – *Pub.*

**LRC: 12 print copies*



Midnight on the Moon (Series: *Magic Tree House*, Bk. 8)

By Mary Pope Osborne, c1996, 2017

Interest Level: Gr. 1-4, Reading Level: 2.8

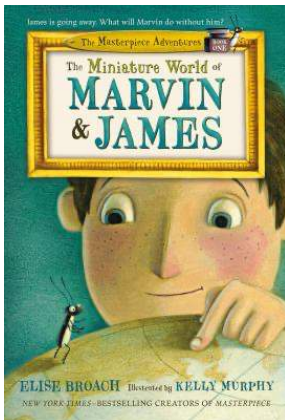
Themes: Fantasy, Action & Adventure, Historical Fiction, Time Travel, Moon

Summary:

“The magic tree house takes Jack and Annie to a moon base in the future where they continue to search for the fourth thing they need to free their friend Morgan from the magician's spell.”

– *Follett*

**LRC: 12 print copies, audiobook in Sora*



The Miniature World of Marvin & James (Series: *Masterpiece Adventures*, Bk. 1)

By Elise Broach, c2014

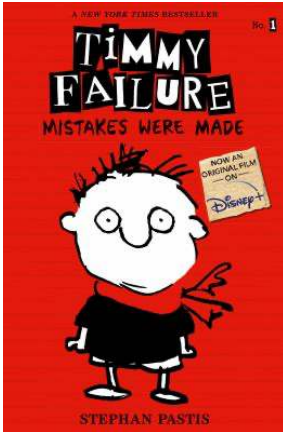
Interest Level: Gr. 1-4, Reading Level: 2.6

Themes: Animal Stories, Fantasy, Friendship, Beetles

Summary:

“James is going on vacation for a week. His best friend, Marvin the beetle, has to stay at home. Without James to keep him company, Marvin has to play with his annoying cousin, Elaine. Marvin and Elaine quickly find themselves getting into all sorts of trouble—even getting trapped inside a pencil sharpener! Marvin misses James and starts to worry about their friendship. Will James still be Marvin's friend when he gets home, or will James have found a new best friend?” – *Amazon.ca*

**LRC: 12 print copies*



Mistakes Were Made (Series: *Timmy Failure*, Bk. 1)

By Stephan Pastis, c2023

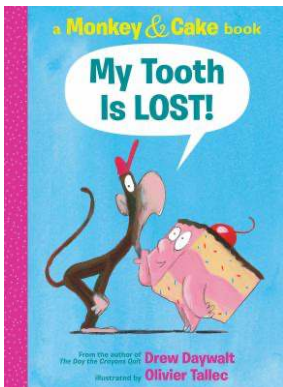
Interest Level: Gr. 3-6, Reading Level: 3.8

Themes: Mystery & Detective Stories, Friendship, Humorous Stories, Comics & Graphic Novels

Summary:

“Take Timmy Failure--the clueless, comically self-confident CEO of the best detective agency in town, perhaps even the nation. Add his impressively lazy business partner, a very large polar bear named Total, and what you have is Total Failure, Inc. From the offbeat creator of *Pearls Before Swine* comes an endearingly bumbling hero in a hilarious caper accompanied by a whodunit twist. With perfectly paced visual humor, Stephan Pastis gets readers snorting with laughter, then slyly carries the joke a beat further--or sweetens it with an unexpected poignant moment--making this a comics-inspired story that truly stands apart from the pack.” – *Pub.*

**LRC: 12 print copies, audiobook in Sora*



My Tooth Is Lost (Series: *Monkey and Cake*, Bk. 3)

By Drew Daywalt, c2019

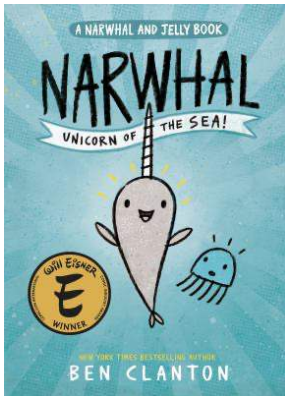
Interest Level: K-2, Reading Level: 1.9

Themes: Friendship, Monkeys, Teeth

Summary:

“In this book, Monkey has lost a tooth This makes Monkey sad. Cake reassures Monkey that the tooth fairy will come... but Monkey isn't so sure. Can Cake help *find* the lost tooth instead? With Daywalt's signature voice and style, the relatable humor of *Elephant and Piggie*, and the wise friendship of *Frog and Toad*, *Monkey and Cake* invites readers to laugh along and let their imaginations soar. Praise for *Monkey & Cake*: "Exuberant, expressive, and full of philosophical inquiry.” – *Pub.*

**LRC: 12 print copies, audiobook in Sora*



Narwhal : Unicorn of the Sea (Series: *Narwhal and Jelly, Bk. 1*)

By Ben Clanton, c2016

Interest Level: Gr. 1-3, Reading Level: 2.4

Themes: Graphic Novels, Friendship, Humorous Comics, Jellyfishes, Narwhals

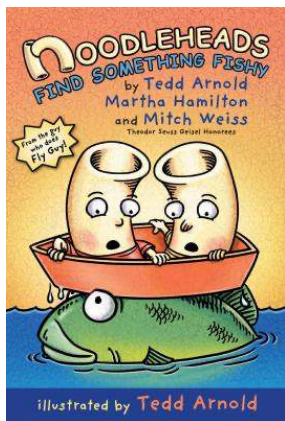
Summary:

“Jelly is a no-nonsense jellyfish. The two might not have a lot in common, but they do they love waffles, parties and adventures. Join Narwhal and Jelly as they discover the whole wide ocean together.

A wonderfully silly early graphic novel series featuring three stories. In the first, Jelly learns that Narwhal is a really good friend. Then Narwhal and Jelly form their own pod of awesomeness with their ocean friends. And finally, Narwhal and Jelly read the best book ever -- even though it doesn't have any words...or pictures

Ben Clanton showcases the joys of friendship, the benefits of working together and the power of imagination in the delightful *Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea.*” – *Pub.*

**LRC: 13 print copies*



Noodleheads Find Something Fishy (Series: *Noodleheads*)

By Tedd Arnold, c2018

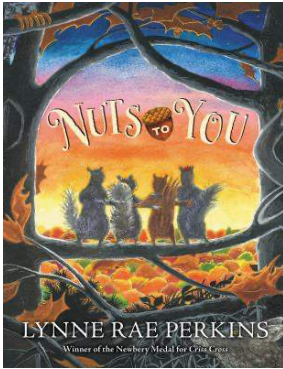
Interest Level: Gr. 1-3, Reading Level: 2.6

Themes: Graphic Novels, Humorous Stories

Summary:

“Mac and Mac, as gullible as ever, decide that since fish live in schools, they must be smart. The fish in this funny story certainly are smart enough to outwit Mac and Mac--and so is their friend Meatball, who shows them how to get a bigger boat. But there's something fishy about his suggestion.” – *Pub.*

**LRC: 12 print copies*



Nuts to You

By Lynne Rae Perkins, c2014

Interest Level: Gr. 3-6, Reading Level: 4.2

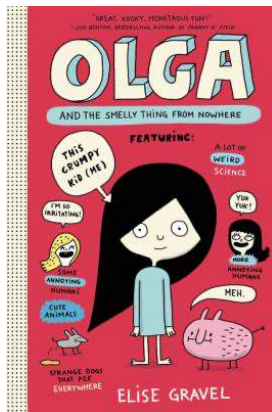
Themes: Action & Adventure, Forests & Forestry, Squirrels, Survival, Environmental Impact on Nature

Summary:

"Jed, TsTs, and Chai are the very best of friends. So when Jed is snatched up by a hawk and carried away to another realm, TsTs and Chai resolve to go after him. Mysteriously, the hawk has dropped him. They saw it. Jed could be alive. New communities are discovered, new friends are made, huge danger is encountered (both man-made and of the fox and bobcat variety) and the mysteries of squirrel culture are revealed. *Nuts to You* is wholly original, funny, lively, and thought-provoking." –

Publishers Weekly

**LRC: 24 print copies*



Olga and the Smelly Thing from Nowhere (Series: Olga, Bk. 1)

By Elise Gravel, c2017

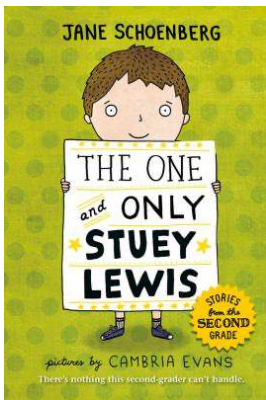
Interest Level: Gr. 2-5, Reading Level: 4.4

Themes: Realistic Fiction, Science Fiction, Humour, Animals, Girls

Summary:

"When Olga crosses paths with a weird creature and becomes the first kid to discover the species *olgamus ridiculus*, she is ecstatic! What does an olgamus eat? How does it poop? Why does its burp sound like the word rubber? With her trusty observation notebook and the help of a librarian, a shopkeeper, and some friends, Olga sets out to do science--learning the facts about her smelly, almost-furry pal and searching for him when he goes missing. The scientific method is the best way to discover anything!" - *Amazon.com*

**LRC: 12 print copies*



The One and Only Stuey Lewis : Stories From the Second Grade

By Jane Schoenberg, c2011

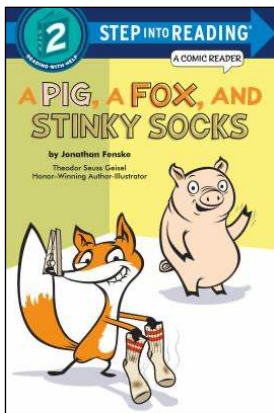
Interest Level: Gr. 2-3, Reading Level: 2.9

Themes: Family Life, School Stories, Teachers

Summary:

“Stuey Lewis faces many challenges in the second grade, but while he struggles with reading, Stuey manages to pull off a great Halloween caper and joins the soccer team.” – *Follett*

**LRC: 12 print copies*



A Pig, A Fox, and Stinky Socks

By Jonathan Fenske, c2017, 2021

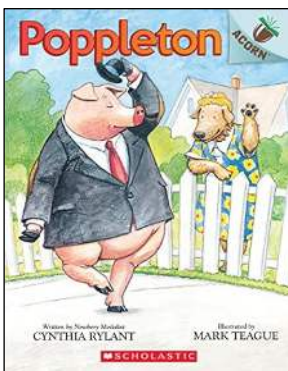
Interest level: K-1, Reading Level: 0.8

Themes: Graphic Novels, Cartoons and Comics, Friendship, Foxes, Pigs, Practical Jokes

Summary:

“First, Fox tries to prank Pig with a "gift" of stinky socks hidden in a box. Then he hides another pair in Pig's slop. As always, the mischief winds up backfiring, and Fox becomes his own victim. With comical art and simple language...” - *Amazon.ca*

**LRC: 12 print copies*



Poppleton (Series: Poppleton, Bk. 1)

By Cynthia Rylant, c2019

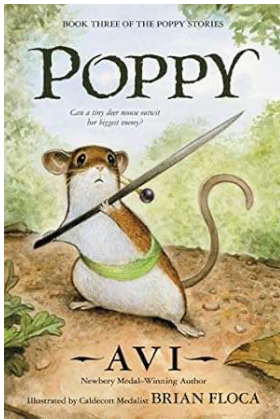
Interest Level: K-2, Reading Level: 2.5

Themes: Friendship, Neighbours, Libraries

Summary:

“Poppleton makes friends with his new neighbor, Cherry Sue. He goes to the library every Monday to read adventure stories. And he helps his friend Fillmore take his medicine when he is sick.”

**LRC: 12 print copies*



Poppy (Series: *Poppy*, Bk. 3)

By Avi, c2020, c1995

Interest Level: Gr. 3-7, 4-6, Reading Level: 4.5

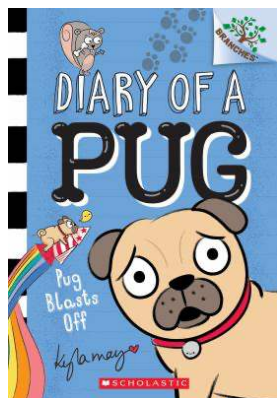
Themes: Animal Stories, Fantasy, Survival

Summary:

“Poppy knew she was taking a risk following her beloved Ragweed to Bannock Hill, but a night of dancing with the handsome golden mouse was just too tempting. So when Ragweed is scooped up by the sinister owl, Mr. Ocax, who rules over Dimwood forest, she’s devastated. Her whole life she was warned of Mr. Ocax’s evil ways...how could she have been so foolish to put herself *and* Ragweed at risk?

To make matters worse, when Poppy attempts to move with her family to a different part of the woods where the food supply is richer, Mr. Ocax refuses to let them go. Despite what she’s been led to believe for years, Mr. Ocax is not as strong as he wants the mice to think he is. Armed with the bravery, gumption, and wit of a hero, Poppy embarks on a dangerous quest—joined by the irascible but lovable porcupine, Ereth—to defeat Mr. Ocax and lead her family to a better home.” – *Amazon.ca*

*LRC: 24 print copies



Pug Blasts Off (Series: *Diary of a Pug*, Bk. 1)

By Kyla May, c2019

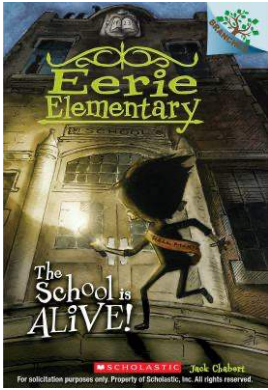
Interest Level: K-2, Reading Level: 2.9

Themes: Animal Stories, Diaries, Dogs, Squirrels, Inventions

Summary:

“Baron von Bubbles (Bub) is a pug who wants nothing more than to help his human Bella in her craft projects for school, though he is a little apprehensive about the rocket she is making for the Inventor Challenge--so when he ruins the rocket while trying to get at Nutz the squirrel he needs to find a way to make it up to Bella.” – *Follett*

*LRC: 12 print copies



The School is Alive (Series: Branches: Eerie Elementary, Bk. 1)

By Jack Chabert, c2014

Interest Level: Gr. 1-3, Reading Level: 3.4

Themes: Adventure, Fantasy, Thriller, Scary Stories, Friendship

Summary:

“Sam Graves discovers that his elementary school is ALIVE! Sam finds this out on his first day as the school hall monitor. Sam must defend himself and his fellow students against the evil school! Is Sam up to the challenge? He'll find out soon enough: the class play is just around the corner. Sam teams up with friends Lucy and Antonio to stop this scary school before it's too late!” –

Amazon.ca

**LRC: 12 print copies*



Shine

By J.J. Grabenstein, c2021

Interest Level: Gr. 3-6, Reading Level: 4.7

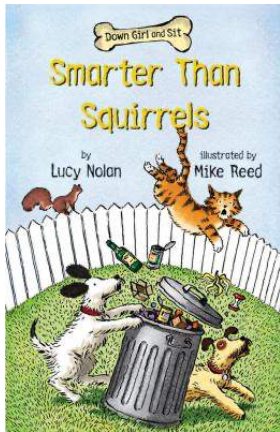
Themes: Realistic Fiction, School Stories, New Experiences, Contests, Helping Others

Summary:

“*Shine on!* might be the catchphrase of twelve-year-old Piper's hero--astronaut, astronomer, and television host Nellie Dumont Frisse--but Piper knows the truth: some people are born to shine, and she's just not one of them. That fact has never been clearer than now, when her dad's new job has landed them both at Chumley Prep, a posh private school where *everyone* seems to be the best at something and where Piper *definitely* doesn't fit in.

Bursting with humor, heart, science, possibilities, and big questions, *Shine!* is a story about finding your place in the universe--a story about figuring out who you are and who you want to be.” – *Amazon.ca*

**LRC: 13 print copies, audiobook in Sora*



Smarter Than Squirrels (*Down Girl and Sit, Bk. 1*)

By Lucy A. Nolan, c2004

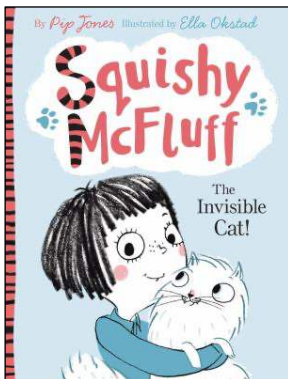
Interest Level: Gr. 1-3, Reading Level: 2.7

Themes: Humorous Stories, Dogs, Squirrels

Summary:

“Down Girl and Sit are two dogs who are "smarter than squirrels." They know how to protect their masters from all the things that can go wrong in the neighborhood: they bark at paperboys and guard the garbage cans and keep mischievous squirrels at bay. But when Here Kitty Kitty moves in next door, their daily routines are turned topsy-turvy. Filled with humor and adventure, this illustrated chapter book takes a look at life in the backyard from the well-intentioned but misguided viewpoint of man's best friend.” – *Pub.*

**LRC: 22 print copies*



Squishy McFluff : The Invisible Cat (*Series: Squishy McFluff the Invisible Cat,, Bk. 1*)

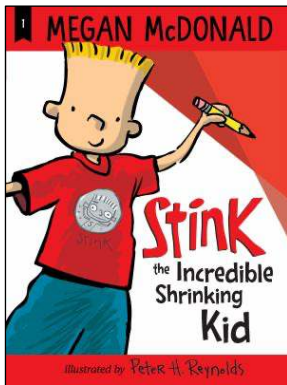
Interest Level: K-2, Reading Level: 2.3

Themes: Imaginary Playmates, Stories in Verse, Cats

Summary:

“How much mischief can an invisible cat cause? Plenty, if that cat is Squishy McFluff.... Ava and Squishy charm. Readers will wish that they had a kitty to blame their misdeeds on when they've acted...naughty.” – *Pub.*

**LRC: 12 print copies*



Stink : The Incredible Shrinking Kid (*Stink Moody, Bk. 1*)

By Megan McDonald, c2005, 2021

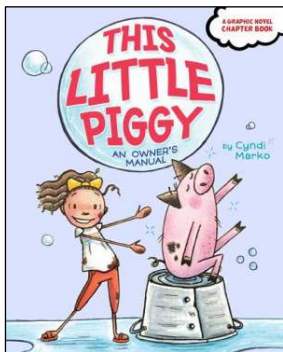
Interest Level: K-2, Reading Level: 2.9

Themes: Realistic Fiction, School Stories, Siblings

Summary:

“Every morning, Judy Moody measures Stink and it's always the same: three feet, eight inches tall. Stink feels like even the class newt is growing faster than he is. Then, one day, the ruler reads — can it be? — three feet, seven and three quarters inches! Is Stink shrinking? He tries everything to look like he's growing but wearing up-and-down stripes and spiking his hair aren't fooling anyone into thinking he's taller. If only he could ask James Madison — Stink's hero, and the shortest person ever to serve as President of the United States.” – *Amazon.ca*

**LRC: 12 print copies, ebook and audiobook in Sora*



This Little Piggy : An Owner's Manual

By Cyndi Marko, c2021

Interest Level: Gr. 1-4, Reading Level: 2.4

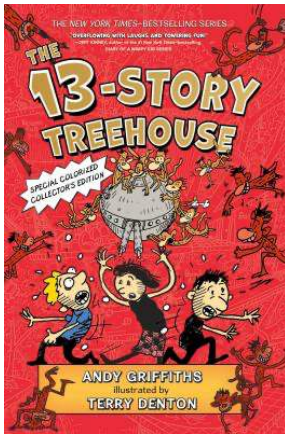
Themes: Brothers and Sisters, Pigs as Pets, Responsibility

Summary:

“Have you ever wanted to own a pig, but worried how to convince your mom it was a fantastic idea?

This graphic novel chapter book tells the tale of a brother and sister who--*more than anything*--want a pet pig. Getting the pig--Snowflake--isn't all that hard, but keeping it clean, feeding it healthy snacks, and teaching it manners and tricks, proves to be more than these kids bargained for.” – *Pub.*

**LRC: 12 print copies*



The 13-Story Treehouse (Series: *Treehouse*, Bk. 1)

By Andy Griffiths, c2013

Interest Level: Gr. 2-5, 3-5, Reading Level: 3.8

Themes: Action & Adventure, Fantasy, Story Collections, Humorous Stories, Books & Libraries

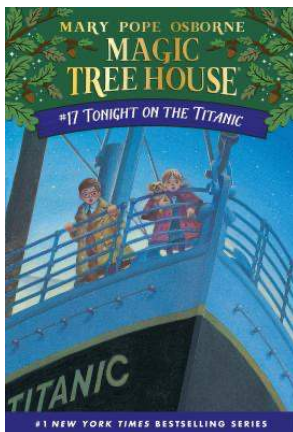
Summary:

“Andy and Terry live in a treehouse. But it's not just any old treehouse, it's the most amazing treehouse in the world!

This treehouse has thirteen stories, a bowling alley, a see-through swimming pool, a secret underground laboratory, and a marshmallow machine that follows you around and automatically shoots marshmallows into your mouth whenever you are hungry.

Life would be perfect for Andy and Terry if it wasn't for the fact that they have to write their next book, which is almost impossible because there are just so many distractions, including thirteen flying cats, giant bananas, mermaids, sea monsters pretending to be mermaids, enormous gorillas, and dangerous burp gas-bubble gum bubbles!” – *Pub.*

**LRC: 12 print copies*



Tonight on the Titanic (Series: *Magic Tree House*, Bk. 17)

By Mary Pope Osborne, c1999, c2017

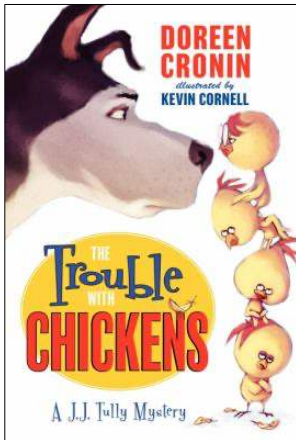
Interest Level: Gr. 1-4, Reading Level: 3.1

Themes: Action & Adventure, Historical Fiction, Fantasy & Magic, Survival, Shipwrecks

Summary:

“*Titanic* trouble! Jack and Annie are in for an exciting, scary, and sad adventure when the Magic Tree House whisks them back to the decks of the *Titanic*. Is there anything they can do to help the ill-fated ship? Will they be able to save anyone? Will they be able to save themselves?” – *Amazon.ca*

**LRC: 12 print copies, audiobook in Sora*



The Trouble With Chickens : A J.J. Tully Mystery. (Series: ???)

By Doreen Cronin, c2012

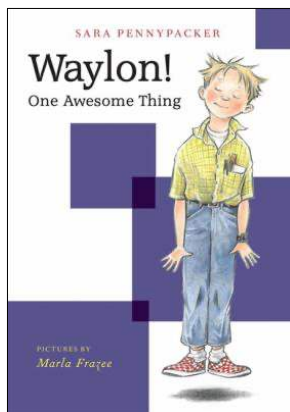
Interest Level: Gr. 2-4, 3-5, Reading Level: 3.8

Themes: Animal Stories, Humorous Stories, Mystery and Detective Stories, Dogs, Chickens, Friendship

Summary:

“J.J. Tully is a former search-and-rescue dog who is trying to enjoy his retirement after years of performing daring missions saving lives. So he's not terribly impressed when two chicks named Dirt and Sugar (who look like popcorn on legs) and their chicken mom show up demanding his help to find their missing siblings. Driven by the promise of a cheeseburger, J.J. begins to track down clues. Is Vince the Funnel hiding something? Are there dark forces at work—or is J.J. not smelling the evidence that's right in front of him?” – Amazon.ca

**LRC: 23 print copies*



Waylon! : One Awesome Thing (Series: Waylon!, Bk. 1)

By Sara Pennypacker, c2017

Interest Level: Gr. 2-5, Reading Level: 4.6

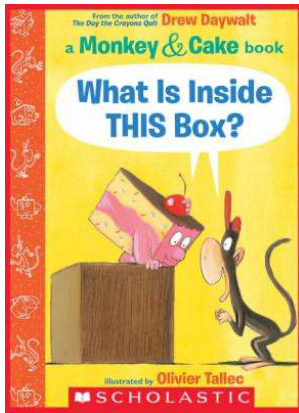
Themes: Realistic Fiction, School Stories, Friendship, Brothers and Sisters, Dogs

Summary:

“Waylon has lots of ideas for making life more awesome through science, like teleportation, human gills, and attracting cupcakes by controlling gravity. But it's impossible for him to concentrate on his inventions when he's experiencing his own personal Big Bang.

Arlo Brody is dividing the fourth-grade boys into two groups. Waylon would rather be friends with everyone. He wishes everything would go back to the way it was before. Just when it looks as though Waylon's universe is exploding, something happens to bring it all together again, and it is, without a doubt, One Awesome Thing.” – Pub.

**LRC: 14 print copies, audiobook in Sora*



What Is Inside This Box? (Series: *Monkey & Cake*)

By Drew Daywelt, c2019

Interest Level: K-2, Reading Level:

Themes: Humorous Stories, Friendship, Monkeys, Reasoning

Summary:

“Monkey and Cake cannot agree what's inside Monkey's mysterious box. Is it a kitty? Is it a dinosaur? How will they find out -- and what do *you* think is inside? With Daywalt's signature quirky style, the relatable humor of *Elephant and Piggie*, and the wise friendship of *Frog and Toad*, *Monkey and Cake* invites readers to laugh along and let their imaginations soar.” – *Amazon.ca*

**LRC: 12 print copies, audiobook in Sora*



The Wild Robot (Series: *Wild Robot, Bk. 1*)

By Peter Brown, c2016

Interest Level: Gr. 3-7, Reading Level: 5.1

Themes: Science Fiction, Survival Stories, Robots, Conservation & environment, Action and Adventure

Summary:

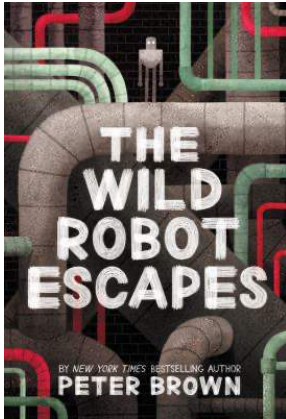
“Can a robot survive in the wilderness?”

When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is all alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is--but she knows she needs to survive. After battling a violent storm and escaping a vicious bear attack, she realizes that her only hope for survival is to adapt to her surroundings and learn from the island's unwelcoming animal inhabitants.

As Roz slowly befriends the animals, the island starts to feel like home--until, one day, the robot's mysterious past comes back to haunt her.

From bestselling and award-winning author and illustrator Peter Brown comes a heartwarming and action-packed novel about what happens when nature and technology collide.” – *Amazon.ca*

**LRC: 26 print copies, audiobook in Sora*



The Wild Robot Escapes (Series: *Wild Robot*, Bk. 2)

By Peter Brown, c2020

Interest Level: Gr. 3-7, Reading Level: 5.0

Themes: Science Fiction, Animal Stories, Action & Adventure, Robots, Technology, Survival, Social Emotional Learning

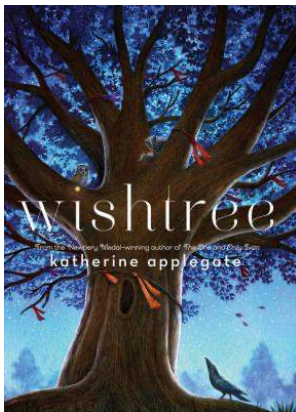
Summary:

“The thrilling sequel to the #1 *New York Times* bestselling *The Wild Robot*, by award-winning author Peter Brown.

Shipwrecked on a remote, wild island, Robot Roz learned from the unwelcoming animal inhabitants and adapted to her surroundings--but can she survive the challenges of the civilized world and find her way home to Brightbill and the island?

A heartwarming and action-packed sequel to his *New York Times* bestselling *The Wild Robot*, about what happens when nature and technology collide.” – *Amazon.ca*

**LRC: 24 copies, ebook in Sora*



Wishtree

By Katherine Applegate, c2017

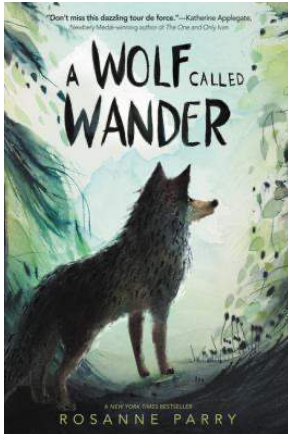
Interest Level: Gr. 3-6, Reading Level: 4.2

Themes: Fantasy, Multicultural, Tolerance, Friendship, Wishes, Trees, Crows, Racism

Summary:

“Red is an oak tree who is many rings old. Red is the neighborhood "wishtree" — people write their wishes on pieces of cloth and tie them to Red's branches. Along with her crow friend Bongo and other animals who seek refuge in Red's hollows, this "wishtree" watches over the neighborhood. You might say Red has seen it all. Until a new family moves in. Not everyone is welcoming, and Red's experiences as a wishtree are more important than ever. Funny, deep, warm, and nuanced, *Wishtree* is Katherine Applegate at her very best, writing from the heart.” – *Pub.*

**LRC: 12 print copies*



A Wolf Called Wander (Series: *Voice of the Wilderness*)

By Rosanne Parry, c2019

Interest Level: Gr. 3-6, 4-6, Reading Level: 4.4

Themes: Animal Stories, Relationship skills, Nature, Wolves, Survival

Summary:

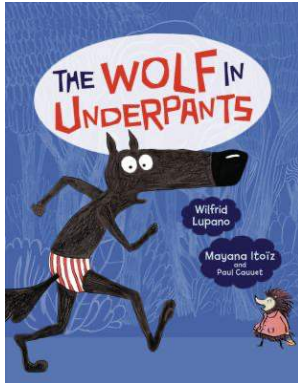
“This gripping novel about survival and family is based on the real story of one wolf’s incredible journey to find a safe place to call home. Illustrated throughout, this irresistible tale by award-winning author Rosanne Parry is for fans of Sara Pennypacker’s *Pax* and Katherine Applegate’s *The One and Only Ivan*.

Swift, a young wolf cub, lives with his pack in the mountains learning to hunt, competing with his brothers and sisters for hierarchy, and watching over a new litter of cubs. Then a rival pack attacks, and Swift and his family scatter.

Alone and scared, Swift must flee and find a new home. His journey takes him a remarkable one thousand miles across the Pacific Northwest. The trip is full of peril, and Swift encounters forest fires, hunters, highways, and hunger before he finds his new home.

Inspired by the extraordinary true story of a wolf named OR-7 (or Journey), this irresistible tale of survival invites readers to experience and imagine what it would be like to be one of the most misunderstood animals on earth. This gripping and appealing novel about family, courage, loyalty, and the natural world is for fans of Fred Gipson’s *Old Yeller* and Katherine Applegate’s *Endling*.” – *Amazon.ca*

**LRC: 13 print copies, audiobook in Sora*



The Wolf in Underpants (Series: *Wolf in Underpants, Bk. 1*)

By Wildrid Lupano, c2019

Interest Level: Gr. 2-4, Reading Level: 3.6

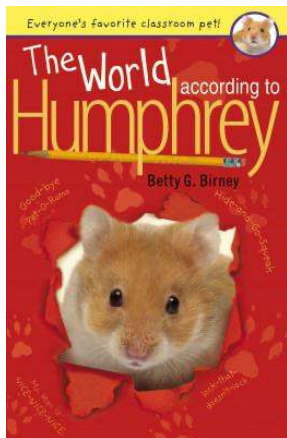
Themes: Graphic Novels, Comic Strips & Cartoons, Forest Animals, Wolves

Summary:

“In this witty graphic novel, a community of forest animals trades scary rumors about a nearby wolf. Some critters have even gone into business selling wolf traps and anti-wolf fences. But when the wolf appears in a pair of striped underpants, everyone rethinks their fears. This is a heartwarming story about understanding differences, told with an oddball sense of humor.”

– *Pub.*

**LRC: 12 print copies*



The World According to Humphrey (Series: *Humphrey the Hamster, Bk. 1*)

By Betty G. Birney, c2004

Interest Level: Gr. 3-7, 2-5, Reading Level: 4.2

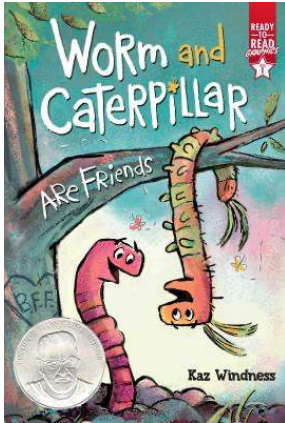
Themes: Animal Stories, School Stories, Pets, Hamsters

Summary:

“The first book in the series about everyone's favorite classroom pet

You can learn a lot about life by observing another species. That's what Humphrey was told when he was first brought to Room 26. And boy, is it true In addition to having FUN-FUN-FUN in class, each weekend this amazing hamster gets to sleep over with a different student, like Lower-Your-Voice-A.J. and Speak-Up-Sayeh. Soon Humphrey learns to read, write, and even shoot rubber bands (only in self-defence, of course). With lots of friends to help, adventures to enjoy, and a cage with a lock-that-doesn't-lock, Humphrey's life is almost perfect. If only the teacher, Mrs. Brisbane, wasn't out to get him.” – *Pub.*

**LRC: 12 print copies, audiobook in Sora*



Worm and Caterpillar Are Friends (Series: Ready-to-Read Graphics: Level 1, Worm and Caterpillar)

Interest Level: PS-2, Reading Level: 0.8

Themes: Animal Comics, Best Friends, Friendship, Caterpillars, Worms, Change, Graphic Novels

Summary:

“

This heartwarming and affirming Level 1 Ready-to-Read Graphics book celebrates the beauty of true friendship!

Worm and Caterpillar are friends--*best* friends. Worm loves how they are just alike, but Caterpillar has a feeling there is a big change coming. Then Caterpillar disappears for a while and comes back as Butterfly. Will Butterfly and Worm still be friends?” – *Pub.*

**LRC: 12 print copies*

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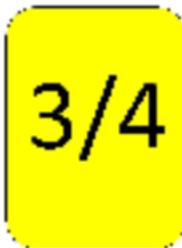
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