

Bedford Falls Fall 2018 Elementary Flyer Title Summaries

Picture Books

Trapped! A Whale's Rescue Captivating illustrations help show young readers the danger faced by a humpback whale when it is caught in abandoned fishing nets left in the ocean. Based on an actual event, this book educates students about the importance of keeping our oceans clean and is a great classroom read-aloud.

Fabulous Frogs – Colorful illustrations and simple text provide readers with information about the many kinds of frogs around the world. A non-fiction choice for students that will both inform and entertain.

A Bike Like Sergio's – Ruben desperately wants a bike like his friend Sergio's but knows that his family does not have the money to afford even a secondhand one. When he sees a lady unknowingly drop some money at the grocery check-out, Ruben picks it up. When he looks at it later, he is shocked to discover that it is a \$100 bill! Has he finally found the way to get the bike he wants so badly? A story about making choices that is a good basis for family and classroom discussions.

Wild Kratts: Glow Wild! With pages that glow in the dark, this nonfiction picture book by the ever-popular Kratt brothers will be a new favorite for budding young scientists. With information about a range of nocturnal animals, including lesser known ones such as the fossa, the tarsier, and the aye-aye, young readers are sure to learn new facts about favorite animals.

Fancy Nancy and the Quest for the Unicorn Fancy Nancy and Bree, along with some help from Freddy and Jojo, are on a quest to find a unicorn. After lots of looking for glitter, unicorn horns, and silvery hair, they still haven't located one. Is there one to be found or will our fancy friends be out of luck? A sweet story for young readers who love a touch of fantasy in their stories.

Early Readers

Cooking with Sam-I-Am Lv. 1 Join the famous Sam-I-Am as he decides to cook the green eggs and ham that he so enjoys eating! With simple text and rhyming narrative, this is a great choice for young readers familiar with this popular Dr. Seuss character.

Stick With Me! Sunny Day Lv. 1 Sunny and her friends have been invited to see Hannah's ballet, but when Rox and Blair get stuck together with super sticky hair spray, the gang must find a way to get the two unstuck. Can they figure out how to solve the problem or will they miss their new friend's dance?

A Raccoon at the White House Lv. 2 Part of the Tails from History collection, this informative and fun early reader tells about many of the live animals that President Calvin Coolidge and his wife kept at the White House. Rebecca the Raccoon was one of the president's favorites but lion cubs, a bobcat and a hippo were part of his collection as well. A book that will entertain and inform young readers who love nonfiction.

Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: Horse in the House Lv. 2 – Tired of staying in the barn, Cocoa explores inside Kate's house with her when her parents are out. He is intrigued by the refrigerator, in particular, and all

of the delicious treats it holds. Will Kate be able to convince Cocoa that the barn has special traits that make it the best place for him? A delightful tale of friendship perfect for young readers.

Amelia Bedelia Gets A Break Lv. 1 Amelia Bedelia is excited to take care of Harry the hamster, the class pet, over spring break. After just one night, though, Harry goes missing and Amelia and her friends must search the house high and low to find the missing pet. Will Amelia “get a break” and find him, or is the class hamster gone for good? Perfect for young readers with a love for animals and mystery.

Pete the Cat’s Groovy Bake Sale Pre-Reader – Pete needs to make treats for his school bake sale but he burns the chocolate chip cookies and the ice cream sundaes melt into soup. Can he come up with a yummy treat that his friends will love? The perfect story for every new reader.

Magic School Bus Rides Again: Hide and Seek This popular series is now available in an early reader format for newly independent readers! Check out the Magic School Bus as it heads into the wild to discover the secrets of mimicry and camouflage.

Lego Super Sharks Lv.1 Full of facts and photographs about sharks in the real world, this early reader also has Lego figures that suggest related activities and pose questions about sharks to the reader. A great combination of two favorites – sharks and Legos!

Beginning Chapter

Owl Diaries: Eva’s Big Sleepover It’s almost Eva’s birthday and she is super excited about the special sleepover she has planned to celebrate. But one of her friends, Sue, doesn’t want to seem to come. Is Sue worried about her first sleepover or does she really just not want to come? Eva is determined to work it out so the birthday celebration can be the best ever! A story many young readers can relate to.

Zach and Zoe Mysteries: The Missing Baseball Eight year old twins Zach and Zoe Walker love sports and solving mysteries. When Zach brings his baseball signed by a favorite pro player to school however, it goes missing! Can the twins find the missing ball and finger the thief or is Zach’s ball gone for good? A great new series which highlight good character and values while engaging young readers in mysteries they’re bound to love!

Zach and Zoe Mysteries: The Half-Court Hero When Zach and Zoe decide to set up a summer basketball tournament at their local court, the rundown condition of the goals, nets and benches is less than ideal. To their surprise, however, improvements begin to happen overnight. Who is responsible for this and why is it being kept a secret? Can Zach and Zoe find out who is behind this mystery?

Zach and Zoe Mysteries: The Football Fiasco Zach and Zoe love playing football at recess with their classmates, great preparation for their family’s annual Thanksgiving game. When the school football goes flat from a hole punched in it, the twins are determined to find out who has put a stop to their fun. Could it be one of the teachers who thinks recess is a waste of learning time, a classmate unhappy over being picked last for the teams, or someone else they haven’t considered? The third installment is a new beginning chapter series for sports and mystery lovers alike.

Royal Rescue: Royal Sweets The time has finally come for Princess Mini to start school but she is worried about learning all she’ll need to know and whether she will make new friends. With her troll

Gobo by her side, does this special princess have what it takes to learn and love school? A four chapter illustrated story for all princess lovers!

Our Principal is a Frog! When a magician accidentally turns Mr. Bundy, the principal of PS 88, into a frog, the students are in for some side-splitting fun. This slimy green amphibian is now eating bugs, playing leapfrog in the gym, and swimming in the kindergarten sink. Will the real Mr. Bundy ever be himself again? A four chapter illustrated new series perfect for students ready to leave early readers for chapter books!

Dragon Masters: Waking the Rainbow Dragon When Drake has a disturbing dream about a magical Rainbow Dragon trapped in a cave and his dragon Worm also gets a message from this dragon, the young Dragon Master goes to Griffin the wizard for help. With some magic spells from the wizard, Drake and Worm, accompanied by Ana and her dragon Kepri will travel to a far off land to find this legendary dragon and her Dragon Master. Can they find the dragon and with the powers of her dragon master, save this creature from unknown danger? Perfect for young fantasy lovers!

Chapter Books

Lemons When ten year old Lemonade Witt must leave San Francisco to live with a grandfather she has never known in tiny Willow Creek, California her world is turned upside down. Willow Creek is the Bigfoot Capital of the world and when she meets neighbor Tobin Sky, president and sole member of the Bigfoot Detective Agency, she has no intention of staying in this tiny town for long. As she gets to know Tobin, a boy whose only friend seems to be Lem's grandfather, she is drawn into his passion for finding and filming the Bigfoot he is sure lives in the woods of Willow Creek. As Lem learns more about her deceased mom from Tobin's mother and an elderly but sweet neighbor, can she help Tobin make new friends as well? A humorous and touching story about family and friendship with characters all readers will certainly love.

Save Me a Seat This is an amazing story of two fifth grade boys who learn that things are not always what they seem. Ravi is a recent immigrant from India where he was a popular star student. In his New Jersey classroom, however, his accent, clothing and favorite foods simply cause him to be ridiculed for being different. His classmate Joe, who has a learning challenge, is equally miserable since he is the constant victim of the bullying of a popular student. Told in alternating chapters, each boy's perspective on events of the week the book covers is presented as they seek to find the courage to improve their lives. A perfect choice for any student who has ever felt like an outsider.

The Peculiar Incident on Shady Street When preteen Tessa has to leave her home in Florida to move with her family to Chicago, she is less than happy to trade warm sunny beaches for rainy, colder days. Determined to make new friends and adjust to her new home, however, Tessa is unnerved when strange things begin to happen in the old Victorian brownstone her family has moved into. Flickering lights, sounds of crying in the night, and icy patches inside the house are just the beginning. When her brother's doll begins to cry real tears and mysterious drawings appear in Tessa's sketchbook, she reaches out to her new friends, one a skeptic and another an amateur expert on graveyards, to find out who or what is trying to communicate with her. As their efforts lead to a local mystery over one

hundred years old, Tessa must overcome her fears to face the unknown. Perfect for ghost story lovers and fans of authors like Mary Downing Hahn.

Full of Beans Set in Key West, Florida in 1934, this prequel to Turtle in Paradise, introduces us to the Diaper Gang and their leader, Beans. With opportunities scarce and jobs hard to find, Beans is determined to do any odd jobs he can, even for the town's known rum runner, to help out his family. When a New Dealer arrives in Key West and announces that he is in charge of revitalizing the town to make it a desired tourist attraction, Beans believes the man is nuts and can't be believed. With elements of the 1930's woven throughout the book, the humorous adventures of this group of youngsters and their leader will delight fans of Jennifer Holm and those just discovering her for the first time.

End of the Wild Eleven year old Fern loves the forest surrounding her home, a forest that serves as both a sanctuary and a source of food for her struggling family. With her Iraq vet stepfather out of work and two younger brothers to care for and feed, Fern finds ingredients in the woods that are part of her deceased mother's recipes. The complexity of life becomes very obvious to Fern, however, when a fracking company proposes to locate in the area and use the forest for a wastewater pond. While Fern's grandfather and her stepfather see this as an economic boon for an area with little employment, the kind of job her stepfather needs in order to support this poverty-stricken family, she is concerned about the damage to the environment it is likely to cause. What do you do when something seems right and wrong at the same time? A beautifully written story about an issue without easy answers and a girl who hopes to do what is right.

Great Shelby Holmes, Girl Detective Mystery lovers are in for a treat with this first in a new series. Super smart nine year old Shelby Holmes is already in the sixth grade and in spite of a somewhat prickly personality, her powers of observation and deduction have given her the reputation of being the best detective in her Harlem neighborhood. When eleven year old John Watson and his mom move into an apartment downstairs of Shelby, he is intrigued by this classmate and determined to become her friend and sleuthing sidekick. When a classmate's prize winning show dog disappears, Shelby and John join forces to find the thief. Is a jealous competitor the culprit or could the dog's trainer be responsible for the disappearance? A story that emphasizes the importance of accepting others regardless of their quirks will appeal to readers 9+.

The Emperor's Riddle Eleven year old Mia Chen is not happy to be away from her friends for a month during the summer, but visiting her beloved Aunt Lin in China along with her mother and brother is a chance to reconnect with her family history. A man who has known Aunt Lin since their days together years ago working in the fields and dreaming of an emperor's treasure comes to visit and asks lots of questions of Aunt Lin about the treasure. When Aunt Lin disappears the next day, Mia believes the man and the treasure are the keys to finding her. Discovering an old map with riddles on it in her aunt's room, Mia and brother Jake set out on a mission to solve the mysteries and find Aunt Lin. A fast paced mystery adventure which weaves in Chinese history and lore that will appeal to readers 9+.

The Losers Club Sixth grader Alec loves to read, even when he should be paying attention in class or doing his homework. His grades are suffering and summer school is a distinct possibility. When his after school program requires that students must either be doing homework or involved in a club, Alec

decides to start his own club and name it the Losers Club. Certain no one other than co-founder and new student Nina will want to join, he sees this as his chance to have hours of uninterrupted reading time under the guise of club activity. To Alec's surprise, however, the name of the club doesn't seem to be a turn-off, even for school bully Kent, and he may not be the loser he thought. An insightful look into middle grade life by bestselling author Andrew Clements!

Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom With eight pages of color photos from this summer's blockbuster movie, this youth version of the story is one full adventure and action. They've seen the movie – now, let's read the book!

Scout: National Hero Matt is the new kid at school again. His military family has moved nine times in his twelve year old lifetime. His mom is a National Guard commander and is working to set up a K-9 rescue and recovery program here in Nevada. Matt bonds with one of the dogs, Scout, who may be unable to meet the strict guidelines required of the new unit's members. When a flash flood unexpectedly hits the area, though, and Matt's mom is away dealing with the dam break upstream responsible, Matt and Scout must try to find his missing sister and save her from the rising waters. With the help of some new friends and the kayaking skills he possesses, can Matt and Scout be true heroes? Perfect for fans of [Hero](#).

Way of the Warrior Kid Marc has just finished the worst school year ever! He can't keep up in gym class, doesn't know his multiplication tables, and is constantly being picked on by the school bully. When Marc learns that his Uncle Jake, a Navy SEAL, is going to spend the summer at his house, he is thrilled. Uncle Jake offers to transform Marc into a real "warrior kid" if the fifth-grader has the dedication and determination to endure the physical and mental challenges it will require. A terrific testimony to the power of hard work and persistence for readers 8+.

Wonderland Written by Barbara O'Connor, the author of NC Junior Award winner [Wish](#), this is a story about friendship of both the human and canine type. Fourth grader Mavis Jeeter and her flighty mother have moved to Landry, Alabama so her mom can be a housekeeper for the wealthy Tully family. Mavis has never lived in one place long enough to have a real best friend but is hoping that Rose Tully may be just that. Unlike bold and spunky Mavis, however, Rose is quiet and afraid to break any of her domineering mother's rules. Her main friend is the elderly Mr. Duffy, the gatekeeper of the gated community where she lives. Rose is worried about Mr. Duffy, who has been particularly scatter brained and sad since the death of his dog, Queenie, and is afraid the residents may be on the verge of firing him. When Mavis convinces Rose that they need to find Mr. Duffy a new dog and the girls discover that a stray one is living in the nearby woods, they hatch a plan to catch the dog and get Mr. Duffy to love him. The truth about the dog, whom they call Henry, may mean disaster for their good intentions, however. A sweet story told in alternating chapters by Mavis, Rose and Henry that will warm the hearts of readers young and old.

The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl As a result of being struck by lightning when she was eight, twelve year old Lucy Callahan has genius math abilities, but also deals with OCD and an obsession with the number pi and avoiding germs. When her grandmother decides it is time for Lucy to stop being homeschooled and attend seventh grade at the nearby public school, she is determined to keep her math skills a secret while trying to deal with her classmates' reactions to her strange OCD habits. Can

Lucy make friends and find a way to fit in or is she destined to stand apart forever? The perfect choice for fans of Counting by 7's and Wonder.

Lucky Broken Girl The 2018 Pure Belpre Award winner, this is the story of 10 year old Cuban immigrant Ruthie and her life in 1966 New York City. Having mastered English well enough to move into a regular class and making friends, Ruthie's life is turned upside down when she is involved in a serious auto accident. Her recovery means being in a body cast and confined to her apartment for almost a year. This time proves to be a time of developing unexpected relationships with neighbors, friends and her tutor and to learn more about the stories of her Jewish Cuban grandparents. Based on the author's real life, this is a tale of a middle grade heroine and a cast of diverse characters.

The Great Treehouse War Eleven year old Winnie's parents are getting divorced and insist on splitting her time with each right down the middle – 3 days each week with each one. On Wednesdays, Winnie gets to stay in the deluxe treehouse constructed between their two properties --- a day that becomes her refuge from the custody craziness. When her time there is threatened, she declares the treehouse to be sovereign soil and decides not to leave until her parents see things her way, a decision that nine of her friends join in with demands of their own for their parents. An epic and humorous look at the frustrations between the generations for readers 10+

The Matchstick Castle Shuffled off to stay with his aunt, uncle and annoying cousin Nora while his scientist parents head to the South Pole, Brian is less than happy to discover that his Uncle Gary has developed educational software that he expects Brian and Nora to work on every day for several hours. When he ventures out into the nearby woods, however, Brian is shocked to discover a seven story ramshackle house with turrets, balconies and even a boat on the top floor. The youngest member of the eccentric family that lives in the house, Cosmo van Dash, asks Brian to help him with various problems at the house, including an infestation of Amazonian wasps and a herd of wild boars. As Brian discovers from unopened mail littering the house, though, the van Dashes have a bigger problem to deal with. The local mayor plans to demolish the house and take over the land in just a few days. Can Brian, Nora and Cosmo somehow help this madcap family avoid permanent eviction? A wacky, fun-filled story that will appeal to readers who like humor in their books! Perfect for fans of the 13 Story Treehouse series.

Stef Soto, Taco Queen Stef Soto just wants to fit in and be a regular seventh grader but that is not easy to do when her classmates, who see her picked up daily by her dad in the dilapidated family taco truck, refer to her as the "taco queen". Her overprotective parents give her very little freedom and she is jealous of the things her friends get to do that she does not. While she is proud of her father's strong work ethic, she often wishes he would give up the truck known as Tia Perla and get a regular job. When the city threatens to enact new regulations that could force the family to get out of the food truck business, however, Stef realizes how much she values it. Can she save Tia Perla and help avert a crisis at school at the same time? With Spanish words and phrases woven into the book, this story is one that readers who can relate to having overprotective parents and immigrant lifestyles will enjoy.

Just My Luck Fourth grader Benny Barrows certainly seems to have had more than his share of bad luck. His best friend moved away, his father suffered a brain injury, and he is afraid to even try to ride his bike again after being involved in an accident. His mom, a veteran of doing what it takes to keep going with

an autistic son George, encourages Benny to just take things one day at a time and try to focus on helping others. Can this down-on-his-luck boy muster his inner strength and believe in himself and how much he has to offer? Perfect for fans of [Wonder](#) and [Fish in a Tree](#).

Cyclone Twelve year old Nora desperately wants to ride the Cyclone, a shaky wooden roller coaster at Coney Island but none of her family will ride with her until Nora blackmails her cousin Riley into joining her. When the girls get off of the ride, however, Riley collapses and is whisked to the hospital in a coma with a stroke. Nora is overwhelmed with guilt, believing that she is responsible for what has happened even though doctors say it resulted from Riley's undiagnosed heart condition. Even when Riley emerges from the coma, she faces a long recovery and has no memory of what happened to her? Can Nora find a way to deal with her guilt and help Riley regain all she has lost? A story of sensitivity for older readers.

Survivor Diaries Avalanche! Twelve year old twins Ashley and Ryan are skiing with their parents in the Grand Tetons when the ground begins to shake and the two are buried in feet of snow – an avalanche! Will they have the grit and knowledge to survive this icy disaster? A series perfect for fans of the I Survived tales.

Survivor Diaries Overboard! Eleven year old Travis is on a whale watching expedition with his family off the coast of Washington when disaster strikes and everyone is thrown overboard into rough, icy waters. Separated from their families and struggling to stay afloat, Travis and fellow passenger Marina must survive the frigid waters and reach a nearby barren island in hopes of finding food and shelter. Can the two brave the elements until help arrives? A great high stakes adventure tale for young readers.

Survivor Diaries Lost! When eleven year-old Carter and twelve year-old Anna find themselves lost in the rainforest of Costa Rica, they must avoid the temptation to panic and must pool their knowledge in order to survive. Challenged not only by the dangers of this wild environment, the two must control their tendencies toward anxiety and over-confidence to stay calm, stay smart and make it out alive! A great choice for elementary grade readers who love fast-paced adventure stories with shorter chapters and accompanying illustrations.

The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street With the flavor of classics like [The Saturdays](#) and [All-of-a-Kind Family](#), this story is perfect for readers who love family stories with touches of humor and determination. The Vanderbeekers have always lived on 141st Street and feel like their brownstone is a member of the family. When their gruff landlord unexpectedly decides not to renew their lease, the five siblings have less than two weeks to convince the cranky Mr. Beiderman to change his mind and let them stay in their beloved home. Can they devise a plan to change his mind or is the family destined to be changed forever?

Unschool As the fifth grade school year draws to a close, best friends George and Lilly can hardly wait for the traditional Spirit Week, a series of contests between the grade's two teams, red and blue, for a super special secret prize. The two are devastated, however to learn that George is on the blue team and Lilly on the red one. Moreover, each is chosen as team captain. When the competitive nature of the teams begins to get out of control and members of each engage in dangerous pranks to get the upper hand, Principal Klein threatens to end the tradition unless George and Lilly can get their teams back to playing fair. A humorous look at competition and friendship that middle grade readers are sure to enjoy.

The Unlikely Story of a Pig in the City Eleven year old Josie Schilling, a middle child in a large family, often feels overlooked in her family. She suddenly has a new calling, however, when her older brother Tom arrives for Thanksgiving with a runt pig he rescued from an outlying farm. Naming the pig Hamlet, Josie is determined to convince her dad to let her keep the pig, even when he gives her a New Years Day deadline to find a forever home for Hamlet. As she tries to keep up in school and with her dedication to being the best gymnast ever, Josie soon discovers that keeping an always hungry and mischievous pig taken care of in a bustling brownstone is easier said than done. Under pressure from her father's deadline and a grumpy neighbor who is pressing city officials to enforce the town's no farm animals policy, Josie has to find the perfect place for Hamlet, while figuring out her place in her world as well. Perfect for fans of classics like Charlotte's Web, this is a wonderful story about identity and belonging.

Restart Eighth grader Chase Ambrose doesn't remember his life before he fell off a roof and lost his memory. As he discovers when he returns to school, however, his past life is one he may be glad to forget. As a jock and a world class bully, he made the lives of many of his classmates unbearable. When Chase decides he wants to turn over a new leaf and be a kinder and more sensitive person, it is not a change that many of his former friends or victim are quick to believe is sincere. Is this just another way that Chase plans to draw them into his schemes of humiliation? Can Chase, along with the help of an elderly veteran at a retirement home where he is doing community service, a vestige of actions from his previous life, really "restart" his life? A story about bullying that is not preachy but provides insight into a character that middle grade readers can easily relate to.

Graphic Novels

Babymouse Tales from the Locker: Miss Communication In this second title in the Babymouse graphic novel series, our heroine gets a cell phone but soon discovers that being the queen of social media may be more than she is ready to handle. A humorous look at communication in the modern world!

Dog Man: Lord of the Fleas When a new group of bad guys bust up the town, Dog Man, accompanied by a cute kitten and amazing robot, must track them down. He discovers, however, that he's going to need the help of Petey, the World's Most Evil Cat, to bring the villains to justice. Can Petey finally do the right thing or is all lost for Dog Man? A new adventure for Dog Man devotees!

Kristy's Big Day Kristy's mom is getting married and Kristy is her bridesmaid. However, fourteen kids are coming in for the wedding and it's up to the Babysitters Club to take care of them for the week leading up to the big day. With diapers to change, activities to plan, and fusses to settle, does the club have what it takes to make sure that the big day goes off as planned? The latest book in this popular graphic novel series.

Creepy Case Files of Margo Maloo In this first title in a new series, young Charles has just moved to Echo City. To his horror, however, the town seems filled with monsters out to get him. Luckily, Echo City is the home of monster mediator, Margo Maloo. She will help Charles face down the trolls, ogres, and ghosts that are after him! A delightful graphic novel for the younger fan of the genre.

Nonfiction

On the Field with Tom Brady Complete with photos and statistics, this biography of Super Bowl veteran Tom Brady will inform sports fans of all ages about the highs and lows of the life and football career of this famous sports icon. From his days at the University of Michigan to his role as the starting quarterback of the New England Patriots, Brady's road to fame is one young readers will want to know!

On the Court with Kevin Durant This exciting and comprehensive biography of basketball superstar Kevin Durant follows his life from his early days as a skinny kid playing with youth leagues to his NBA championship as a member of the Golden State Warriors. Covering the big moments in his career as well as his dedication to hard work, this is a story young sports fans won't want to miss.

Weird But True! Animals This latest in this popular nonfiction series contains over 300 amazing facts about animals of all sorts. Enhanced by real-life photographs of many of these creatures, this is a must-have for students of all ages.

Weird But True Know It All: Greek Mythology With stories about all of the Greek myths and characters, this is a great companion book for fans of the fiction of Rick Riordan (The Lightning Thief etc.). With information about the Greek gods, heroes, monsters, and muses, it will take the mythology lover to new levels of knowledge about their favorites stories and people.

I Can't Believe It 2! An almanac of fascinating facts and information from a collection of other DK titles, this is a book that explores all facets of our amazing universe from head lice to hamburgers, space to snowflakes, and dinosaurs to dogs. The perfect nonfiction choice for the reader who just can't get enough of real truths about our world.

A Girl Named Misty: True Story of Misty Copeland This illustrated biography for young readers explores the life of Misty Copeland, the first African-American female principal dancer for the American Ballet Theatre.

Lincoln's Grave Robbers From the master of nonfiction, Steve Sheinkin, comes this true crime thriller about an event even few history buffs are aware of. Counterfeiting was big business following the US Civil War (over half the currency in circulation was fake!) so the Secret Service was created in 1865 to combat this threat to our nation's economy. When, in 1875, a notorious and highly skilled engraver named Ben Boyd was put in prison, his counterfeiting gang hatched a plan to free him. They decided to steal the body of Abraham Lincoln from its Springfield, Illinois tomb and hold it hostage until the US government released Boyd and paid a ransom of \$200,000. This real life tale of the Secret Service, double agents, and grave robbers will both entertain and inform lovers of little known facts of America history.

Epic Fails: The Wright Brothers Nose-Diving Into History The first installment in a new series that looks at the story behind important events, this is the story of the mishaps, misadventures and eventual success of the Wright Brothers in their attempt to make aviation history. Perfect for the reader who wants to know more than just the headlines!

Epic Fails: Race to Space: Countdown to Liftoff The race to land on the moon, an event that will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2019, wasn't an easy one. This book provides information on all of the

failures and challenges along the way in man's quest to reach the moon. Great for science and space lovers alike.

Who Were the Tuskegee Airmen? During World War II, African-American soldiers were fighting the war in Europe but were part of a segregated United States military. With pressure from civil rights activists, a training program for black pilots was finally established at Tuskegee University in Alabama. This book describes the grueling training these men went through and the missions they flew to help the war effort. A terrific look at some real American heroes.