**Spring 2024 Flyer Titles Summaries**

**Picture Books**

**Madeline Finn and the Therapy Dog by Lisa Papp**

Madeline Finn is training her dog Star to become a therapy dog. After weeks of training, the two of them, along with Mom and Bonnie the library dog, are off to Walker Oaks, a retirement community where Star will take his tests to become an official therapy dog. As they navigate the challenges involved and make new friends along the way, however, Madeline can’t stop thinking about the elderly resident man in a wheelchair who never smiles. Is there something she and Star can do? A story of empathy and perseverance that explores the dog training process and provides a realistic example of a young person making a difference. Perfect for dog lovers and those who cherish a story with a happy ending.

**There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Worm by Lucille Colandro**

With rhyming text, hilarious illustrations and some bite-sized fun facts about the earth, this latest in the ever popular “There Was an Old Lady” series is the perfect springtime read. The Old Lady is back and this time she’s swallowed a worm, some dirt, and a flower as she prepares to throw a picnic. The perfect choice to help young readers celebrate Earth Day!

**There’s No Such Thing as …….Mermaids by Lucy Rowland**

There’s no such thing as mermaids ….right? When a little girl is told by her sister that mermaids aren’t real, she doesn’t believe it for a second. To prove her sister wrong, she makes a list of places to search, checks it twice, and sets off to prove her wrong. From the lake to the park to the beach, she looks for mermaids everywhere. Could her sister be right or are the mermaids just hiding out of sight? With an engaging search and find element on every page and bouncy, rhyming text, this hilarious story will give young readers lots to explore.

**Goldilocks and Just One Bear by Leigh Hodgkinson**

In this twist on the traditional Goldilocks story, Little Bear is all grown up and Goldilocks is a distant memory. One day, Little Bear wanders out of the woods and finds himself lost in the Big City. Will he find the city too noisy? Too quiet? Or just right? And what are the chances of him bumping into someone who remembers exactly how he likes his porridge? Perfect for fans of fairy tales young and old.

**Interrupting Chicken: Cookies for Breakfast by David Ezra Stein**

It’s bright and early on a Saturday morning and the little red chicken is wide awake and wants his Papa to wake up too --- and eat cookies together! Papa desperately wants to get more sleep and get his little chick to give up on the idea of cookies for breakfast, but his little one has other ideas. Bouncing on Papa’s bed, he starts reciting nursery rhymes but changes each one to include eating cookies. Papa finally gets up and prepares breakfast for his hungry little chick, but will it be cookies after all? This latest in the ever popular Interrupting Chicken tales will have readers with a sweet tooth and love of jaunty text and captivating illustrations hungry to add this story to their library.

**Early Readers**

**Blue Whale vs. Mosquito: Who Would Win?**

What if a blue whale and a mosquito had a fight? Who do you think would win? This latest nonfiction reader in the ever-popular Who Would Win series compares and contrasts two unlikely foes – a blue whale and a mosquito. Readers will learn about each animal’s anatomy, behavior and more, with facts, photos, and realistic illustrations that both entertain and educate young readers eager to know more about these very different creatures. Which one of this battling pair will be the winner?

**Frog Can Hop**

Frog can hop. Pig likes to flop. When Frog makes a big drop, will Pig help? In this beginning level reader about an energetic frog and an unhurried pig, students will learn two sight words and ten words from the “op” word family. Perfect for kids at the beginning of their reading journey, this silly tale was written for children who have learned the alphabet and are ready to start reading. A fantastic choice to get kids excited with a fun story with words they can actually read!

**Bumblebee’s Big Mission**

In this Level 2 reader, young Bumblebee fans get to know the popular Transformer better while exercising their reading skills in a fun way. Since the Transformer War ended, Bumblebee has been living under the radar, helping Optimus Prime whenever he needs him. Only a select few know his whereabouts and the top secret super important missions he has completed. But where is he now and what is this important new mission for this incredible Transformer Autobot? A must have choice for young fans of this popular character.

**National Geographic Kids: Prehistoric Sea Monsters**

Meet Magalodon and more of the biggest, coolest and creepiest marine animals from the prehistoric era in this Level 2 reader from the experts in the field. Readers will be transported back to a time when bugs were big and monsters ruled the deep. With jaw-dropping facts and incredible illustrations, creatures such as Magalodon, the largest shark ever to have lived, the human size scorpion Jaekelopterus, and Helicoprion, a fish whose teeth were in the shape of a circular saw are featured. Sure to be a page-turning hit with young readers.

**Night Creatures!**

Peek into the shadows with Dr. Ick and his sidekick Sam the bulldog as they investigate some of the spookiest nocturnal creatures that fly, crawl, scamper, and climb on this earth. Some familiar creatures of the night such as bats and owls are featured as well as the lesser know Tasmanian devils and pangolins. Animal facts range from the basic to the more obscure, educating readers with creepy information they’ll love to learn and share. A create your own night creature activity is included as well.

**National Geographic Kids: Animal All-Stars Collection**

This five-book collection of Level 1 readers featuring kid-favorite animals is the perfect choice for new readers ready to learn and develop their reading skills. Hop along as a tadpole transforms into a frog. Play in the ocean waves with a family of sea otters. Climb trees with koalas, snuggle up for a nap with a red panda, and join snack time with a hedgehog! Packed with fun facts, dazzling photography and a hands-on activity to reinforce the content of each of the five titles, this collection explores where each animal lives, what they eat, and the traits that make them unique. A great value at a price less than what two separate titles would cost!

**Ready? Set. Puppies!**

Raymond and Roxy love playing together – and so do their pets. One day, Raymond learns that Roxy’s dog, Flo, is going to have puppies! Raymond does everything fast so he can hardly wait. How long will it take those puppies to be born? And will his parents say yes to a puppy of his own? This Level 2 captures the anticipation of waiting for your best friend’s dog to have puppies and the hope that one of them might become yours! A wonderful choice for puppy lovers.

**Pete the Cat and the Space Chase**

When Agent Meow, also known as Pete the Cat, discovers an empty alien spaceship and accidentally launches into space, what else will he find? Young fans of this feisty feline will love blasting off with Agent Meow in this out of this world adventure. Told with a graphic novel format that appeals to readers of all levels, this story encourages both narrative and visual literacy.

**Makeda Makes a Birthday Treat**

Makeda, a seven year old “maker” and problem solver who loves to create, is having a birthday. To celebrate, she is excited to make her marvelous coconut drops to share with the class. But everyone else brings cupcakes! Will her classmates like her special treat? A wonderful story about being true to yourself that will appeal to young readers, especially those with an interest in cooking!

**Beginning Chapter**

**Press Start: Super Game Book by Thomas Flintham**

Can Super Rabbit Boy rescue his kidnapped animal friends from meanie King Viking? It’s up to you to try to save the day – all you have to do is press start! In this choose your own adventure style special edition featuring full color artwork, readers face a number of options for the next page turn. Different choices will make the story unfold in fun and exciting ways, but be careful! If the wrong choice is made, it might be game over. It’s up to you to beat the game!

**Puppy Place: Waffles by Ellen Miles**

Charles and Lizzie Peterson love puppies. Their family fosters these young dogs, giving them love and proper care until they can find the perfect forever home. Waffles is exuberant, playful, and smart – maybe too smart! She’s quite the escape artist and Lizzie has her hands full trying to keep tabs on her. This heartwarming story in a series that’s a favorite with animal lovers reading first chapter books is a must have!

**Shermy and Shake: The Not-So-Nice Neighbor by Kirby Larson**

When a new kid comes to stay with his grandmother at the house next door, Shermy’s plans for a quiet, relaxing summer are completely upended. That’s because Shake is nothing like Shermy. And Shermy is nothing like Shake! Shermy likes to read quietly in the shade of a tree. He knows the proper way to do a puzzle. He collects treasures in the pouch he wears around his neck, and the books on his shelf are alphabetized by author. Shake likes to play street hockey and space explorers. He shows up unannounced and plays board games by his own rules. He gobbles up rocket ice pops and Toaster Tarts. Shermy attempts to hide out in his room but his mother keeps inviting Shake over to play. As the two boys are forced to spend more and more time together, will they learn how to get along or will it be a long countdown until Shake goes home? By August, however, Shermy even misses Shake when he doesn’t come over and goes looking for him. What he discovers about this new boy isn’t at all what Shermy expected. This fast-moving story by Newbery author Kirby Larson features short chapters and black and white illustrations throughout. A new beginning chapter series not to be missed!

**Tater Tales: The Greatest of All Times by Ben Clanton**

Rot is a mutant potato who wakes up feeling great, maybe even …..the greatest in the world! But that only makes Rot’s brother Snot the grumpiest in the world. The only solution? An epic contest to prove who is the greatest once and for all, judged by the only impartial party they can find – their small fry sister, Tot. But as the stakes get higher through the muddy potato sack race, sacred hot potato roll and a hilarious laughing contest, their rivalry spins out of control. Suddenly Rot’s not feeling so spudtacular anymore. Will this tater trio ever be able to determine who is really the greatest in the world? This fun graphic novel is perfect for fans of Narwhal and Jelly!

**Animal Rescue Friends by Gina Loveless**

Welcome to Animal Rescue Friends, where any stray can find a friendly face – furry or otherwise. Kids Maddie, Bell, Mikey, Noah, and Jimmy help care for a host of animals, learning valuable life lessons about kindness, friendship, and helping others in the process. A lonely girl living in the suburbs finds happiness with a stray pit bull; a protective mama ferret and her six kits learn to trust a shelter volunteer; a shy boy stands up for himself with the help of a strong-willed bunny; a cantankerous cat helps to mend a troubled relationship; and the shelter’s unofficial mascot eventually finds a home. And in the end, do the children rescue the animals or do the animals rescue the people? With a graphic novel format and short chapters, this book is sure to become a new favorite among young readers!

**Mermaid Tales: The Dolphin Dream by Debbie Dadey**

Aqua Wave the mermaid wants to ride, play, and dance with her favorite underwater creatures –dolphins! But Morgan, her older sister, isn’t so sure Aqua is ready, especially since Morgan was hurt when she last rode a bottleneck. Will Aqua get her wish or will Morgan’s worrying keep her little sister from her deep-sea dreams? The enticing story and short chapters will capture the imagination of emerging readers.

**The Timekeepers: First Flight by S.J. King**

Meet the Timekeepers, a secret organization of kids who keep the course of history on track – and history needs them! A villain called DeLay is set on causing chaos. When the hands on their special watches start to spin backwards, the Timekeepers know that DeLay has been up to no good, and it’s up to them to put things right. In this adventure, the Timekeepers are whirled back in time to 1903 in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. An exhausted Orville and Wilbur Wright are desperately trying to repair their airplane. Their initial tests had been so promising but all of a sudden the plane’s propeller has gone missing! Without it, they’ll never be able to achieve their goal of powered flight. The Timekeepers realize the DeLay has stolen it and only they can save the day and put history back on track. A history-themed adventure that will entertain and educate young readers ready to discover the amazing people and events that shaped our world.

**Flat Stanley’s Adventures in Classroom 2E: Class Pet Surprise by Jeff Brown**

Ever since Stanley Lambchop was flattened by a bulletin board, each day brings new adventures. Stanley’s second grade teacher, Ms. Root, loves science and she has an exciting surprise in store for the class – they’re getting a pet! Stanley and his classmates can’t wait to play with their adorable hamster, Cottonball, and learn all about animal life. But then Cottonball escapes! Stanley and his best friend, Marco, have some ideas on how to find her, but they’ll need to work through their disagreements and overcome engineering roadblocks to construct the best solution for capturing the hamster. Will classroom 2E be able to catch Cottonball, and find a way to keep her from escaping again? Featuring black and white illustrations throughout, this STEM based series will challenge young readers to solve problems they can relate to.

**Chapter Books**

 **Survived the Great Alaska Earthquake, 1964 by Lauren Tarshis**

It was 1964 in the brand new state of Alaska, a vast land of staggering beauty and heart-stopping dangers. Eleven year old Jack had grown up living happily with his parents in an off-the-grid cabin miles from their closest neighbors. Grizzlies and wolves outnumbered people, and dark winter days were 30 degrees below zero. Jack had always thought of himself as strong and tough, but then the most powerful earthquake in American history struck. The 9.2 magnitude quake lasted nearly five minutes, destroying downtown Anchorage and sending 30 foot tsunamis into coastal cities, wiping out entire communities. Its vibrations were felt around the world and in the end, it caused billions of dollars in damage and the death of 129 people. Lauren Tarshis tells the story of the disaster that changed our understanding of earth science and tested one boy in ways he never could have imagined. With a section of nonfiction facts and photos about this real life event, this tale in an ever popular series is sure to captivate young readers.

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**Not An Easy Win by Chrystal Giles**

Nothing has gone right for Lawrence since he had to move with his mother and little sister from Charlotte to Larenville, North Carolina to live with his granny. When he ends up in one too many fights at his new school, he gets expelled. The fight wasn’t his fault, but since his father has been gone, it feels like no one listens to what Lawrence has to say. When his grandmother arranges for him to spend his days at the local recreation center run by her neighbor, an older man named Mr. Dennis, Lawrence is able to finish his school work online. There he meets Deuce, a popular boy that doesn’t seem to like him, and Twyla, a girl who is one of the very best players in the chess program that Mr. Dennis runs at the center. Lawrence doesn’t know anything about chess, but is encouraged by Twyla and Mr. Dennis to give it a try. It is definitely a mind game and challenges his to harness his anger and energy for good. When he learns that some of the kids in the program will be picked to compete in a tournament in Charlotte, Lawrence becomes determined to get good enough to be chosen and have a chance to return home. Can Lawrence manage to harness his emotions and improve his game, turning his life around with the help of new friends even though the odds are stacked against him? A coming of age story that celebrates overcoming obstacles with hard work, determination, and the support of some unlikely new friends.

**The Superteacher Project by Gordon Korman**

Oliver Zahn, a spitball champion and self-declared rule-wrecker of Brightling Middle School, is not a fan of his new homeroom teacher, Mr. Aidact. The guy is sort of stiff, never cracks a smile, and refers to them as “pupils”. The worst part is that he catches Oliver before he can pull any of his signature pranks! It’s time for Oliver and his best friend, Nathan, to show the new teacher who’s boss. But as the weeks go by, they start to realize that Mr. Aidact is not what they expected. He has an uncanny ability to remember song lyrics or trivia. When the girls’ field hockey team needs a new coach, he suddenly turns out to be an expert! He never complains when other teachers unload work on him – even when it’s lunchroom duty or overseeing detention. Against all odds, Mr. Aidact starts to become the most popular teacher at Brightling. Still, Oliver and Nathan know that something is fishy. They are determined to get to the bottom of the mystery. What’s the deal with Mr. Aidact? This humorous look at an out of this world teacher from favorite author Gordon Korman will keep readers chuckling as they turn page after page.

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**Math Mysteries: The Triplet Threat** **by Aaron Starmer**

It ’s the first day of fourth grade at Arthimos Elementary and things are already off to a strange start – poisonous cookies, a zipline disaster, a missing iPad, and what are those strange sounds coming from the school custodian’s wheelbarrow? Luckily the Prime Detectives – Abby, Cam and Gabe – are on the case! Using arithmetic, geometry and logic, the three are sure to figure out who did what, when, and why. A page-turning mystery brimming with intrigue and middle grade math skills that will have readers on the edge of their seats as they unravel the mysteries – perfect for kids who love puzzles, riddles, brainteasers and adventure.

**Lines of Courage by Jennifer Nielsen**

World War I stretches its cruel fingers across Europe, where five young people, each from different backgrounds and nations, face the terror of battle, the ravages of hunger and all of the awful challenges of war. Felix, from Austria-Hungary, longs for the bravery to resist Jewish deportations before his own family can be taken. Kara, from Britain, dreams of someday earning her Red Cross pin and working as a nurse, or even a doctor. Juliette, of France, hopes her family can remain together, despite her father’s imprisonment, as the war’s longest battle stretches on and on. Elsa, from Germany, hopes her homing pigeon might one day bring her a friend from out of the chaos. In this remarkable exploration of World War I, favorite author Jennifer Nielsen weaves their stories together to show that friendship and courage can light the way through the most frightening of times. A powerful story that shines a light on an often overlooked chapter in history perfect for advanced readers.

**The Last Mapmaker by Christina Soontornvat**

A Newbery Honor winner, this fantasy adventure follows a courageous young apprentice on the journey of a lifetime. As assistant to the most celebrated mapmaker in the kingdom of Mangkon, twelve year old Sai plays the part of a well-bred young lady with a glittering future. In reality, her father is a conman, and, in a kingdom where the status of one’s ancestors dictates their social position, the truth could ruin her. In an attempt to improve her lot, Sai seizes the chance to accompany her mentor on an expedition to chart the southern seas. As she begins to realize that she is not the only one aboard who is hiding secrets, Sai learns that the ship might be heading for the fabled Sunderlands, a land of dragons, dangers, and riches beyond imagination. As she strives to uncover the motives of her mentor, the captain, and others on the ship, Sai struggles to focus on her commitment to free herself from the binds of her past and chart her own destiny in a world of secrets. A dazzling fantasy adventure that will keep readers turning the pages way past bedtime!

**A Duet for Home by Karina Yan Glaser**

After her dad is killed in an accident and her mother loses herself in depression, June must move into Huey House, a long-term homeless shelter, with her mother and the younger sister for whom she must now assume responsibility. Playing the violin has always been her solace so when she learns that she can’t have the instrument at Huey House, June is devastated. When music leads her to new friends Tyrell and Jeremiah, boys who have lived at the shelter for many months, however, June realizes that these new friendships may help her handle the increased responsibility and stress she is dealing with. The unexpected discovery of a next door neighbor who may be able to find a way for June to play the violin again inspires the sixth grader to see the possibilities for good in her situation. But just as she is beginning to understand how Huey House can be a home, a new government policy threatens all the residents. Can June and Tyrell work together to find a way to save Huey House as they know it? An inspiring story of friendship and community that will appeal to readers who love to see the best in even the most challenging of times.

**Max and the Midknights by Lincoln Peirce**

Max’s uncle Budrick is a traveling troubadour in 14th century Europe and he’s the only family that she has. When the two visit Budrick’s homeland, they encounter the evil King Gastley who kidnaps him and orders him to be his court jester. Max, who has always yearned to be a knight, must figure out how to rescue her uncle with the aid of new friends who call themselves the Midknights. Aided by the retired wizard Mumblin, Max and her team try to save Budrick and restore peace to the kingdom. With comic panels and black-and-white illustrations, this hilarious story will keep even the most reluctant reader engaged in a tale of medieval mischief!

**Island of Spies by Sheila Turnage**

Twelve year old Sarah “Stick” Lawson and her friends Rain and Neb live on Hatteras Island, North Carolina, calling themselves the Dime Novel Kids. The three operate out of a lighthouse and, using skills gleaned from reading dime store mysteries, comb the island to solve self-assigned cases, such as trying to catch the island’s petty thief while they wait for the requests for help that they are sure will come from the FBI. But with World War II looming and suspicious newcomers arriving on the island, Stick and her young detective sidekicks realize that real danger may be lurking just off the coast of their small island. Are there German submarines in the waters of the Outer Banks poised to sink American ships, and who of these new strangers may be part of the plot? As the kids focus their attention on discovering the Nazi spies they are sure are helping to orchestrate such attacks, they begin to suspect that even some of Hatteras’ lifelong residents may be part of this wartime menace. The Dimes are about to face more mysteries than they could ever have wished for and risk more than they could ever have imagined. A gripping tale of intrigue from a Newbery Medal author that is a wonderful complement to discussions of World War II and its regional impact.

**Red, White, and Whole by Rajani LaRocca**

It is 1983, and preteen Indian American Reha feels caught between two worlds – school where she’s the only Indian American student and home surrounded by her family’s cultural traditions and holidays. She is frustrated that her parents don’t seem to acknowledge her desire to be a part of her newfound American culture, insisting that she relish Indian values and habits instead. When Reha’s mother is suddenly hospitalized with a serious illness, however, her world is upended. Suddenly, she must learn not just how to be both Indian and American, but also how to live with the fear of losing her mom. Told in verse, this Newbery Honor title explores the themes of identity and family and is a thoughtful choice for older readers.

**The Willoughbys by Lois Lowry**

In this quirky tale by an award-winning author, we meet the Willoughby children – Timothy, his twin brothers Barnaby A and Barnaby B and little sister Jane. They are old fashioned children who adore old fashioned adventures. Unfortunately, the Willoughby parents are not very fond of their children and the truth is that the siblings aren’t too keen on their parents either. When the parents go off on a vacation and leave the kids in the care of a less than ideal nanny, the four discover that their house has been put up for sale as well! Taking inspiration from their storybooks, they work to thwart the parents’ plans and find themselves involved in a series of increasingly absurd escapades. Can the four unique siblings find a way to live happily after ever after all? A story that will appeal to readers who like tales like The Series of Unfortunate Events.

**Elfie Unperfect by Kristin Mahoney**

Studious fifth grader Elfie Oster yearns for a place where her academic devotion and drive for perfection are appreciated so she’s thrilled when she earns a scholarship to the prestigious Hampshire Academy. Unfortunately, on the first day Ellie’s good intentions get her in trouble with a legacy student and she finds herself back at her old school, Cottonwood Elementary where she’s never really fit in or had friends. And then it gets worse. The babysitter she loves and can communicate with gets really sick and her aunt and uncle aren’t getting along. As time passes though, she begins to realize she’s not the only person experiencing hardship and unfairness, and learns that community and supporting your family and friends are much more important than getting perfect grades. Is it possible that this terrible, horrible year may just be the best thing that’s ever happened to Ellie? A delightful story about finding the silver lining in any situation that will certainly resonate with middle grade readers.

**The Deadlands: Hunted by Skye Meiki-Wegner**

Battle rages between the dinosaur kingdoms of Cretacea. When the Fallen Star struck, it brought death and despair, ash and toxic rain. But some dinosaurs survived, and were changed. Their minds grew alert. They learned to speak, and dream, and wage war. Fifty years later, two of the remaining dinosaur kingdoms are poised to fight for territory. The herbivorous residents of the Mountain Kingdom and the Prairie Alliance of Cretacea are gathering rival armies for a decisive battle, unaware that the carnivorous raptors of the Carrion Kingdom have formed an unprecedented alliance and are planning to descend in a killing frenzy on the battle’s survivors. As the battle approaches, Eleri, the disgraced son of a prince is exiled from his home for saving an enemy soldier. Banished to the merciless Deadlands, a desert full of tar pits, poisonous gas, and ruthless carnivores, he must just join forces with a group of questionable allies to avoid becoming prey. When Eleri and a ragtag group of other dinosaurs that have been estranged from their herds for various reasons meet by chance in the Deadlands and discover the treacherous scheme of the carnivores, the unlikely heroes must do all they can to save their kingdoms from annihilation. Can they put aside rivalries and conflicting agendas to save their species? An exciting new fantasy series that will appeal to fans of Wings of Fire and Warriors.

**The Lost Whale by Hannah Gold**

Eleven-year old Rio Turner has lived all of his life in London with his American mother. But when her mental health worsens and she has to be hospitalized, Rio is sent to live with a grandmother he barely knows in California. Rio is lonely and misses his mother desperately, unreceptive to his grandmother’s attempts to get close to him. But then she gives him a shoe box of his mother’s childhood treasures, and Rio discovers drawing after drawing of whales. One of them, titled White Beak, stands out for how lifelike it is and Rio carries it in his pocket to feel closer to his mom. Then, while walking on the beach, Rio meets Marina, a girl his age who lives on a whale-watching boat with her father. Marina tells him that White Beak is an actual whale and she invites him to come on a whale-watching trip where he glimpses the actual White Beak on her migratory route to Mexico. As he learns more about the magnificent creature and the dangers the whales face as a result of human carelessness, he becomes determined to find a way to connect his mom with White Beak again, believing it will be the connection that can help her get well. Capturing the power and mystery of these ocean animals, this story includes information about the struggles facing real gray whales from climate change, pollution and over-fishing. A heart-warming about the healing impacts of the human animal connection.

**Nugly by M.C. Ross**

The Vandyck family lives in a cozy home in Boston where they dote on their dog, Wendy, and her precious puppies. When they suddenly face a cross country move, the family has to quickly find home for all the pups. Nugget, the runt of the litter, impulsively runs away and gets lost on the maze of Boston streets. He quickly learns that not everyone is as kind as the Vandycks, and an unfortunate run-in with another animal leaves him disfigured, no longer the cute puppy he once was. Finding homes with a porcupine at the Franklin Park Zoo, a single mother and her daughter, and a large, chaotic working class family, Nugly learns to navigate his new life, searching for a family to give all his love while finding a way to love himself. The perfect choice for fans of the Puppy Tales books.

**Backcountry by Jenny Goebel**

Emily has always excelled at sports, and her athletic abilities have given her confidence on and off the courts. So when she starts to drag during her middle school volleyball season, she assumes it must be the flu. Why else would she be missing simple spikes and blocks? But after a particularly intense game, she collapses and finds herself in an ambulance with a paramedic telling her that her life will never be the same. Adjusting to life with type 1 diabetes isn’t easy, but Emily is desperate to prove to herself and her parents that she’s just as strong and capable as ever. She convinces her dad not to cancel the backcountry ski trip he had planned for the two of them, especially now that she has a diabetic alert dog Molly to help her manage her condition. As she and her dad relish the chance to be together and do an activity they love, Emily feels her old confidence returning. But when an avalanche rips through the area, separating Emily and dad while they are out on the trails, she and Molly are left to face a challenge far greater than anything she could have imagined. When it becomes clear that no one will come to their rescue before their food and insulin run out, Emily and Molly must find the strength, wisdom and faith in each other to survive their backcountry disaster. Perfect for fans of books like Hatchet, this story is perfect for readers facing health challenges that they face on a daily basis.

**Heroes: A Novel of Pearl Harbor by Alan Gratz**

December 6, 1941. Best friends Frank and Stanley have it good. With their dads stationed at the Pearl Harbor naval base in Hawaii, the boys get to soak up the sunshine while writing and drawing their own comic books. World War II might be raging overseas, but so far American has stayed out of the fight. There’s nothing to fear, right?

December 7, 1941 – Everything implodes. Frank and Stanley are touring a battleship with Frank’s sister’s Navy boyfriend when Japanese planes zoom overhead**,** dropping bomb after bomb. As explosions roar and sailors scream, Frank and Stanley realize the unthinkable is happening – Japan is attacking America! The war has come to them. Frantically, the boys struggle to find safety. But disaster, danger, and death are everywhere, from torpedoes underwater to bullets on the beach. In the days following the attack, Frank becomes increasingly aware of the cruelty that their friends and neighbors are showing Stanley and his family. Because his mom in Japanese-American, Stanley is suddenly seen as the enemy and his family is shunned. Frank simply cannot understand what his friend is now facing. The boys have survived the attack but have their friendship and dreams been shattered? This story of high stakes action told by one of the best historical fiction authors of our time is a riveting look at the attack on Pearl Harbor, examining the themes of prejudice and what it truly means to be a hero.

**Graphic Novels**

**Wildfire by Breena Bard**

Julianna loved her life in rural Oregon. She loved taking care of her farm animals and being part of the local 4H club. Heading home from a weekly meeting, however, she finds her friend Carson playing with fireworks in the woods. Julianna cautions him that he could accidentally start a fire but he rebuffs her warnings. Several hours later, however, she and her sister notice a yellow haze filling the sky. At their parents’ urging, the girls pack up key belongings and quickly evacuate their home ahead of the oncoming wildfire. The fire destroys their home and the family relocates to Portland where Julianna tries to stay under the radar, not letting her new classmates know what happened to their home. She has no interest in being involved in the local climate change protests her family joins, preferring to just put the past behind her. That may prove to be difficult, especially when Carson is suddenly attending her new school, a constant reminder of what she has lost. But when two new friends invite her to join the school’s conservation club, Julianna finds that she may be able to turn her anger into something powerful and truly make a difference in the face of climate change. An inspiring graphic novel that highlights the impact young people can have with simple actions.

**Curlfriends: New in Town by Sharee Miller**

Twelve-year old Charlie Harper is used to moving around, thanks to her father’s having been in the Air Force. But this time will be different.They’re settling in her father’s hometown where he’s surrounded by old friends. Charlie hopes to make a splash with contact lenses instead of glasses, new trendy outfits, and “tamed” hair in place of her Afro. But the first day of school goes awry when she’s accidentally drenched in water. In the bathroom, Charlie meets Nola, another black girl, whose mom has a hair salon. Nola quickly braids Charlie’s hair and helps her get to class on time, leaving the new girl feeling hopeful. At lunch she meets Nola’s group of friends, several brown and black curly-haired girls who call themselves the Curlfriends. But in her pursuit of being liked and popular, is Charlie really being true to herself? What is the true price of pretending to be someone you’re not? An entertaining look at one tween’s determination to fit in, no matter the cost.

**The Baby-Sitters Club: Claudia and the Bad Joke by Ann Martin**

Experienced sitter Claudia isn’t worried when she hears that her newest baby-sitting charge, Betsy Sobak, is a big practical joker. After all, how much harm can one little girl do? Plenty, it turns out. When Claudia breaks her leg as a result of one of Betsy’s jokes, she begins to think that baby-sitting might be too dangerous and is talking about quitting the club. Fellow sitter Kristy thinks Betsy needs to be taught a lesson, and that the baby-sitters are just the ones to do it! Watch out, Betsy Sobak – the joke war is on! This latest story in the popular graphic novel series will delight both old fans and new.

**Baby-Sitters Little Sister: Karen’s Haircut by Ann Martin**

Karen feels like an ugly duckling. She already has to wear glasses, and now her baby teeth are starting to come out too. Fortunately, she knows exactly what will make her look glamorous - a new haircut! But the beauty parlor stylist cuts Karen’s hair all wrong! Karen is devastated and worried about what the kids at school will say. Is there a way for Karen to get her confidence back, even when she thinks she’s not very attractive at all? This graphic novel series for younger readers explores the issue of appearance and identity – a very real concern for many young readers.

**CatKid Comic Club: Influencers by Dav Pilkey**

In this newest tale in the bestselling series from the author of the Dog Man books, the Cat Kid Comic Club is in crisis! After learning that one of their comics will be published, the baby frogs are filled with anxiety and doubt. How will they get their creative groove back? Will Naomi or Melvin emerge as a leader? Will Flippy convince them to finally straighten up and fly right? With a variety of art styles and humorous text, this is a certain new favorite with young readers.

**Escape From Mr. Lemoncello’s Library by Chris Grabenstein**

This graphic novel adaptation of a bestselling mystery adventure is perfect for those who loved the narrative version and those who haven’t read it. When Kyle learns that the world’s most famous game maker, Luigi Lemoncello, has designed the town’s new library and is having an invitation-only lock-in on opening night, he’s determined to be there! But the tricky part isn’t getting into the libarary – it’s getting out! Because, when morning comes, the doors stay locked. Kyle and the other kids must solve every clue and figure out every secret puzzle to find the hidden escape route. Perfect for fans of puzzles, riddles, and mind-teasing challenges.

**Nonfiction**

**Scholastic Year in Sports 2024**

This ultimate book for young sports fans has all the top stories from the past year. Featuring exciting coverage of the games and the athletes, this book covers football, basketball, baseball, soccer and other sports with facts, photos and illustrations that will entertain and educate sports fanatics and newbies alike.

**What Do We Know About the Kraken?**

Sea monsters have a long history in lore and literature. Homer first wrote of them in 700 B.C. In this book, young readers can explore what we actually know about this mysterious sea monster’s long history. Dive into the facts behind this massive squid-like creature that was first described using the word “Kraken” in the early 1700’s. For centuries, sailors have feared the Kraken which they believe lurks deep in the ocean, waiting to pull ships beneath the surface with its powerful tentacles. Famous writers like Jules Verne have described monsters inspired by the Kraken in their books. Is this creature fact, myth, or legend? Find out all we know about the Kraken and its history in this exciting book.

**What Was World War I?**

In 1914, the assassination of an Austrian archduke set off a disastrous four-year-long conflict involving dozens of countries with battles taking place in all parts of the world. World War I was the first to use planes and tanks as well as deadly gases that left soldiers blinded or “shell shocked”. There were battles that lasted for months with opposing troops fighting from rat-infested trenches, battles that often ended in hollow victories with only a small amount of land taken. This edition of the bestselling “What Was” series gives young readers a clear and compelling account of this long and tragic event, a war that left over 20 million dead and was the lead up to World War II barely twenty years later. A great complement to the chapter book, Lines of Courage.

**96 Facts About Taylor Swift**

With quizzes, questions, and quotes about one of the world’s most popular young singers, this book about Taylor Swift is perfect for all young swifties! With facts about her life from a young age and information about her rise to fame, this title also includes bonus journal pages for young readers to write their reflections and thoughts about their own lives as well. A must-have for music fans of all ages.

**DK Eyewitness Fossils**

Packed with striking photography, this nonfiction title explores the creatures and plants that lived long ago. This picture-led reference guide takes the reader on a visual tour of all things fossil with insight about how paleontologists learn about ancient life forms. Striking photographs, diagrams, statistics, and timelines help young readers learn what can be discovered around the world and why some fossils lead to new discoveries about the past. Brand new eyewitness accounts from experts in the field make this book the must-have resource for young scientists in the making.

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