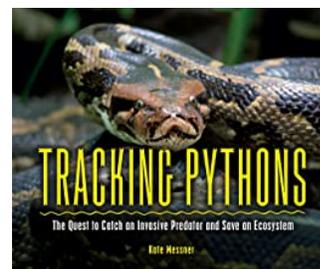


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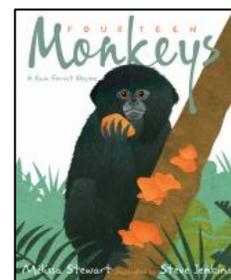
Juvenile Nonfiction

Tracking Pythons: The Quest to Catch an Invasive Predator and Save an Ecosystem, Kate Messner

Burmese pythons are native to Southeast Asia, so when one showed up dead along the side of a Florida highway in 1979, scientists wondered where it came from. No one knew the snakes had launched a full-scale invasion. Pet pythons that escaped or were released by their owners started breeding in the wild, and these enormous predators began eating every animal in their path. Today a group of scientists at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida is tracking Burmese pythons to find ways to stop their spread.



Fourteen Monkeys: A Rain Forest Rhyme, Melissa Stewart, illustrated by Steve Jenkins
In Manú National Park in Peru, an amazing fourteen different species of monkeys live together. That's more than in any other rainforest in the world! How can they coexist so well? Find out in this lyrical, rhyming picture book that explores each monkey's habits, diet, and home, illustrating how this delicate ecosystem and its creatures live together in harmony. From howler monkeys to spider monkeys to night monkeys, young readers will love getting to know these incredible primates and seeing the amazing ways they share their forest.



Megalodon and Other Prehistoric Sharks, Tammy Gagne

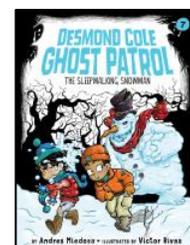
Great white, bull, and tiger sharks are some of today's most talked-about sharks. But have you met the sharks of yesterday? Each prehistoric shark had its own amazing—and sometimes strange—features. The scissor-tooth shark had teeth in a spiral shape. The giant megalodon was about three times the size of a great white. One small prehistoric shark had a big dorsal fin in the shape of an ironing board! Readers will gobble up all the facts about these early ocean hunters and learn how they compare to modern sharks.



Fantasy/Adventure Fiction

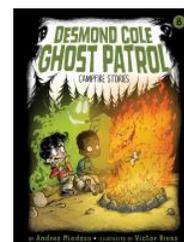
Sleepwalking Snowman (Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol #7), Andres Miedoso ; illustrated by Victor Rivas

It's Desmond and Andres versus a sneaky snowman! There's snow in the air and a sneaky snowman on the loose! When one of the local kids builds the perfect snowman, it comes to life...and not in a Frosty, sing-song kind of way. Now it's up to Desmond and Andres to chill this overgrown snowball out before the whole town gets frozen.



Campfire Stories (Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol #8), Andres Miedoso ; illustrated by Victor Rivas

Camping with Desmond Cole is a lot of fun, until he starts telling ghost stories around the campfire. Most kids tell creepy stories that are totally fake, but Desmond tells totally true stories that will give you goosebumps. So, settle in while Desmond, Andres, and their ghost-friend, Zax, take turns trying to tell the scariest story of all.



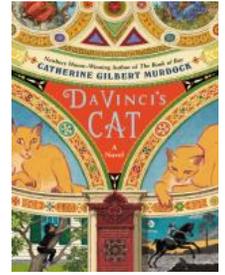
The Golden Temple (The Last Firehawk #9), Katrina Charman, illustrations by Judit Tondora
Tag and his friends are one step closer to finding Blaze's family of lost firehawks. Thorn's twin brother, Claw, says the firehawks were last seen at the mysterious Golden Temple. The friends must work together and search the jungle to find the hidden temple. But when they finally find the temple, it is empty! Are the firehawks gone forever? Or will these friends discover a different way to find Blaze's lost family? This fully-illustrated series makes a great introduction to fantasy and quest stories for younger readers!



DaVinci's Cat, Catherine Gilbert Murdock, decorations by Paul O. Zelinsky

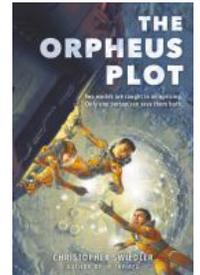
Two unlikely friends--Federico, in sixteenth-century Rome, and Bee, in present-day New Jersey--are linked through an amiable cat, Leonardo Da Vinci's mysterious wardrobe, and an eerily perfect sketch of Bee. This inventive novel will engross anyone who loved *When You Reach Me* and *A Wrinkle in Time*. Federico doesn't mind being a political hostage in

the Pope's palace, especially now that he has a cat as a friend. But he must admit that a kitten walking into a wardrobe and returning full-grown a moment later is quite odd. Even stranger is Herbert, apparently an art collector from the future, who emerges from the wardrobe the next night. Herbert barter with Federico to get a sketch signed by the famous painter Raphael, but his plans take a dangerous turn when he hurries back to his era, desperate to save a dying girl. Bee never wanted to move to New Jersey. When a neighbor shows Bee a sketch that perfectly resembles her, Bee, freaked out, solidifies her resolve to keep to herself. But then she meets a friendly cat and discovers a mysterious cabinet in her neighbor's attic--a cabinet that leads her to Renaissance Rome. Bee, who has learned about Raphael and Michelangelo in school, never expected she'd get to meet them and see them paint their masterpieces.



The Orpheus Plot, Christopher Swindler

A rebellion in space pits one boy's past against his future in this gripping adventure from the critically acclaimed author of *In the Red*. Lucas Adebayo grew up on a small mining ship in the asteroid belt, but wants to join the Navy and become the best pilot in the galaxy. The Navy has never accepted a Belter cadet before, but Lucas's skills secure him a place on the training ship, the *Orpheus*. Life in the Navy couldn't be more different than life in the Belt, and Lucas struggles to find his place. As a Belter, he's an outsider among his peers; as a Navy cadet, he doesn't quite fit in at home anymore, either. Lucas is caught between the worlds of his past and his future when a Belter rebellion puts everyone's lives at risk. Only he can lead the way to peace.



Last Fallen Star (Rick Riordan Presents), Graci Kim

Riley can't wait to see her sister Hattie get initiated into a powerful lineage of Korean healing witches their family has belonged to for generations. Although Riley is desperate to follow in Hattie's footsteps, she's a saram - without magic. Then Hattie gets an idea: what if the two of them could cast a spell that would allow them to share Hattie's magic? But when the sisters attempt to violate the laws of the Godrealm, it puts Hattie's life in danger, and to save her Riley has to fulfil an impossible task: find the last fallen star. The quest she embarks upon uncovers secrets, and changes her view of the world.



Twilight Hauntings (The Enchanter's Child #1), Angie Sage

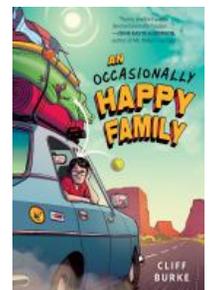
Angie Sage, author of the Septimus Heap series, crafts a fantasy world where enchantment is illegal, Oracles knit octopuses, wizards run around in soggy underpants, and one girl is on a mission to save Enchantment and Enchanters, which might just save the kingdom. Alex has a set of Enchanted cards. When she flutters her fingers above them, something magical happens: the cards come alive and create moving pictures of what is now and what is yet to come. But those who practice Enchantment in Luma are imprisoned forever in the Vaults--dark dungeons deep below the city. When Alex is betrayed by her foster sister Zerra, she knows she is in great danger. She makes a daring escape, but Alex discovers she is not safe outside Luma either. Here lurk deadly Hauntings that seek out those who practice magic: Enchanters and their children. The Hauntings take many forms and Alex is hunted by a giant bird of prey, the Hawke, a murderous Night Wraith called the Grey Walker, and the eerie Xin. But why do the Hauntings haunt Alex? Alex doesn't believe she's an Enchanter's Child, but she has no idea who her parents are. Her precious Enchanted cards are her only clue to her true identity, and she becomes determined to find out who she is. And, while she is at it, to get rid of the deadly Twilight Hauntings forever.



Realistic Novels

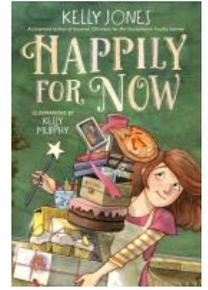
An Occasionally Happy Family, Cliff Burke

There are zero reasons for Theo Ripley to look forward to his family vacation. Not only are he, sister Laura, and nature-obsessed Dad going to Big Bend, the least popular National Park, but once there, the family will be camping. And Theo is an indoor animal. It doesn't help that this will be the first vacation they're taking since Mom passed away. Once there, the family contends with 110 degree days, wild bears, and an annoying amateur ornithologist and his awful teenage vlogger son. Then, Theo's dad hits him with a whopper of a surprise: the whole trip is just a trick to introduce his secret new girlfriend. Theo tries to squash down the pain in his chest. But when it becomes clear that this is an auditioning-to-be-his-stepmom girlfriend, Theo must find a way to face his grief and talk to his dad before his family is forever changed.



Happily for Now, Kelly Jones, illustrations by Kelly Murphy

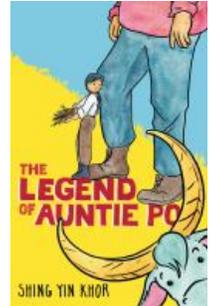
Fiona may have problems, but she's no damsel in distress. She'd rather be the one wielding the wand in the story: she wants to be the fairy godperson. So when her mom sends her off to stay with relatives in a place called Cold Hope for the summer, Fiona decides it's time to start training for the role. And wow, do these people need help! Aunt Becky's bakery is failing, Great-Uncle Timothy draws but never speaks, and Great-Aunt Alta is the gloomiest, dooziest woman she's ever met. But helping people in the real world isn't as easy as it sounds in fairy tales. Change is messy. What if she's actually making things worse? Still, with practice (and some deep breaths), Fiona will discover that sometimes messy is okay. Sometimes things do get worse before they get better. And sometimes trying to help fix other people's problems can help you work on your own



Graphic Novels

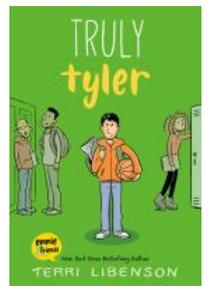
The Legend of Auntie Po, Shing Yin Khor

Part historical fiction, part magical realism, and 100 percent adventure. Thirteen-year-old Mei reimagines the myths of Paul Bunyan as starring a Chinese heroine while she works in a Sierra Nevada logging camp in 1885. Aware of the racial tumult in the years after the passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act, Mei tries to remain blissfully focused on her job, her close friendship with the camp foreman's daughter, and telling stories about Paul Bunyan--reinvented as Po Pan Yin (Auntie Po), an elderly Chinese matriarch. Anchoring herself with stories of Auntie Po, Mei navigates the difficulty and politics of lumber camp work and her growing romantic feelings for her friend Bee. *The Legend of Auntie Po* is about who gets to own a myth, and about immigrant families and communities holding on to rituals and traditions while staking out their own place in America.



Truly Tyler (Emmie and Friends #5), Terri Libenson

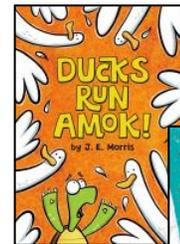
Crushes. Comics. Middle school. Ever since Tyler started getting into art and hanging out with Emmie, his friends and teammates have been giving him a hard time. He wonders why can't he nerd out on drawing and play ball? Emmie is psyched that she gets to work on a comics project with her crush, Tyler. But she gets the feeling that his friends don't think she's cool enough. Maybe it's time for a total reinvention.



Easy Reader Books

Ducks Run Amok, J. E. Morris

Ducks take over one turtle's pond in this hilarious rhyming tale! When a flock of ducks arrives at an unsuspecting turtle's pond, the turtle is mistaken for a green duck and can't seem to convince anyone otherwise. Can the turtle find a way to take back the pond and get some peace and quiet once more?



Amelia Bedelia Steps Out, Herman Parish, illustrated by Lynne Avril

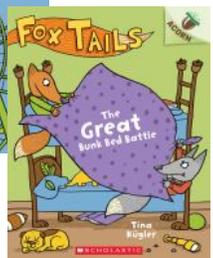
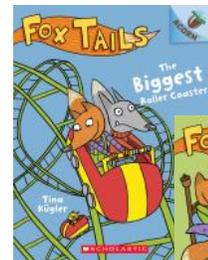
Amelia Bedelia goes shopping for shoes on a shoestring budget! Amelia Bedelia and her mother need new shoes, but Amelia Bedelia adores her comfy, broken-in sneakers. But the shoe is on the other foot when Amelia Bedelia spots the perfect pair--only to find out that they belong to Mary Jane!



The Biggest Roller Coaster (Fox Tails), Tina Kugler

The Great Bunk Bed Battle (Fox Tails), Tina Kugler

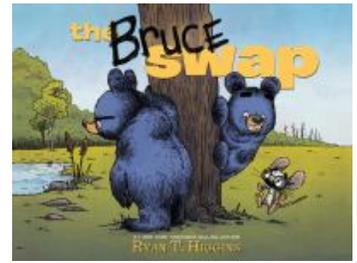
Fox siblings Fritz and Franny have many adventures in this early reader series from Geisel Honor winner Tina Kugler, part of Scholastic's early reader line, Acorn, aimed at children who are learning to read. Get ready to ride as Fox siblings Fritz and Franny -- and their faithful dog, Fred -- spend the day at the amusement park. After sizing up the tallest, fastest, and loudest rides they can find, these foxes come together on the perfect coaster. Then the Fox siblings try different bedtime shenanigans across three short stories: an imaginative bedtime routine leads the trio through a castle, a volcano, and even the center of the Earth as they debate whose bunk is best. But at the end of it all, these foxes find a way to meet in the middle.



Picture Books and Board Books

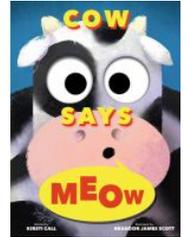
The Bruce Swap, Ryan T. Higgins

Bruce is a bear who struggles with fun. When Bruce says no to fun one too many times, Nibbs, Thistle, and Rupert secretly wish Bruce was more fun. And the geese secretly wish for sandwiches. The next morning, all their wishes come true. Bruce is cheerful. Bruce is adventurous. Bruce has pizzazz... and a basket of sandwiches. Except Bruce is not exactly Bruce. He's Kevin, Bruce's fun cousin. Nobody knows that Bruce has gone fishing. Nobody knows that Kevin is coming. Nobody even knows who Kevin is. But, everyone quickly learns one thing: Kevin LOVES fun. Is it possible that too much fun is no fun at all?



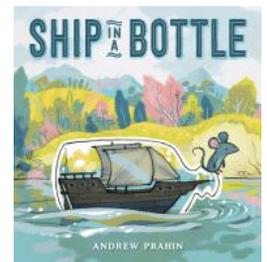
Cow Says Meow, Kirsti Call, illustrated by Brandon James Scott

A humorous picture book filled with wordplay and mixed-up onomatopoeia, *Cow Says Meow* features bold graphic art, silly animals, and unique cover cut-outs at the front and back. This zany picture book is full of outrageously mixed-up animal sounds. Puns and wordplay will leave readers giggling through the roller-coaster of sounds all the way to the final pages featuring the correct animal noises.



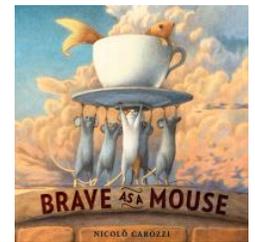
Ship in a Bottle, Andrew Prahin

A valiant mouse sets sail in her ship in a bottle to seek a better life in this gentle allegory about refugees and immigration. All Mouse wants to do is eat gingersnaps, lie in the sun, and enjoy her ship in a bottle. All Cat wants to do is eat Mouse. This is a problem. So one day, Mouse sets off in her ship in a bottle in search of a new home. But the great big world is a scary place for one small mouse. As she sails downriver, she faces grabby seagulls, selfish rabbits, and stormy waters before finally finding refuge in a park on the shores of an enormous city, where she is welcomed by friends of all shapes and sizes. Readers will cheer Mouse's quiet perseverance on her epic journey as she seeks a tiny spot to call her own.



Brave as a Mouse, Nicolò Carozzi

This gorgeously illustrated picture book reminds us of the importance of bravery and friendship. A goldfish and a mouse become fast friends as they play in and around the goldfish's bowl. But when three cats crash the party and terrify the poor goldfish, the brave little mouse gets an idea. She leads the three black cats on a wild and epic chase up and down and over and around until they find themselves surrounded by absolutely irresistible food in the pantry. The cats gorge themselves so much that they fall into a deep sleep, but the mouse knows they won't sleep forever. So the brave little mouse gets another idea to keep the goldfish out of harm's way for good!



Blueberry Cake, Sarah Dillard

In the tradition of *Blueberries for Sal*, Sarah Dillard presents a witty and whimsical tale of a young bear who can't get enough of his favorite treat! There's nothing Little Bear loves more than delicious, delectable blueberries. And one of the very best ways to eat blueberries is in Mama's sweet, scrumptious blueberry cake. But when Little Bear goes to pick berries so Mama can fix him a treat, he can't resist eating them all! Can Little Bear figure out how to save some yummy blueberries, or will he once again come home empty handed and never get any blueberry cake? A recipe for blueberry cake is included at the end of the book.

