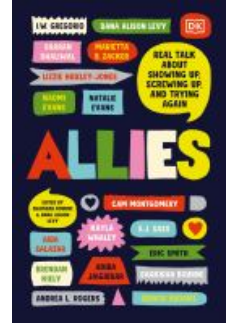


New Children's Books @ PPL – October 2021

Juvenile Nonfiction

Allies: Real Talk About Showing Up, Screwing Up, and Trying Again, Shakirah Bourne

This book is for everyone. Because we can all be allies. As an ally, you use your power—no matter how big or small—to support others. You learn, and try, and mess up, and try harder. In this collection of true stories, 17 critically acclaimed and bestselling YA authors get real about being an ally, needing an ally, and showing up for friends and strangers. From raw stories of racism and invisible disability to powerful moments of passing the mic, these authors share their truths. They invite you to think about your own experiences and choices and how to be a better ally. There are no easy answers, but this book helps you ask better questions. Self-reflection prompts, resources, journaling ideas, and further reading suggestions help you find out what you can do. Because we're all in this together. And we all need allies.



Realistic Fiction

Room to Dream (Front Desk #3), Kelly Yang

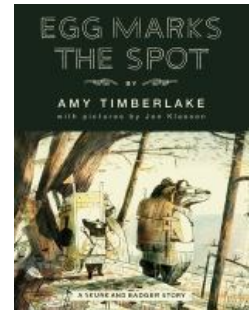
Mia Tang is going for her dreams! After years of hard work, Mia Tang finally gets to go on vacation with her family—to China! A total dream come true! Mia can't wait to see all her cousins and grandparents again, especially her cousin Shen. As she roams around Beijing, witnessing some of the big changes China's going through, Mia thinks about the changes in her own life, like . . . 1. Lupe's taking classes at the high school! And Mia's own plans to be a big writer are . . . stuck. 2. Something happened with Jason and Mia has no idea what to do about it. 3. New buildings are popping up all around the motel, and small businesses are disappearing. Can the Calivista survive? Buckle up! Mia is more determined than ever to get through the turbulence, now that she finally has . . . room to dream!



Fantasy/Adventure Fiction

Egg Marks the Spot (Skunk and Badger #2), Amy Timberlake, with pictures by Jon Klassen

This new adventure begins as Skunk and Badger head out on a rock-finding expedition, finding surprises behind every boulder. Buried in the heart of every animal is a secret treasure. For rock scientist Badger, it's the Spider Eye Agate he found as a cub, stolen years ago by his crafty cousin, Fisher. For Badger's roommate, Skunk, the treasure is Sundays with the *New Yak Times Book Review*. When an old acquaintance, Mr. G. Hedgehog, announces his plan to come for the *Book Review* as soon as it thumps on the doorstep, Skunk decides an adventure will solve Badger's problems as well as his own. Surprisingly, Badger agrees. Together they set off on an agate-finding expedition at Badger's favorite spot on Endless Lake. But all is not as it seems at Campsite #5. Fisher appears unexpectedly. Then a chicken arrives who seems intent on staying. Something is up! Indeed! Secrets, betrayals, lies . . . and a luminous, late-Jurassic prize.



Only If You Dare: 13 Stories of Darkness and Doom, Josh Allen, illustrated by Sarah J. Coleman

You never know what's out to get you. Though you might think you're safe from monsters and menaces, everyday objects can turn against you, too. A mysterious microwave. A threatening board game. A snowman that refuses to melt. Even your own heartbeat has its secrets. Thu-thump. Thu-thump. When you stop to listen, each beat sounds more menacing than the last. Master storyteller Josh Allen brings thirteen nightmare scenarios to life in this page-turning collection that's perfect for budding horror junkies. In his wondrous world, danger waits behind every doorway . . . even in the most ordinary places.



Out to Get You: 13 Tales of Weirdness and Woe, Anica Mrose Rissi

Thirteen ordinary kids. Thirteen ordinary towns. Danger lurks around every corner! Get ready for a collection of thirteen short stories that will chill your bones, tingle your spine, and scare your pants off. Debut author Josh Allen masterfully concocts horror in the most innocent



places, like R.L. Stine meets a modern Edgar Allan Poe. A stray kitten turns into a threatening follower. The street sign down the block starts taunting you. Even your own shadow is out to get you! Spooky things love hiding in plain sight. The everyday world is full of sinister secrets and these page-turning stories show that there's darkness even where you least expect it.

Graphic Novels

Once Upon a Space-Time, Jeffrey Brown

From the author of the New York Times bestselling Jedi Academy books comes the first in a hilarious space-themed graphic novel series. Jide and Petra are just two normal kids until they are selected to leave Earth and join their new alien classmates on an intergalactic research mission to Mars. Too bad Petra has no idea how she ended up in the program, seeing as the closest she wants to get to space is being a sci-fi writer. Jide, on the other hand, is the brains of the mission, but his helicopter parents make it clear he hasn't left their gravitational pull behind quite yet. What is meant to be an intra-species bonding experience soon turns to hijinx as the kids discover The Potato orbiting around their new space classroom and accidentally launch a mission of their own without any adult commanders around to supervise—or help!

A Total Waste of Space-Time (Space-Time #2), Jeffrey Brown

Jide, Petra, and their intergalactic friends are back on the Potato (their orbiting classroom) for another out-of-this-world adventure. Their latest space mission brings them to the home planets of their schoolmates, where pranks must be avenged, new terrains must be explored, and the patience of Commander G must be tested!



Easy Reader and Beginning Chapter Books

Danny's Doodles #1: The Jelly-Bean Experiment, David Adler

Danny Cohen and Calvin Waffle are two very different kids. Danny likes playing baseball; Calvin enjoys strange experiments. Danny follows the rules at school; Calvin tries to drive his teacher crazy. Danny and Calvin decide to team up for the big jelly bean experiment. Will it lead to trouble? Maybe. Will they have fun trying? You can count on it.

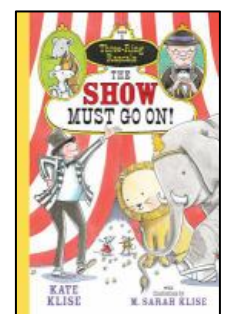
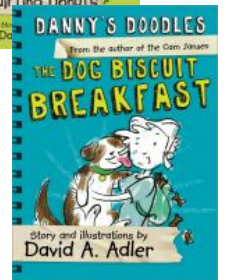
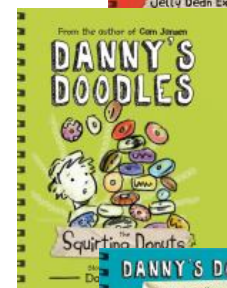
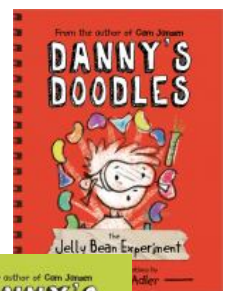
Danny's Doodles #2: The Squirting Donuts, David Adler

Something has gone wrong in Danny and Calvin's fourth-grade classroom—out of the blue, Mrs. Cakel has transformed from a rampant rule-enforcer to a quiet excuse-accepter. Has she been replaced with an alien? Has she undergone a top-secret personality makeover? Danny and Calvin decide there's only one way to find out what's really going on—*spy*. But spying soon leads to a greater mystery filled with dog chasing, jelly-injected donuts, prune butter-included experiments, riddle mania, and more!

Danny's Doodles #3: The Dog Biscuit Breakfast, David Adler

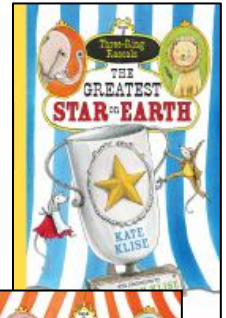
Danny knows his friend Calvin has crazy ideas, so he's not surprised when Calvin suggests they start a Rent-a-Pet business. After all, Calvin's Aunt Ruth wants the boys to watch her dog while she's away, and what better way to get the miniature Collie off their hands than loaning him to a kid in the neighborhood for a few days? But in order to rent a pet, you need a renter. Which Calvin and Danny don't have. Can the two drum up some business before it's too late? Or will their plan go to the dogs?

Three-Ring Rascals #1: The Show Must Go On, Kate Klise, illustrated by M. Sarah Klise
When Sir Sidney, a kindly old circus owner, becomes too tired to travel with his show, he places a Help Wanted ad in the newspaper. Enter Barnabas Brambles: "I have a degree in lion taming from the University of Piccadilly Circus." But does Leo the lion need taming? Will Elsa the elephant still get her gourmet peanuts? And what will Brambles say when he discovers Bert and Gert—two mice who travel with the circus on popcorn cleanup patrol? Brambles has big plans: More cities! More shows! No more free popcorn. Soon he's made a big mess of Sir Sidney's Circus, but Leo, Elsa, Bert, Gert, and the rest of the performers agree: The Show Must Go On!



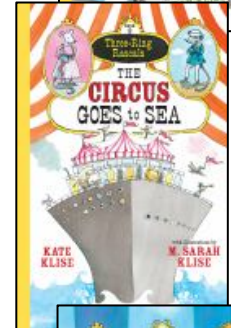
Three-Ring Rascals #2: The Greatest Star on Earth, Kate Klise, illustrated by M. Sarah Klise

Everyone knows Sir Sidney's Circus is the best in the world. But who's the star of the show? The Circus Times is having a contest to find out. Just thinking about it gives Sir Sidney a worrywart, and it's quickly clear why. Soon after he goes off to rest, the performers start thinking too much about winning the trophy and not enough about putting on a good show. Meanwhile, it looks as if ringmaster-in-training Barnabas Brambles might need some help managing the crew, so Bert and Gert, the sly brother-and-sister mice who travel with the show, set out to write a book to teach him how it's done. Does Bert and Gert's plan work? And who is the star of the circus?



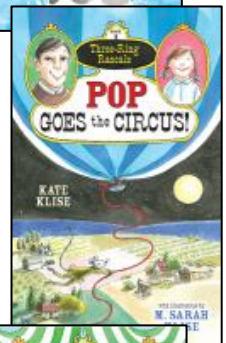
Three-Ring Rascals #3: The Circus Goes to Sea, Kate Klise, illustrated by M. Sarah Klise

For many years, Sir Sidney's Circus has traveled by train. But one day a letter arrives from Miss Flora Endora Eliza LaBuena LaPasta inviting the circus to travel aboard the SS Spaghetti. Who can resist? The Spaghetti is a floating palace of elegance and entertainment. There's only one problem: Miss LaPasta doesn't want Barnabas Brambles to come aboard, because she's heard he's the meanest man alive. Lucky for Barnabas Brambles, his boss is Sir Sidney, the nicest man alive. Sir Sidney insists the entire circus, including Barnabas Brambles, accept the invitation. But Leo doesn't like water. Elsa's never been swimming. The Famous Flying Banana Brothers have no idea where they'll put their trapeze. And what's that large object up ahead in the water?



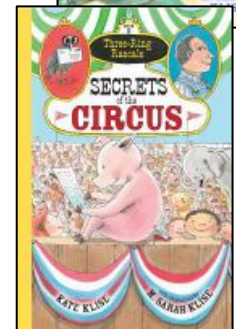
Three-Ring Rascals #4: Pop Goes the Circus!, Kate Klise, illustrated by M. Sarah Klise

BERT IS MISSING! The members of Sir Sidney's Circus look everywhere. They don't know that Bert the circus mouse has been carried away by a huge balloon. Meanwhile, far away, Flora Endora Eliza LaBuena LaPasta is tired of being ignored. Her parents seem to have no time for her as they prepare for a new baby, so Flora comes up with a plan to mail herself to her friends at the circus. A popped balloon and a mixed-up shipment bring Bert and Flora together. In the worst of times, a best friendship is born. But how long can a tiny mouse and a runaway girl survive in a world of bad drivers, angry mobs, and greedy robbers?



Three-Ring Rascals #5: Secrets of the Circus, illustrated by M. Sarah Klise

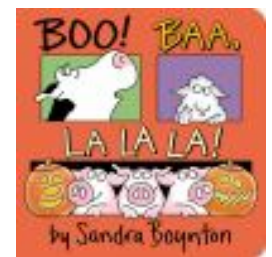
Can you keep a secret? Everyone has a secret. But sometimes a little secret can become a big problem. That's what happens when circus mouse Gert's secret pen pal, a pig named Pablo, runs away to join Sir Sidney's Circus. Pablo doesn't want to be sold to Prinkle's Pork Chops. Farmer Farley doesn't really want to sell Pablo, either, but he needs money to save his farm. When the New Pork Times announces a pig race with a five-thousand-dollar prize, the members of Sir Sidney's Circus hope they've found a way to save Pablo and Farmer Farley's farm, too.



Board Books and Picture Books

Boo! Baa! La La La!, Sandra Boynton

The littlest book-lovers and their families will enjoy following the gentle cow as she ventures out into the moonlit night, trying to discover who it was that replied to her “BOO” with a “BAA.” The surprise ending is certain to delight everyone— young or old, feathered or furry. Told and illustrated with Sandra Boynton’s celebrated charm and pizzazz, *Boo! Baa, La La La!* is a wonderful, not-scary treat, with all the markings of a Halloween classic. BOO!



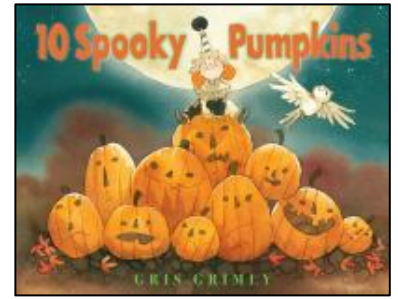
The Leaf Thief, Alice Hemming, art by Nicola Slater

Squirrel loves counting the leaves on his tree—red leaves, gold leaves, orange, and more. But hold on! One of his leaves is missing! On a quest to find the missing leaf, Squirrel teams up with his good friend Bird to discover who the leaf thief could be among their forest friends. Is there truly a leaf thief afoot, or is something else going on in Squirrel's forest? A perfect exploration of change—both seasonal, and the anxiety that change sometimes causes. Bonus material explains about the changing of the seasons.



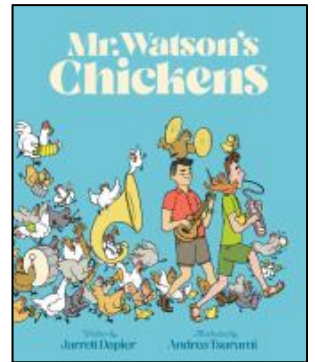
Ten Spooky Pumpkins, Gris Grimly

One little girl ventures out into the night for an unforgettable Halloween adventure! *10 little pumpkins, sitting in a line, looking for a cat and they found nine. The wind said SWOOSH and the gate went CREAK. The owl cried WHOOOO, we all screamed EEK!* Celebrated creator Gris Grimly, widely known for his gothic style illustrations, puts a spooky twist on a favorite preschool rhyme in this Halloween read-aloud. Join goblins, ghosts, witches, and more in this rhythmic countdown, traveling through the countryside and discovering more Halloween creatures along the way. Finally, the story culminates with them all joining together in a joyful celebration under the full harvest moon, dancing until it's time for bed.



Mr. Watson's Chickens, Jarrett Dapier, illustrated by Andrea Tsunami

Interrupting Chicken meets *Click, Clack, Moo* in this zany classic-in-the-making! With rollicking rhythms, nonsensical refrains, and too many chickens to count, this modern classic will inspire unstoppable giggles and endless rereads. Bawka-bawka! Mr. Watson has 456 chickens in the sink, on the bed, in the bread box. When his partner, Mr. Nelson, threatens to leave, Mr. Watson takes his chickens to town to sell only for them to escape! Young readers will follow Mr. Watson all around town as he gathers up his chickens. But, when they're all rounded up, does he have the heart to sell them? Does a different fate await these chickens? This quirky, irresistible book is full of read-aloud fun with its onomatopoeia, rollicking rhythm, and familiar refrains and ends with a touch of sweetness.



I Am Love: A Book Of Compassion, Susan Verde, art by Peter H. Reynolds

Love means showing kindness, living with gratitude, and taking care of our minds and bodies. Letting our hearts lead the way can help move us closer to a better world. A celebration of love in all its forms, and grounded in mindfulness and wellness, *I Am Love* asks readers to look inward when they feel afraid, angry, hurt, or sad. When a storm is brewing inside us and the skies grow dark, the transformative power of love lets the light back in. Includes heart-opening yoga poses and a guided meditation.

