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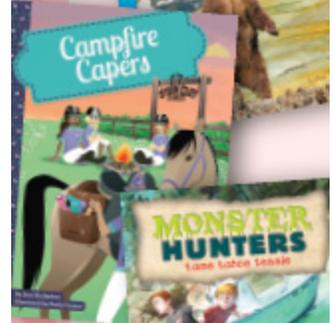
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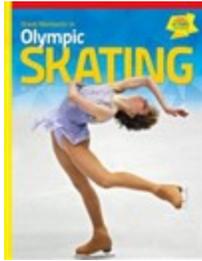


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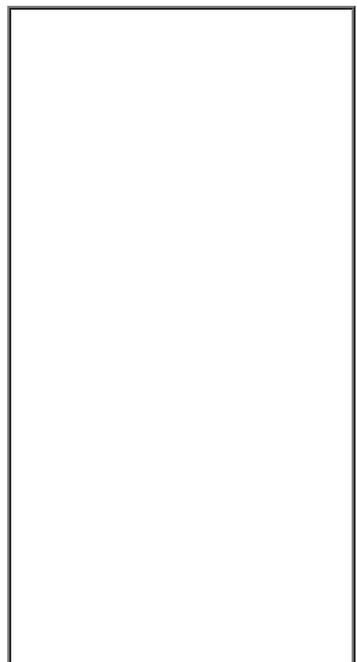


[Found](#), by Harlan Coben

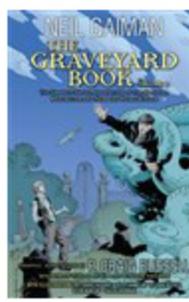
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Youth - Nonfiction

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[National Geographic Kids Almanac, 2015](#), by National Geographic Kids Staff

Social Sciences

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"This volume is a compilation of successful interventions to environmental problems undertaken by some of the world's most forward-thinking, optimistic, and ambitious teens and children."



Arts - Visual Arts

[So, You Want to Work in Fashion? How to Break into the World of Fashion and Design](#), by Patricia Wooster

Language

[My Big Barefoot Book of Wonderful Words](#), written and illustrated by Sophie Fatus

"While 'word books' have a venerable history, this one stands out because of the inclusiveness represented in its illustrations."



Science - Animals

[Skydiver: Saving the Fastest Bird in the World](#), written and illustrated by Celia Godkin

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[Spic-and-Span! Lillian Gilbreth's Wonder Kitchen](#), by Monica Kulling and
Illustrated by David Parkins

Graphic Novels

[Bart Simpson to the Rescue!](#), written and illustrated by Matt Groening

[Mr. Pants: It's Go Time!](#), by Scott McCormick and illustrated by R. H. Lazzell

[The Sound of Thunder](#), by J. Torres and illustrated by Faith Erin Hicks

Youth - Fiction

General Fiction

[Adrenaline Crush](#), by Laurie Boyle Crompton

[Adventures with Barefoot Critters](#), by Teagan White

[Ashes to Ashes](#), by Jenny Han and Siobhan Vivian

[The Badger Knight](#), by Kathryn Erskine

[Bear's School Day](#), by Stella Blackstone and illustrated by Debbie Harter

[Bramble and Maggie: Spooky Season](#), by Jessie Haas and
illustrated by Alison Friend

"Children needn't be horse lovers to enjoy this gentle story in
which each character overcomes fears with a little help from
her friend."



[The Brilliant World of Tom Gates](#), written and illustrated by Liz Pichon

[The Circus Goes to Sea](#), by Kate Klise and illustrated by M. Sarah Klise

[Day Dreamers](#), written and illustrated by Emily Winfield Martin

[Dinosaur Farm](#), written and illustrated by Frann Preston-Gannon

[Dory Fantasmagory](#), written and illustrated by Abby Hanlon

[Double Reverse](#), by Fred Bowen

[Drop It, Rocket!](#), written and illustrated by Tad Hills

[EllRay Jakes Rocks the Holidays!](#), by Sally Warner and illustrated by Brian Biggs

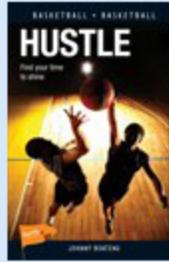
[Goodnight Football](#), by Michael Dahl and illustrated by Christina Forshay

[Hank Has a Dream](#), written and illustrated by Rebecca Dudley

[Happy Birthday, Madame Chapeau](#), by Andrea Beaty and illustrated by David
Roberts

[Hustle](#), by Johnny Boateng

"Part of the publisher's Sports series, this slim novel's short chapters and more
mature content make it perfect for older reluctant readers."



I Feel Five!, written and illustrated by Bethanie Deeney Murguia

If You Happen to Have a Dinosaur, by Linda Bailey and illustrated by Colin Jack

Is There a Dog in This Book?, written and illustrated by Viviane Schwarz

Jelly Bean, by Cynthia Lord and illustrated by Erin McGuire

Jessica Darling's It List 2: The (Totally Not) Guaranteed Guide to Friends, Foes & Faux Friends, by Megan McCafferty

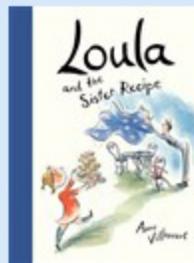
Julia, Child, by Kyo Maclear and illustrated by Julie Morstad

Latke, the Lucky Dog, by Ellen Fischer and illustrated by Tiphonie Beeke

License to Spill, by Lisi Harrison

Loula and the Sister Recipe, written and illustrated by Anne Villeneuve

"Loula is a delight and deserves a place among Fancy Nancy and Eloise."



Lulu and the Hedgehog in the Rain, by Hilary McKay and illustrated by Priscilla Lamont

The Map Trap, by Andrew Clements and illustrated by Dan Andreasen

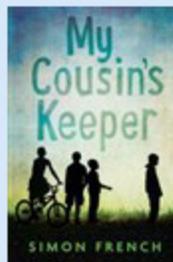
Me & Dog, by Gene Weingarten and illustrated by Eric Shansby

The Monsterator, written and illustrated by Keith Graves

Mr. Frank, written and illustrated by Irene Luxbacher

My Cousin's Keeper, by Simon French

"This contemporary Australian import deals with peer pressure in a straightforward and sincere way, making it a good choice for middle-grade discussion."



My Super-Spy Diary, by Emily Gale and illustrated by Joelle Dreidemy

Pete the Cat and the New Guy, by James Dean and Kimberly Dean and illustrated by James Dean

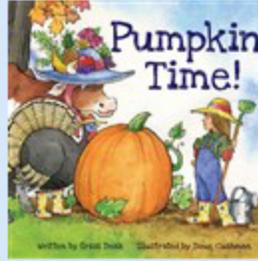
Pick and Roll, by Kelsey Blair

A Piece of Cake, written and illustrated by LeUyen Pham

[**The Problem with NOT Being Scared of Monsters**](#), by Dan Richards and illustrated by Robert Neubecker

[**Pumpkin Time!**](#), by Erzsi Deak and illustrated by Doug Cushman

"This just-right picture book for fall is filled with fun facts and quirky characters to help familiarize emergent readers with the season."



[**Ready, Steady, Ghost!**](#), by Elizabeth Baguley and illustrated by Marion Lindsay

[**Revenge of the Bully**](#), by Scott Starkey

[**Rex Wrecks It!**](#), written and illustrated by Ben Clanton

[**Sharkman**](#), by Steve Alten

[**Shh! We Have a Plan**](#), written and illustrated by Chris Haughton

[**Sleepover with Beatrice & Bear**](#), written and illustrated by Monica Carnesi

[**Stanley the Builder**](#), written and illustrated by William Bee

[**Star Girl**](#), written and illustrated by Karin Littlewood

[**Stupid**](#), by Kim Firmston

[**Sugar White Snow and Evergreens: A Winter Wonderland of Color**](#), by Felicia Sanzari Chernesky and illustrated by Susan Swan

[**The Swap**](#), by Megan Shull

[**The Sweetest Witch Around**](#), by Alison McGhee and illustrated by Harry Bliss

[**That Dog!**](#), by Gillian Shields and illustrated by Cally Johnson-Isaacs

[**Very Little Red Riding Hood**](#), by Teresa Heapy and illustrated by Sue Heap

"Debut author Heapy cleverly reworks the main elements of the familiar story into a lighthearted tale while giving several nods to the danger lurking in the original."



[**Winter Moon Song**](#), by Martha Brooks and illustrated by Leticia Ruifernandez

[**The World according to Musk Ox**](#), by Erin Cabatingan and illustrated by Matthew Myers

[**You Are \(Not\) Small**](#), by Anna Kang and illustrated by Christopher Weyant

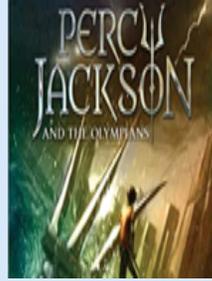
Action/Adventure

[**Memory Maze**](#), by Gordon Korman

[**The Only Thing to Fear**](#), by Caroline Tung Richmond

[**Percy Jackson's Greek Gods**](#), by Rick Riordan and illustrated by John Rocco

"Percy's voice, along with the many pop-culture references, may make this a better fit for the fiction shelves than the library's mythology section, but readers will still come away with new knowledge about the deities."



Power Hitter, by Christine A. Forsyth

Slaves of Socorro, by John Flanagan

SF/Fantasy

Backwards Moon, by Mary Losure

Bad Magic, by Pseudonymous Bosch and illustrated by Gilbert Ford

The Bully Bug, by David Lubar

The Caller, by Juliet Marillier

"Epic battles, brave feats, heartfelt relationships, deep convictions, and beloved characters who undergo palpable growth enrich this final installment in the Shadowfell trilogy."



Crater Trueblood and the Lunar Rescue Company, by Homer Hickam

Dead Zone, by Robison Wells

Drift, by M. K. Hutchins

Echoes of Us, by Kat Zhang

Evil Librarian, by Michelle Knudsen

False Future, by Dan Krokos

Famous Last Words, by Katie Alender

"Gothic horror meets Hollywood glamour in this satisfying mystery-thriller with a supernatural twist, perfect for readers of Kendare Blake or Kami Garcia."



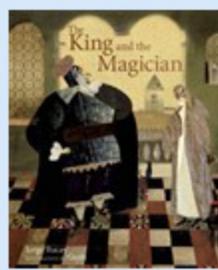
The Far Dawn, by Kevin Emerson

Gabriel's Clock, by Hilton Pashley

Gates of Thread and Stone, by Lori M. Lee

The King and the Magician, by Jorge Bucay and illustrated by Gusti

"Created by an Argentinian writer and an Argentinian-born artist living in Spain, this large-format picture book, originally published in Spain, presents a rewarding story with an appended moral, gracefully written as a letter from the king to his son."



[Merlin's Nightmare](#), by Robert Treskillard

[Mira's Diary: Bombs over London](#), written and illustrated by Marissa Moss

[The Perilous Sea](#), by Sherry Thomas

[Redeemed](#), by P. C. Cast and Kristin Cast

[The Revenge of Seven](#), by Pittacus Lore

[Rise of the Earth Dragon](#), by Tracey West and illustrated by Graham Howells

[The Scavengers](#), by Michael Perry

[Shadows of the Silver Screen](#), by Christopher Edge

[Space Taxi: Water Planet Rescue](#), by Wendy Mass and Michael Brawer and illustrated by Elise Gravel

"This rollicking adventure, full of goofy antics and subtle lessons in acceptance, is complemented by simple line drawings and concludes with a trio of fun space facts 'to impress your friends and teachers.'"



[A Tale of Light and Shadow](#), by Jacob Gowans

[The Twyning](#), by Terence Blacker

[Winterspell](#), by Claire Legrand

Mystery

[About That Night](#), by Norah McClintock

[Disappearance at Hangman's Bluff: A Felony Bay Mystery](#), by J. E. Thompson

[Remember Me](#), by Romily Bernard

[Sammy Keyes and the Kiss Goodbye](#), by Wendelin Van Draanen

Historical Fiction

[Anybody Shining](#), by Frances O'Roark Dowell

"Appalachian life in the 1920s is poignantly conjured on the page, rich folklore is interspersed with everyday life, and the resolution is touching but not pat."



[I Survived the Destruction of Pompeii, AD 79](#), by Lauren Tarshis and illustrated by Scott Dawson

Mister Max 2: The Book of Secrets, by Cynthia Voigt and illustrated by Iacopo Bruno

A Pair of Twins, written by Kavitha Mandana and illustrated by Nayantara Surendranath

The Salvation of Miss Lucretia, by Ted M. Dunagan

Simon and the Bear: A Hanukkah Tale, by Eric A. Kimmel and illustrated by Matthew Trueman

Walking Wounded, by Chris Lynch

Romance

No One Needs to Know, by Amanda Grace

"The slow development of the girls' relationship from rivalry to friendship to love is an authentic, integrated part of the story."



The Vincent Boys, by Abbi Glines

Scary Stories

The Fall, by Bethany Griffin

Mary: The Summoning, by Hillary Monahan

Not Very Scary, by Carol Brendler and illustrated by Greg Pizzoli

Servants of the Storm, by Delilah S. Dawson

Ultimate Attack, by Michael P. Spradlin

Unmarked, by Kami Garcia

"Garcia's cinematic scenes—full of timely reveals, terrifying moments of demonic possession, and crackerjack detective work—zip on by with a pace that rivals Dan Brown. That, coupled with snarky, mood-lightening teenage interludes, makes this a crowd-pleasing page-turner."



Audio

Deep in the Swamp, by Donna Bateman and read by Tom Chapin

"Chapin uses his reassuring voice to read slowly enough that readers will be able to follow along in the accompanying book."



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