

MARCH MADNESS



BOOK TALK

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PARENT-TEACHER

ABCs with Blue. Young fans are invited to join Josh, Blue, and their friends from Nickelodeon's Blue's Clues & You as they practice their ABCs using rhyming text and images of everyday objects. New York, NY : Random House, [2021] **PT BLU**

Barton, Byron. **My car.** Sam describes in loving detail his car and how he drives it. New York : HarperFestival, an division of HarperCollins Publishers, 2003. **PT BAR**

Boswell, Addie K. **Go, bikes, go!** Inspired by the strong biking culture and community in the Pacific Northwest, this board book features different types of bikes and the diverse people, young and old, who enjoy them. It features bikes children will recognize and some they can imagine, like bikes that wear shoes and bikes that fly. [Seattle] : Little Bigfoot, an imprint of Sasquatch Books, [2019] **PT BOS**

Boulton, Ellie. **See, touch, feel 123 : a first sensory book to share with your baby.** Presents a board book with rhyming text and textured illustrations designed to introduce young children to the numbers one through ten. New York, NY : Priddy Books, 2022. **PT BOU**

Boynton, Sandra. **Are you a cow?** Readers respond to a chicken's questions about different animals and learn how great it is to just be themselves. New York, New York : Little Simon Books, an imprint of Simon & Schuster, 2019. **PT BOY**

Boynton, Sandra. **Peekaboo Rex!** Follow a lovable T. rex throughout its day as it plays peekaboo with a tiny dinosaur friend. New York, NY : Boynton Bookworks, [2023] **PT BOY**

Boynton, Sandra. **Tickle time!** If you're feeling blue and you don't know what to do, there is nothing like a Tickle Time to make you feel like new. New York, NY : Boynton Bookworks, [2023] **PT BOY**

Count with Blue! Learn to count with Blue, Josh, and the whole gang from the new Nickelodeon show Blue's Clues & You! New York, NY : Random House, [2020] **PT BLU**

Cohen, Stephanie. **The I can say dada book.** "Babies and toddlers will learn to say 'Dada!' with this adorable and fun-to-read board book written by an early speech expert! Each page features: Simple words and 'Dada' phrases that are easy for little ones to imitate, and can be used and practiced throughout daily routines Rhythm and rhyme to encourage repetition and help keep babies engaged, even before they can understand the text Real photographs that model correct mouth positions and support social emotional learning Written by a speech-language pathologist, The I Can Say Dada Book uses a proven approach to teach little ones how to say 'Dada!' Reading the book aloud helps

caregivers easily model important aspects of communication for little ones-not only through sounds and words, but also with gestures, facial expressions and more!"-- Provided by publisher. Naperville, IL : Sourcebooks eXplore, an imprint of Sourcebooks Kids, [2024] **PT COH**

Cohen, Stephanie. **The I can say mama book.** "Babies and toddlers will learn to say 'Mama!' with this adorable and fun-to-read board book written by an early speech expert! Each page features: Simple words and 'Mama' phrases that are easy for little ones to imitate, and can be used and practiced throughout daily routines Rhythm and rhyme to encourage repetition and help keep babies engaged, even before they can understand the text Real photographs that model correct mouth positions and support social emotional learning. Written by a speech-language pathologist, The I Can Say Mama Book uses a proven approach to teach little ones how to say 'Mama!' Reading the book aloud helps caregivers easily model important aspects of communication for little ones-not only through sounds and words, but also with gestures, facial expressions and more!"-- Provided by publisher. Naperville, IL : Sourcebooks eXplore, an imprint of Sourcebooks Kids, [2024] **PT COH**

Cousins, Lucy. **Peck, peck, peck.** Pecking his way through the door of a house, an intrepid little woodpecker busily raps on a rhyming sequence of indoor objects, from a hat and a mat and a racket and jacket to a teddy bear and a book titled Jane Eyre. Somerville, Massachusetts : Candlewick Press, 2016. **PT COU**

Cousins, Lucy. **Where are Maisy's friends?** Children can lift the flaps to reveal Maisy's friends. On board pages. Somerville, Massachusetts : Candlewick Press, 2010. **PT COU**

Cousins, Lucy. **Where is Little Fish?** Lift the flaps to search for Little Fish playing hide-and-seek with his friends. Somerville, Massachusetts : Candlewick Press, 2018. **PT COU**

Dahl, Michael. **Goodnight soccer.** Rhyming text depicts a young girl who says goodnight to all aspects of her favourite sport, soccer, from the opening kickoff to the final goal. North Mankato, Minnesota : Capstone Young Readers, [2019] **PT DAH**

Donaldson, Julia. **The gruffalo.** A clever mouse uses the threat of a terrifying creature to keep from being eaten by a fox, an owl, and a snake--only to have to outwit that creature as well. New York : Dial Books for Young Readers, [1999] **PT DON**

Donohue, Moira Rose. **5-minute dinosaur stories.** Welcome to the age of dinosaurs! In these 12 true stories you'll meet dinosaurs big and small, spiked and armored, feathered and scaly. Dig alongside modern paleontologists as they uncover incredible fossils, and more! Washington, D.C. : National Geographic, [2024] **PT FIV**

Hill, Eric. **Find Spot at the library.** It's fancy dress day at the library! Which book characters will Spot, Helen and Tom dress up as? Join Spot and his friends as they explore all the different corners and books in the library. New York : Frederick Warne, 2019. **PT HIL**

Jones, Christianne C. **Goodnight dance.** In rhyming text a young girl spends an evening at the ballet, thrilled by the beauty of the theater and the dancers. North Mankato, Minnesota : Capstone Editions, a Capstone imprint, [2023] **PT JON**

Litton, Jonathan. **Big fish little fish.** Little ones are invited to dive into the ocean to learn about opposites in this bubbly board book that features bright artwork, fish-shaped finger-holes and a fun-filled, rhyming story. Wilton, CT : Tiger Tales, [2016] **PT LIT**

Litton, Jonathan. **Hoot : a hide-and-peek book of counting!** "How many owls can you find in this playful book of numbers? Bright artwork, finger-holes, and a cheerful rhyming story make learning come alive!"--Page [4] of cover. Wilton, CT : Tiger Tales, [2014] **PT LIT**

Lloyd, Rosamund. **Don't mix up my dinosaur!** Which dinosaur is your favourite? Spin the wheel to change the look of each dinosaur with five fun touch-and-feel textures! Wilton, CT : Tiger Tales, 2023. **PT LLO**

Moo, quack, roar, and more! Preschoolers will enjoy hours of fun as they search for animals in a variety of habitats and learn to recognise words along the way. Chicago, IL : KidsBooks, LLC, [2010] **PT MOO**

Smith, Danna. **Swallow the leader : a counting book.** What happens when you let the shark play follow the leader? Count the fish from one to ten as a jolly group of fish explore their underworld world. Boston : Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers, [2016] **PT SMI**

The story of country. From Dolly Parton to Johnny Cash, and from Garth Brooks to Willie Nelson, country music has won generations of die-hard fans. Strum along with the greats in this charming baby book that introduces little ones to country's brightest stars! San Diego, CA : Silver Dolphin Books, 2020. **PT STO**

PICTURE BOOK

Ali, A. E. **Our favorite day of the year.** Four kindergartners who think they have nothing in common become friends after sharing traditions of their holidays, including Eid-ul-Fitr, Rosh Hashanah, Christmas, and Pi Day. New York : Salaam Reads, [2020] **P ALI**

Archer, Mandy. **Stay wild my child.** When you're small there are lots of rules to learn. Zoe's mom shows her that it's good to follow the rules - most of the time, but even good boys and girls need to go wild every now and then. Splashing in puddles, climbing trees, and shouting at the top of your voice-this playful picture book echoes with all the timeless joys of childhood. Seattle, Washington : KidsBooks Publishing, [2019] **P ARC**

Arnold, Marsha Diane. **Badger's perfect garden.** Badger and his friends have worked very hard to plant the perfect flower garden. Badger is devastated when a rainstorm

washes away the rows of seeds they've planted. But when the flowers grow in another place, Badger and his friends realize that sometimes nature has ideas that are even better than anyone's perfect plan. Ann Arbor, MI : Sleeping Bear Press, 2019. **P ARN**

Baca, Annamarie E. **Don Pino takes a bath.** Don Pino finds himself in a messy situation. With the help of his best friend, Doña Carlotta, they seek a solution. Along their journey, they meet new friends and find that a pop of fun goes a long way. [Place of publication not identified] : [publisher not identified], [2022] **P BAC**

Barnett, Mac. **Santa's first Christmas.** Santa returns home to the North Pole Christmas morning and, thanks to his loyal elves, gets to experience the magic of Christmas for the first time with a perfect tree, treats and presents. New York, NY : Viking, 2024. **P BAR**

Bonilla, Lindsay. **You've got this!** "This joyful, rhyming picture book helps kids tackle scary moments with a mantra to inspire confidence, from learning to ride a bike, performing in a recital, facing a mistake"-- Provided by publisher. New York : Holiday House, 2024. **P BON**

Carlstrom, Nancy White. **Counting winter.** Follows one red fox, two ravens, and other animals through the snow-covered woods. Grand Rapids, MI : Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 2024. **P CAR**

Carnavas, Peter. **The great expedition.** A group of young explorers set out across the wild country of their own backyard. Facing excitement and dangers, they attempt to deliver a gift to the other side. Toronto, Canada : Pajama Press, 2024. **P CAR**

Colón, Justin. **The quacken.** When Hector breaks the most important rule at summer camp - do not feed the ducks - he lets loose the giant Quacken! New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, [2024] **P COL**

Conklin, Melanie. **When you have to wait.** "A mindful, gentle picture book about patience and learning to find beauty in the act of waiting"-- Provided by publisher. New York : Roaring Brook Press, 2024. **P CON**

Cristaldi, Kathryn. **I'll love you till the crocodiles smile.** "I will love you till forever and forever and more, till my love shakes the jungle with a lion-size ROAR, as night blankets the forest near a soothing waterfall and the chimpanzees sleep in trees two hundred feet tall"-- Provided by publisher. New York, NY : Harper, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, [2024] **P CRI**

Cushman, Abi. **Flamingos are pretty funky : a (not so) serious guide.** "An introduction to the amazing and unusual world of flamingos and their habitats"-- Provided by publisher. New York, NY : Greenwillow Books, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, [2024] **P CUS**

Delacroix, Sibylle. **The Christmas snow globe.** A special snow globe brings Lucy and Noah a magical Christmas Eve surprise. Edinburgh : Floris Books, [2024] **P DEL**

Detlefsen, Lisl H. **At the end of the day.** "A little boy learns that there are a lot of good things to look forward to at the end of the day"-- Provided by publisher. New York : Alfred A. Knopf, [2022] **P DET**

Donaldson, Julia. **Spinderella.** When Spinderella and her seven spider siblings want to play soccer, she, along with her Hairy Godmother, must convince the others that numbers are important. London : Farshore, 2016. **P DON**

Donaldson, Julia. **Zog and the flying doctors.** Zog the dragon, Princess Pearl, and Sir Gadabout form a team of flying doctors, treating the kingdoms subjects; but Pearl's uncle, the king, disapproves and locks her in the castle--until he becomes ill and discovers that only Pearl and her companions can cure him. New York, NY : Arthur A. Levine Books, an imprint of Scholastic Inc., 2017. **P DON**

Edlund, Bambi. **Squirrel-ish.** At the park, squirrels get all the free peanuts, and nobody screams when they scamper to and fro. But for Rat, it's all screams and no nuts... until, he comes up with a plan to solve his problem: be more squirrel-ish! Toronto : Owlkids Books, [2024] **P EDL**

Ferry, Beth. **A moving story.** "With the utmost care, brothers and professional movers Tiny and Pete will move anything anywhere because they know that nothing is too small or too light to wrap up tight and treat just right. But during their biggest move yet, a young panda's pet turtle goes missing and even the brothers' efforts might not be enough to save the day"-- Provided by publisher. New York, NY : Harper, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, [2024] **P FER**

Ferry, Beth. **Prunella.** Born with a purple thumb, Prunella prefers her to cultivate her strange, noxious garden over the company of people until a little boy visits and admires her prickly plants. New York, New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, [2024] **P FER**

Finan, Sarah. **What we wear when we take care.** "We often wear things to protect ourselves in different environments, whether it's goggles when snorkeling or helmets at the skate park. Sometimes it's headphones around loud noises, or neon vests when crossing a busy street, or warm gloves in the freezing snow. Whatever the situation calls for, special gear keeps us and others safe. Equal parts fun and informative, with kid-friendly artwork and sound words to engage the youngest readers, this picture book from creator Sarah Finan looks at the gear we wear, from head to toe, that helps us take care when exploring and enjoying the world around us"-- Provided by publisher. Somerville : Candlewick Press, 2024. **P FIN**

Fishman, Seth. **A hundred billion trillion stars.** "A look at the numbers that surround us, big and small, on earth and in outer space."-- Provided by publisher. New York, NY : Greenwillow Books, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, [2017] **P FIS**

Fleischman, Paul. **The class with wings.** Every afternoon with their heads down and eyes closed, a fourth-grade class embarks on an imaginative migration journey alongside the bird they are studying. Guided by the voice of their teacher in the cool sanctuary of the classroom, the students travel all the way from Brazil to their hometown in Wisconsin. Along the way, they encounter weather, predators, setbacks, and loss. New York, NY : Cameron Kids, 2024. **P FLE**

Hahn, Sabina. **I am a dragon! : a squabble & a quibble.** "A grumpy dragon gets fired up when he is mistaken for a Very Large Frog in this laugh-out-loud picture book perfect for fans of Mo Willems and Jon Klassen!"-- Provided by publisher. New York, NY : Harper, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, [2023] **P HAH**

Hay, Sam. **A cat's Christmas carol.** Clawdia, a department store's security cat, doesn't see the point in silly festive celebrations and would much rather prowls the corridors making sure everything is in order. But when three cold and lonely visitors turn up at the store, they teach Clawdia a few key lessons about the true meaning of Christmas. London : Simon & Schuster, 2019. **P HAY**

Justice, Susan. **Children who dance in the rain.** "This book celebrates resilience and the spirit of children who don't wait for the storm to pass. Discover the joy and beauty of learning to dance in the rain, even amidst life's toughest challenges"--Back cover. [Place of publication not identified] : Compassion Project Press, [2023] **P JUS**

Kurtz, Devin Elle. **The bakery dragon.** A little dragon named Ember is frustrated with how tiny and adorable he is to the villagers he tries to terrify with his roar and fiery breath--which is really for him more like a sneeze. Fearing he will never be able to amass enough gold for a respectable dragon's hoard, Ember meets by chance a baker, who teaches him it is much better to earn his gold than steal it--and even better to share it. New York : Alfred A. Knopf, 2024. **P KUR**

Lundberg, Sara. **The cat way.** When a cat and her human go out on walks, the human always leads. But when the cat leads, you stop more often. And when you take the cat way, you can see the most amazing things. Grand Rapids, Michigan : Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 2024. **P LUN**

Mandin, Christy. **Millie Fleur's poison garden.** Millie Fleur La Fae is new in Garden Glen, and she plans to plant her garden of strange and sometimes dangerous plants, but the town garden club does not approve of her and wants to tear it down. New York : Orchard Books, an imprint of Scholastic Inc., 2024. **P MAN**

Mitchell, Malcolm. **The magician's hat.** Today is Family Fun Day at the library, and a magician named David puts on a show with his special trick--having the children pull

books out of his tall hat, books that touch their deepest dreams and unlock their hopes for their future. New York : Orchard Books, an imprint of Scholastic, Inc., 2018. **P MIT**

Mo, Cherry. **Home in a lunchbox.** After moving to America from Hong Kong, Jun feels isolated at her new school but discovers a sense of home in the familiar foods and flavors she finds in her lunchbox. New York, NY: Penguin Workshop, 2024. **P MO**

Ohi, Debbie Ridpath. **Where are my books?** Spencer loves books and reads one every night, sometimes aloud, then puts the book back in its place, but one morning his favorite book is missing, and the next day another, each replaced by a different object. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2015. **P OHI**

Ostow, Micol. **Holidays are better with Friends : the television series.** Celebrates favourite Friends holiday moments from Christmas, Hanukkah, Thanksgiving, Valentine's Day and more. New York, NY : Scholastic Inc., [2022] **P OST**

Rammell, Kathryn. **Rory the remarkable dragon.** Rory enters the Dragon Academy, School for Gifted Dragons, and quickly becomes the most popular dragon there, but he seems very different from the other dragons--for one thing "he" is a "she". New York : Scholastic Inc., 2024. **P RAM**

Rowling, J. K. **Christmas at Hogwarts.** It's Harry Potter's first Christmas at Hogwarts, and he has a feeling it will be the best Christmas he's ever had. As snow falls around Hogwarts, Harry spends the holidays with Ron and the rest of the Weasleys, complete with presents, good food, and even a snowball fight. New York, NY : Scholastic Inc., 2024. **P ROW**

Rubin, Sean. **The Iguanodon's horn : how artists and scientists put a dinosaur back together again and again... and again.** "Ever since mysterious bones were found in 1822, scientists and artists have tried to figure out what the creature they came from looked like. But it seems that every time they've made up their minds, someone makes a new discovery, and they have to start all over. That's only fair, though--after all, it's how knowledge advances! With an inviting tone and detail-filled art, Sean Rubin traces the process of defining--and redefining--the dinosaur called Iguanodon. Entertaining, accessible, and beautiful, his tale will delight dinosaur fans, budding artists, and anyone curious about how science really works"-- Provided by publisher. New York, NY : Clarion Books, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, [2024] **P RUB**

Rust, Kari. **The house at the end of the road.** "A girl and her brother are spending summer vacation with their grandmother. Their troublemaker cousin, Robert, is there, too, and one day, he dares the kids to poke around what seems like an abandoned house. The kids have the fright of their lives when they think they see a ghost! But the ghost turns out to be Mr. Peterson, an old man who lives alone. The kids form a friendship with the old man and his old house. So they are devastated when Mr. Peterson is suddenly taken into a retirement home and his house emptied out. But what can they do? This beautifully illustrated picture book is the second by Kari Rust, author/illustrator of

Tricky. It incorporates graphic novel elements to tell a layered and moving story about how there can be more to people (and places) than may first meet the eye!"-- Provided by publisher. Toronto, Ontario : Owlkids Books, 2019. **P RUS**

Sanderson, Brandon. **The most boring book ever.** An ordinary boy's unremarkable day takes a surprising turn when an adventure unfolds around him. New York : Roaring Brook Press, 2024. **P SAN**

Savage, Chloe. **The search for the giant Arctic jellyfish.** Dr. Morley and her team arrive in the Arctic Circle, where they encounter such wonders as playful orcas, the glowing aurora borealis, and formidable ice shelves while searching for the giant Arctic jellyfish, a legendary creature no one has ever seen. Somerville, Massachusetts : Candlewick Press, 2023. **P SAV**

Seales, Stephanie. **My daddy is a cowboy.** While a young Panamanian American girl and her father share "just-us" time on an early morning horseback ride around their town, he tells her cowboy stories and she realizes she is a cowboy too. New York, NY : Abrams Books for Young Readers, [2024] **P SEA**

Teague, Mark. **You are not sleepy!** It is time for a nap, but a series of hijinks, interruptions, and distractions keep him from falling asleep. New York : Beach Lane Books, [2024] **P TEA**

Underwood, Deborah. **The man who didn't like animals.** Imagines the story of how Old McDonald wound up on a farm with so many animals, through the story of a man who prefers a tidy home to animals until a cat shows up on his doorstep and refuses to leave. He soon realizes living with a cat isn't so bad, and soon a host of other animals show up, one by one, until his house is filled to the brim with creatures and he decides to move to a farm to accommodate them all. New York, New York: Clarion Books, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, [2024] **P UND**

Wilson, Kerilynn. **One foggy Christmas Eve.** On Christmas Eve, a determined little girl overcomes thick fog and hazardous weather to visit her grandparents, relying on creativity and the magic of familial bonds. New York : Greenwillow Books, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, 2024 **P WIL**

INTERMEDIATE

Steadman, A. F. **Skandar and the chaos trials.** Skandar's sister Kenna has finally joined him at the Eyrie as he starts his third year of training, and he and his friends must complete a series of terrifying trials across the Island's elemental zones that put friendships, allegiances, and rider-unicorn bonds to the test. But Kenna's forged bond to a wild unicorn has left her alienated and alone, and she is forced to prove herself and her loyalty to earn place in the Eyrie. But when a frightening truth is revealed, the lives of everyone on the Island are thrown into chaos. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, [2024] **I STE**

Steadman, A. F. **Skandar and the phantom rider.** As Skandar and his friends enter their second year at the Eyrie, wild unicorns are being killed and terrible storms threaten the Island, while meanwhile Skandar is determined to help his sister, Kenna, join him. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, [2023] **I STE**

Steadman, A. F. **Skandar and the unicorn thief.** Thirteen-year-old Skandar Smith has always wanted to be a Unicorn rider, but when the mysterious Weaver steals the most powerful unicorn in the world, Skandar must face sky battles, ancient secrets, and bloodthirsty unicorns in order to save his island. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, [2022] **I STE**

YOUNG ADULT

Bet-David, Patrick. **The Academy.** When high school dropout Ashur Yonan receives an unexpected invitation to join a shadowy organization known as the Academy, he is plunged into an ancient conspiracy that threatens the entire world. New York : Permuted Press, 2024. **YA BET**

Brandes, Nadine. **The Nightmare Virus.** When dream technology goes wrong, a virus spreads across the globe, trapping people in a universal dreamscape. Carol Stream, Illinois : Enclave Escape, [2024] **YA BRA**

Gardner, Faith. **If you can hear this.** Posey Spade moves to the small town of Wild Pines and joins the AV Club, and when the club's beloved sponsor disappears, Posey and the club members dig into the mystery. New York : Harper, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, 2024. **YA GAR**

Garcia, Kami. **Teen Titans : Robin.** Raven Roth, Garfield Logan, Maxine Navarro, and Damian Wayne are on the run, while Dick Grayson wants to know what happened to his brother, Damian, and they all want to defeat H.I.V.E. for good. Burbank, CA : DC Comics, [2023] **YA GN GAR**

Garcia, Kami. **Teen Titans : Starfire.** When Kori Anderson, who has a connective tissue disorder, and her popular older sister, Kira, participate in a pharmaceutical company's clinical trial, she begins to discover strange powers and hopes to discover the truth about these abilities--and her sister's boyfriend. Burbank, CA : DC Comics, [2024] **YA GN GAR**

Goldsmith, Amy. **Our wicked histories.** After a disastrous accident at her school's Midsummer Ball leads to Meg's suspension, she agrees to attend a Halloween party at her old friends' ancestral home in Ireland in order to make amends, only to discover that the estate has a sordid past of its own. New York : Delacorte Press, [2024] **YA GOL**

Henning, Sarah. **The lies we conjure.** Told in alternating voices, Ruby and her sister agree to impersonate a stranger's grandchildren at a dinner party where they witness the

murder of a witch and become involved in a magical power struggle. New York : Tor Teen/Tor Publishing Group, 2024. **YA HEN**

Ibañez, Isabel. **Where the library hides : a novel.** Set in 1885, Inez marries Whitford in order to stay in Egypt and continue searching for her parents, but she wonders if their love can endure the secrets buried under the city of Alexandria. New York, NY : Wednesday Books, 2024. **YA IBA**

Pearsall, Kate. **Lies on the serpent's tongue.** As people in the small Appalachian town of Caball Hollow begin to lose their memories, eighteen-year-old Rowan James, who has the ability to smell lies, investigates the connection between the events and a rupture in the Bone Tree, a gate to the Otherworld. New York: NY G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2025. **YA PEA**

Pessl, Marisha. **Darkly : a novel.** When high schooler Arcadia unexpectedly secures the notorious game-maker's internship, she and the other interns become players in the most twisted game yet. New York : Delacorte Press, 2024. **YA PES**

Ryan, Tom. **The treasure hunters club.** "Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone meets The Goonies in The Treasure Hunters Club-a rollicking murder mystery set in a seaside town filled with pirate lore, family secrets, unforgiveable grudges, secret societies, and of course, a treasure lost to time. Welcome to Maple Bay, Nova Scotia. For nearly a century, people have ventured to the idyllic seaside town of Maple Bay in search of a legendary lost pirate treasure, but locals know there's more than just gold buried in the sand. As the paths of three strangers converge in Maple Bay, the truth is about to be blown wide open. But not before the bodies start to pile up. Peter Barnett is rapidly approaching forty with little to show for it when a mysterious letter invites him to Maple Bay and the mansion his estranged family has called home for generations. Seventeen-year-old Dandy Feltzen is isolated and adrift following the death of her beloved grandfather, until his final request and a tantalizing clue sets her on a mission to solve the mystery he spent his entire life chasing. Cass Jones has given up on her dream of being a successful author when an unexpected opportunity lands in her lap: a housesitting gig in remote Maple Bay, where she stumbles on the perfect subject matter for her breakout book-and the handsome sailor who might be just the person to help her research it. Peter, Dandy, and Cass have never met, but they're on a collision course with each other and the mystery that has defined Maple Bay for two centuries, and none of them are prepared for the shocking truths that may or may not still be buried there"-- Provided by publisher. New York : Atlantic Monthly Press, 2024. **YA RYA**

Strychacz, Isabel. **House of thorns.** Five years ago, thirteen-year-old Lia Peartree, her mother, and her sister Ali fled their haunted home, Brier Hall, but her oldest sister, Avery, went missing that night. The loss affected the two sisters in different ways and finally, on the five-year anniversary of Avery's disappearance, Lia and Ali return to the house to uncover the truth about Avery and about Brier Hall no matter what it costs. New York : Simon & Schuster BFYR, [2024] **YA STR**

Sukumar, Suja. **When Mimi went missing.** After seeking retaliation against her cousin Mimi and vindictive foe Beth for relentless bullying, East Indian American Tanvi awakens as the prime suspect in Mimi's disappearance with no memory of the previous night. New York : Soho Teen, 2024. **YA SUK**

Valentine, Danielle. **Two sides to every murder.** "Reagan and Olivia, whose parents were present during the infamous Lost Lake murders seventeen years ago, return to the campgrounds to look for answers and find that another murderer is on the loose"-- Provided by publisher. New York : G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2024. **YA VAL**

Zhao, Xiran Jay. **Heavenly tyrant.** "After suffering devastating loss and making drastic decisions, Zetian finds herself at the seat of power in Huaxia. But she has also learned that her world is not as it seems, and revelations about an enemy more daunting than Zetian imagined forces her to share power with a dangerous man she cannot simply depose. Despite having vastly different ideas about how they must deconstruct the corrupt and misogynist system that plagues their country, Zetian must join this man in a dance of truth and lies and perform their roles to perfection in order to take down their common enemy, who seeks to control them as puppets while dangling one of Zetian's loved ones as a hostage. With political unrest and perilous forces aiming to undermine Zetian at every turn, can she enact positive changes as a fair and just ruler? Or will she be forced to rely on fear and violence and succumb to her darker instincts in her quest for vengeance?"-- Provided by publisher. [Toronto, Ontario] : Tundra Books, [2024] **YA ZHA**

NON-FICTION

Balis, Andrea. **Witch hunt : the Cold War, Joe McCarthy, and the Red Scare.** Told through a screenplay format and comprised almost entirely of quotes derived from primary sources, this groundbreaking book recounts McCarthy's infamous "witch hunt" for communists in America during the 1950s Red Scare. New York, New York : Roaring Brook Press, 2024. **973.9 B**

Thompson, Elissa. **Ace your résumé, application, and interview skills.** "Looking for a job can be overwhelming for anyone, especially a teen in search of that first paying gig. In this easy-to-follow guide, readers will learn all the steps to finding, applying, and interviewing for a job. Step-by-step instructions will explain how to build a résumé, how to write a compelling cover letter, and how to pen business correspondence. Accessible advice will help job-seeking teens to dress professionally, tackle tricky interview questions, and showcase the very best they have to offer"-- Provided by publisher. New York : Rosen YA, 2020. **650.14 T**

Word smart : 1400+ words that belong in every savvy student's vocabulary. Word Smart includes over 1,400 words and definitions that will help teenagers and adults build a better and more effective vocabulary. It's perfect for high school students studying for the SAT, GRE, and other standardized tests; college students who want to improve their writing; adults who want to communicate more confidently at work; and anyone who

wants to get more out of reading. A perennial best-seller, Word Smart has helped over a million people improve their vocabularies. New York : Penguin Random House, [2017]
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GRAPHIC NOVELS

Sharp, Sid. **Bog Myrtle**. "From the acclaimed author of The Wolf Suit comes another weirdly hilarious, masterfully thought-provoking, and lushly painted early reader graphic novel. Two sisters, one stubbornly cheerful (Beatrice) and one relentlessly grumpy (Magnolia), live in a drafty old house with a family of helpful spiders. When Beatrice is gifted magic yarn from a giant forest spider obsessed with sustainability named Bog Myrtle, she and the spiders set to work knitting up a perfectly warm sweater. But greedy Magnolia sees only the opportunity for profit, and quickly converts the old house into a magic sweater factory. The exhausted spiders are driven to strike, and Bog Myrtle is not pleased . . . Bog Myrtle is a witty modern folktale that touches on themes of capitalism, environmentalism, labor rights, and being a nice person."-- Provided by publisher.
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