Elise Broach Book Descriptions

When Dinosaurs Came with Everything! Picture book *(Recommended for all grades)*
Just when a little boy thinks he's going to die of boredom from running errands with his mom, the most remarkable, the most stupendous thing happens. He discovers that on this day, and this day only, stores everywhere are giving away a very special treat with any purchase. No, not the usual lollipop or sticker. Something bigger. Much, MUCH bigger. It's a dream come true, except…what exactly do you do with these Jurassic treats? And how do you convince Mom to let you keep them?

Bedtime for Little Bulldozer Picture Book *(Recommended for all grades)*
Falling asleep isn't always easy, especially for a loud and rumbling little bulldozer. Once he finally gets into bed, he can't fall asleep no matter what he tries to do: has another drink of oil, gathers his favorite stuffies, and even reads his favorite book. Still, something's not right, and only his sisters—a steamroller and a crane—can make it better. This reassuring and clever bedtime story is for young ones who need a bit of help "bull-dozing" off to sleep.

Bulldozer's Big Rescue Early chapter book *(Recommended for Grades K-2)*
Bulldozer is shy when it comes to making new friends and nervous about starting school. But when he meets his new neighbor Millie and her little brother Jay, Bulldozer embarks on a daring adventure to rescue a stranded cat. With the help of his own machinery—and a plate of freshly baked cookies—Bulldozer overcomes his fears just by being himself.

Bulldozer Goes to School Early chapter book *(Recommended for Grades K-2)*
Bulldozer is nervous about his new school year and worried he won't fit in. His friend Millie tries to reassure him, but Bulldozer isn't convinced…especially when he gets to his classroom and things start going wrong. But just when he's sure his day couldn't get worse, something amazing happens! The first day of school proves to be special for everyone, all because of Bulldozer.

The Miniature World of Marvin & James Early chapter book #1 *(Recommended for Grades 1-3)* In this Masterpiece Adventure, the first in a companion series for younger readers from bestselling author Elise Broach, James is going on vacation for a week. His best friend, Marvin the beetle, has to stay at home. Without James to keep him company, Marvin has to play with his annoying cousin, Elaine. Marvin and Elaine quickly find themselves getting into all sorts of trouble—even getting trapped inside a pencil sharpener! Marvin misses James and starts to worry about their friendship. Will James still be Marvin's friend when he gets home or will James have found a new best friend?

James to the Rescue Early chapter book #2 *(Recommended for Grades 1-3)*
In this Masterpiece Adventure, the second in a chapter book series for younger readers from Elise Broach, bestselling author of *Masterpiece*, Marvin the beetle is going collecting with his family. All is good and well until Uncle Albert gets hurt. Marvin needs James's help to save Uncle Albert before it's too late.

Trouble at School for Marvin & James Early chapter book #3 *(Recommended for Grades 1-3)*
Everything runs smoothly on this big adventure until the bell rings after lunch and Marvin gets separated from James. In fact, he gets accidentally thrown away! Will Marvin make it back home to his family? How will James find him?

Marvin & James Save the Day Early chapter book #4 *(Recommended for Grades 1-3)*
James's father, Karl, and Christina, his friend from the museum, are getting married! James is the ring bearer and he is excited but also nervous. He loves Christina yet he is worried about losing his dad to a different family and a different life. And what if, at the wedding, James drops the ring?

A Trip to the Country for Marvin & James Early chapter book #5 *(Recommended for Grades 1-3)*
Marvin gets invited to spend a weekend with James visiting Karl and Christina in the country. And Marvin is bringing his cousin Elaine! Together, they partake in exciting outdoor activities. But a playful boat ride on a pond turns into an unexpected adventure. How will James and Marvin and Elaine find each other out in the wilderness?

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Missing on Superstition Mountain Chapter book #1 (*Recommended for grades 3-5*)
It's summer and the three Barker brothers—Simon, Henry, and Jack—just moved from Illinois to Arizona. Their parents have warned them repeatedly not to explore Superstition Mountain, which is near their home. But when their cat Josie goes missing, they see no other choice. There's something unusually creepy about the mountain and after the boys find three human skulls, they grow determined to uncover the mystery. Have people really gone missing over the years, and could there be someone or some thing lurking in the woods? Together with their new neighbor Delilah, the Barker boys are dead-set on cracking the case even if it means putting themselves in harm's way.

Treasure on Superstition Mountain Chapter book #2 (*Recommended for grades 3-5*)
Even though Henry Barker and his two brothers learned firsthand that the urban legend about danger on nearby Superstition Mountain wasn't just a myth, this doesn't stop them from planning their return. Along with their friend Delilah, the Barker brothers soon find themselves entangled in more danger and mystery as they uncover a real treasure, but the discovery comes at a very big price—they barely survive an avalanche. The question remains—is someone after them, or is the mountain seeking revenge?

Revenge on Superstition Mountain Chapter book #3 (*Recommended for grades 3-5*)
In the third and final book in this action-packed trilogy, the Barker brothers and their good friend Delilah secretly climb up to Superstition Mountain one last time. There are still mysteries to solve—is the creepy librarian really the ghost of Julia Thomas from a century before? What was their uncle Hank's role in discovering the gold mine? Can they still get into the gold mine after the avalanche that nearly crushed them? Does their cat, Josie, have mysterious powers? And, most of all, who is trying to kill them?

Duet Chapter book (*Recommended for Grades 3-5*)
Welcome to the world of Mirabelle, a young goldfinch who loves to sing and dreams of becoming a musical star. She lives with her family in the backyard of a piano teacher, and she is quickly intrigued by Mr. Starek's newest pupil. Michael Jin is an eleven-year-old keyboard sensation, but lesson after lesson, he refuses to play. With the prestigious Chopin Festival looming at summer's end, how will he be ready in time? Mirabelle is responsible for Michael's breakthrough—to her own astonishment, she *sings* the Chopin piece he is beginning to play at the piano. It is their first duet.

The Wolf Keepers Chapter book (*Recommended for Grades 3-5*)
Twelve-year-old Lizzie Durango and her dad have always had a zoo to call their home. Lizzie spends her days watching the animals and taking note of their various behaviors. Though the zoo makes for a unique home, it's a hard place for Lizzie to make lasting friends. But all this changes one afternoon when she finds Tyler Briggs, a runaway who has secretly made the zoo his makeshift home. The two become friends and, just as quickly, stumble into a covert investigation involving the zoo
wolves who are suddenly dying. Little do they know, this mystery will draw them into a high-stakes historical adventure involving the legend of John Muir as they try to navigate safely while lost in Yosemite National Park.