Library Book Procurement List for		La Vernia Intermediate	Fall 26
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Campus	ISBN	Title	Author/Artist	Review
LVIS	9780744081435	1,000 amazing gross facts	Derrick, Stevie	
LVIS	9780744028843	1,000 amazing human body facts	Goddard, Jolyon	
LVIS	9780063049512	100 cupboards. The graphic novel	Wilson, Nathan D	School Library Journal (May 1, 2026) Gr 4-7-A curious graphic novel adaptation, based on a modern middle grade series with strong elements of classic fantasy. Henry, a lonesome boy who has lost his parents, moves into an attic room at his aunt and uncle's home in Henry, Kansas. Frank, Dotty, and their three daughters are amenable to his arrival, but there's farm work to do and doors in the house that don't open anymore. Henry soon discovers that his new room conceals a collection of cupboards, visualized here almost like postal boxes, that provide passage to other planes of existence. Some are whimsical, others frightening, and the further he explores, the more he discovers about his own mysterious origins. Unfortunately, he also rouses the suspicions of a blood-thirsty witch, who chases him from world to world right back to his own attic. Readers may find the fantastical premise to be familiar in its allusions to The Wizard of Oz. The worldbuilding is intense if somewhat scattered, and a quickly expanding cast of lightly defined characters may cause some confusion. Luckily, Dickison's illustrations have appealing overtones of Hayao Miyazaki's supernaturally quirky yet rurally rooted cinematic universe, transposed pleasantly to the American plains. Even when details of Henry's quest are puzzling, Dickison's crisp, spirited cartooning will compel readers to continue. Henry and his family are depicted with tan skin and brown hair. VERDICT Intricate story craft cast in bright, appealing colors provide an entertaining choice for middle grade fantasy fans.-Emilia Packard © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798217125005	11 experiments that failed	Offill, Jenny	School Library Journal (November 1, 2011) K-Gr 2-Beginning with a question followed by a hypothesis, an exuberant budding scientist follows what she believes to be logical steps in proving her theories in, alas, 11 experiments that fall short of expectations. Each of her tests includes a "What You Need" and "What to Do" list and concludes with "What Happened." From attempting to confirm that children can live on a snow and ketchup diet to sending a message in a bottle to the sea via the toilet, this enthusiastic child in her white lab coat, pink rubber gloves, and safety goggles has a never-give-up attitude, much to her mother's distress. Intriguing pen-and-ink and digital media illustrations are inventive themselves as they take readers through the various steps toward unfulfilled promise and sometimes unmitigated disaster. One humorous vignette appears in both this title and in this team's 17 Things I'm Not Allowed to Do Anymore (Random, 2006): the same dog with the same long tongue licking food off the table. Though this book should come with a caution label: "Do NOT read this book to children who may perform these experiments," kids and adults will get a kick out of it.-Maryann H. Owen, Racine Public Library, WI (c) Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780063008496	13 things strong kids do : think big, feel good, act brave	Morin, Amy	Kirkus Reviews (February 1, 2021) Emotional strength and resilience are based on habits that can be learned. Psychotherapist Morin draws on her previous work on habits of mind that help adults in their personal and work lives and families in maintaining and growing emotional health. She meets middle-grade readers where they are, recognizing common challenges in young people's lives and presenting tools to develop their abilities to stay flexible, positive, and empowered. Stories introduce situations in which a fear of failure, jealousy, or other uncomfortable feelings cause a problem for a young person and examine techniques—based on anticipation, analysis, and action—that could resolve or prevent a future occurrence of the problem. Reflection prompts support readers' understanding and practice of these techniques. Naming feelings, distinguishing helpful from false anxiety, scheduling times to worry, unplugging from technology, and learning to use calming breaths are among the tools covered. Morin acknowledges that not everything is under a child's control and addresses situations where bullies abuse power, requiring intervention from a trusted adult. Cartoon illustrations feature children with various skin colors and hairstyles. The list of references speaks to the author's research; further reading for young readers would have been a welcome addition. Useful, necessary, positive help for the difficult process of growing up. (Nonfiction. 8-13)
LVIS	9798368784106	2026 level up : 100% unofficial		
LVIS	9781623543167	3 weeks in the rainforest : a rapid inventory in the Amazon	Swanson, Jennifer	School Library Journal (September 1, 2025) Gr 3-5-The Andes-Amazon region is one of the most biodiverse and globally important stretches of land in the world. This land is also endangered, and losing this ecosystem could spell dramatic ends for countless endeavors, including access to medicine, food, and life in general. Luckily, teams of scientists and local representatives come together to provide Rapid Inventories to specific areas in order to better advocate for their protection and conservation. One such endeavor-a three-week exploration of a remote area of Colombia-is featured in this book. This informative, nonfiction text connects readers with an important and lesser-known scientific means of studying and protecting the Andes-Amazon region of the world. By focusing on one team and the individuals within it, the narrative-style text enhances the relatability of the process, allowing readers to better empathize with the actual people who do this important work. Rich blocks of text explain both what is happening in each setting and the reasons behind specific actions in a way that is relevant and approachable for upper-elementary school readers. Accompanying the text are multiple full-color photographs that transport readers to the rainforest environment. Incorporating a wealth of detail as well as supporting back matter, this title offers confident readers an informative look at a critical component of rainforest preservation. VERDICT Unique in its approach to the discussion of environmental conservation, this is a compelling, important addition to nonfiction collections for older elementary readers.-Mary Lanni © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780711285828	50 true tales from our great National Parks	Pearson, Stephanie	Booklist (September 15, 2024 (Vol. 121, No. 2)) Grades 2-5. In this wide-angled survey of our National Parks, Pearson pauses at 50 to highlight distinctive natural features, resident flora and fauna—from manatees in the Everglades to ancient bristlecone pines in Nevada's Great Basin—and notable stories of people associated with their history. To go with each stop, Kloepper supplies painted views of chunky-looking wildlife and park workers, evocative landscapes, and vivid marine or underground settings. This is more of a tantalizer than a travel guide; the entries are arranged in no logical order, there is no index, and the one map provides only an overview of the system, so readers after specific travel directions or even just leads to resources for each park will have to look elsewhere. Still, this portable offering gives a nuanced picture of the park system's growth—the author's rapturous descriptions of natural wonders are interspersed with references to cases in which Indigenous or other residents were arbitrarily relocated. Moreover, most of the racially diverse company of explorers, climbers, park rangers, and naturalists she introduces are women. A good choice for quick, casual browsing.
LVIS	9798318948718	96 facts about FIFA : quizzes, quotes, questions, and more!	Kaplan, Arie	
LVIS	9798318936142	A case of double trouble!	Behling, Steve	
LVIS	9798217039999	A day off school	Jeffers, Oliver	School Library Journal starred (June 1, 2026) Gr 1-4-Herbie wakes up with the sniffles one morning, and his parents say he should stay home. Initially, Herbie is excited by the freedom of no school. He plays video games and builds forts while he's eating breakfast and watching TV, but by lunchtime, he's bored. He starts imagining what's happening at school without him. What if aliens invade? What if dinosaurs come? What if a dog runs down the corridor? Suddenly, school seems a lot more interesting! He even starts to miss his sister. When she gets home, he imagines that he sees a space helmet in her backpack, and then he's determined to go to school the next day. The vibrant artwork helps to bring Herbie's most far-fetched ideas to life and to clearly show the conundrum of a day off from school. The youngest readers may have trouble connecting to the text, but elementary-age students will be able to clearly identify with Herbie. Teachers might use this book as a mentor text for writing or drawing or talking about what readers would do on a day off school. VERDICT This is an enjoyable story to read and will resonate with young readers. An excellent choice for any picture book collection.-Debbie Tanner © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781665942577	A fish like me	Sumner, Jamie	School Library Journal Xpress (March 20, 2026) PreS-Gr 3-In an exuberant celebration of physicality a young child with light brown skin envisions his swim therapy pool as a seascape, with no restrictive top or bottom, left or right. There, surrounded by colorful marine flora and fauna, he can move freely, imagining himself to be a cartwheeling starfish, a proud seahorse-or a snail "rolling under the deep blue water," just as on land he rolls in his wheelchair under the deep blue sky "with grace/ at a pace set by me." "Up above, I am a rock-star roller," he proclaims; in the water, a fish "with a body that wriggles in a different way," gently guided by an attentive swim therapy coach or joining other children paddling and playing in Holzwarth's swirling, bubbly, blue and green poolscapes. Parents or caregivers with "rock-star rollers" of their own will have to look elsewhere for swim therapy information or resources, but the bright art and the narrative's joyful swing will make a big splash with readers. Moreover, the lad's positive approach to his experience will leave them agreeing that "that there is something magical/ about a fish like me." VERDICT A buoyant encounter with a child who uses a wheelchair and celebrates his abilities on a land and in the water.-John Peters © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798368783666	A fishboy named... Sashimi. 1	Santat, Dan	School Library Journal Xpress starred (January 30, 2026) Gr 2-6-"You know those stories that no one believes...stories that some kid heard from another kid...and THAT kid heard it from their cousin?" So begins the tale of Sashimi, a fish-boy searching for the legendary Beast of Barnacle Bay. Wearing a sweatshirt he found in the school's lost and found bin, Sashimi enrolls in the sixth grade and is immediately thrown into the middle of an elementary classroom. With the help of Kevin, the class pet fish, Sashimi quickly realizes that finding the Beast (and real friendship) means venturing beyond the safety of school and into the wider world of Barnacle Bay. However, a larger problem soon emerges for Sashimi as the annual hunt for the Beast of Barnacle Bay is announced, and his only chance to find someone like him might disappear in a flash. From the opening hook, a beginning reminiscent of film noir, readers will be drawn in by Santat's characteristic humor and cartoon-style illustrations. Santat's panel layouts are clean and accessible, only growing intentionally cluttered when it serves the story or creates comedy. Clever diagrams, effective text-illustration interplay, and fully realized characters balance comic energy with emotional depth. Themes of friendship and finding community in others resonate strongly and won't be lost among the giant spitballs and fish flake lunches. VERDICT A must-purchase for all middle grade graphic novel collections. With an expected follow-up planned for this coming fall, readers will surely be eager for more.-Louie Lauer © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781250360007	A fishboy named... Sashimi. 1	Santat, Dan	School Library Journal Xpress starred (January 30, 2026) Gr 2-6-"You know those stories that no one believes...stories that some kid heard from another kid...and THAT kid heard it from their cousin?" So begins the tale of Sashimi, a fish-boy searching for the legendary Beast of Barnacle Bay. Wearing a sweatshirt he found in the school's lost and found bin, Sashimi enrolls in the sixth grade and is immediately thrown into the middle of an elementary classroom. With the help of Kevin, the class pet fish, Sashimi quickly realizes that finding the Beast (and real friendship) means venturing beyond the safety of school and into the wider world of Barnacle Bay. However, a larger problem soon emerges for Sashimi as the annual hunt for the Beast of Barnacle Bay is announced, and his only chance to find someone like him might disappear in a flash. From the opening hook, a beginning reminiscent of film noir, readers will be drawn in by Santat's characteristic humor and cartoon-style illustrations. Santat's panel layouts are clean and accessible, only growing intentionally cluttered when it serves the story or creates comedy. Clever diagrams, effective text-illustration interplay, and fully realized characters balance comic energy with emotional depth. Themes of friendship and finding community in others resonate strongly and won't be lost among the giant spitballs and fish flake lunches. VERDICT A must-purchase for all middle grade graphic novel collections. With an expected follow-up planned for this coming fall, readers will surely be eager for more.-Louie Lauer © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780593428429	A gift of dust : how Saharan plumes feed the planet	Brockenbrough, Martha	School Library Journal starred (April 1, 2025) Gr 3-6-This illuminating book brings an often-overlooked natural phenomenon to life as dust travels on the wind from a dry lake in Africa across the Atlantic Ocean to South America and beyond. The story begins with a pregnant mother by a crib as dust motes show in the light. The impact dust has on different biomes is explored: "It sifts into the water, providing nutrients that help the sea make the air we breathe." Size and weight are explained in visual terms. Rainfall in the rainforest as deep as "a stack of twenty capybaras balancing on each other's backs" is described as the rain mixed with dust falls on a village where capybaras are playing. "There is so much dust that astronauts can spot it from space" shows an astronaut viewing Earth with the planet reflected on their visor and their tether spiraled like an umbilical cord. The narrative returns to the room with the mother now holding her baby: "This dust... of what once lived sustains what lives today." The text is poetic in its imagery. The mixed media illustrations are full of careful details in dreamy, soft colors with speckles of dust moving across the pages to create a sense of wonder. Information on the Saharan dust, along with websites and books for additional resources, are provided. The end pages show the dust's route. VERDICT A beautiful blend of text and drawings shows the cycle of life through dust. Reminiscent of Carole Lindstrom's Water Protectors in its masterly marriage of narrative and illustration, this outstanding exploration of a natural phenomenon is a very strong first buy.-Tamara Saarinen © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

LVIS	9781728272719	A love letter to my library	Katzenberger, Lisa	Kirkus Reviews (May 15, 2024) A paean to a perfect public place. Endpapers featuring shelves displaying the colorful spines of books of various sizes appropriately introduce this bouncy valentine to libraries, written from a child's perspective. There's so much to thank libraries for, from the enthusiastic welcomes visitors receive the moment they enter to the books that take readers on adventures. Don't forget craft activities or storytime. And don't you love that seating areas are always the perfect size so kids can curl up and read to their hearts' delight? And what about library computers, which connect us with distant family members? One of the very best things about libraries are the helpers who assist kids in finding books that reflect their own experiences. And there's even more to love about libraries! Children should be encouraged to compare and contrast their own library experiences with those of the book's cheerful characters; they may wish to create "love letters" like the one at book's end. The colorful, lively collage and digitally painted illustrations portray people who are diverse in terms of race, culture, and ability. What's not to love? This is a natural addition to bookshelves—and library collections in particular. (Picture book. 4-7)
LVIS	9798887771502	A most mysterious monster	Brown, Matt	School Library Journal starred (May 1, 2026) Gr 2-5-Traveling with a fantastical circus sounds like a dream for most children, but for Kevin the vampire, finding his place amongst the diverse crowd of ogres, trolls, dragons, fortune tellers, and unicorns of the traveling Carnival Monstromo, can be challenging. When Kevin's carnival train is waylaid in the small hamlet of Lower Drudging, the Monstromo performers do what they do best: host a spectacular show. But the conservative city council of Lower Drudging simply cannot have outsiders making a ruckus and waking the You-Know-What in nearby Cold Mountain. All the while, Lower Drudging resident Susie Cabbage is waiting for something to come and change her dull and dreary life with her two aunts Vileous and Dingy. Perhaps the strange and magical troupe of carnival misfits will finally be Susie's ticket out. With a healthy dose of Dahl-ian elements and sprinkling of "Harry Potter," this chapter book will delight readers who are not quite ready for the bulk of "Potter" or the macabre sensibility of Dahl. Sorrentino's delightfully expressive grayscale illustrations depict pale-skinned Kevin with his fanged and furry companions on their adventures, alongside Monster Fact Files and a map of Lower Drudging for reader context. VERDICT An early chapter book with many winning elements proven to draw in young readers: indelibly quirky characters, a unique lexicon, magical tomfoolery, and misfits finding the best company is with one another. This series belongs on the shelves of most early chapter book collections.-Sarah Simpson © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798217028672	A not so perfect start	Ludwig, Trudy	School Library Journal (June 1, 2026) PreS-Gr 1-It is Thea's first day of school, and she is filled with all kinds of emotions. Luckily, her teacher and her caring class are prepared to help Thea navigate her big feelings whenever they arise. When the desire for perfection prevents Thea from being her best self, she must take a step back to recognize that something does not always have to be perfect to be beautiful. This uplifting and supportive picture book features some of the big emotions that children often experience in their attempts to avoid making mistakes. Colorful illustrations feature a broad array of children who vary in appearance and ability, which enhances the approachability of the book while emphasizing just how caring Thea's classroom can be. Utilizing few words, the narrative effectively describes Thea's feelings and the interactions taking place around her while inviting readers to put themselves in Thea's shoes. Playful fonts and word bubbles punctuate the narrative text and offer a stimulating visual component to the book alongside the illustrations. Particularly well-suited to children who see perfection as the only option, this book lovingly reminds readers of all ages that mistakes are both an important part of learning and a natural part of life. VERDICT Welcoming and supportive, this picture book is a positive reminder to young readers that life is not always perfect and that sometimes the most beautiful things can come from mistakes people make.-Mary Lanni © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781324082118	A pathway for pollinators	Schaub, Michelle	School Library Journal Xpress starred (May 2, 2026) PreS-Gr 2-This cheerful, informational text advocates for a world where pollinators ("animals that visit flowering plants and trees to feed on nectar and pollen") can survive and thrive, benefitting everyone on Earth. The book begins by demonstrating how pollinators thrive in open meadows, but when humans build cities and lay down concrete, pollinators are stuck and can no longer travel to do their job. Children will relate to the brightly colored artwork that features a diverse cast of characters (both humans and pollinators, including varied species of butterflies, bats, and birds). Not a space on the page is wasted; vibrant spreads feature different kinds of flowers and pleasingly busy city landscapes. By the end of the book, the child characters create a network or a pathway for the pollinators to survive. The idea that humans should help pollinators instead of stopping them is very clear by the conclusion. With its relevant subject matter and Schaub's poetic text woven into Gomez's uniquely lovely illustrations, this is an ideal spring read-aloud to teach the concept of pollination. VERDICT A valuable addition to a young picture book or science collection.-Angela Warsinske © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780593905708	A Riddle of Eels	Day, Nicholas	School Library Journal starred (May 1, 2026) Gr 1-5-The more readers know about eels, the more questions they have, and that's the riddle of eels! Touching on the history of these fish, this title explains that it was not until fairly recently that scientific communities even knew how eels reproduced. Noting that science has yet to find an adult eel anywhere near the breeding grounds, this book explores the many things that are still not known. Though this is a picture book, this information will work for a wide variety of ages. If the information is not enough to hook readers in, the factual but comedic tone, playful writing style, and fun illustrations definitely will be. The illustrations are done with pencil, watercolor, colored pencil, ink, and assembled digitally. The coloration is mostly soft and slightly saturated, but there are a few pops of bold and saturated imagery on the spreads. The illustrations match up with the text very well, guiding readers through with context clues. This book also features beautiful end pages filled with watercolor designed eels. There are sources and an author's note written in the same easy-to-understand language that is used in the main text. The sources come from reputable sources, though they are not necessarily child-friendly. VERDICT This unique nonfiction title is a delight to read and think about; appealing to many types of children, this is a must-buy for all collections.-Sarah Clarke © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798217023776	A sea monster conundrum	Yee, Lisa	School Library Journal Xpress (January 16, 2026) Gr 3-7-Olive Cobin Zang, once weird and awkward at her old school, now fits in with her motley gang of misfits at RASCH, the acclaimed Reforming Arts School for the Artistically Adventurous. Olive and the other four misfits continue to serve as the youngest members of the super-secret crime-fighting group NOCK (which stands for "no one can know"). Each member has unique characteristics, which makes them a perfect team, such as James the encyclopedia and unflappable Phil the inventor of their lifesaving gadgets, including Stink Spray. Their personalities allow readers to differentiate the crew and make them more believable, relatable characters. After mysterious "ghost" sightings at the school and rumors of a sea monster in San Francisco Bay nicknamed Frannie spark mass hysteria, it's up to the ragtag group to unravel fact from fiction. The misfits must determine whether Frannie is an elaborate hoax or a creature that needs protection from an evil billionaire seeking its capture. Lee's third "The Misfits" book is full of humorous language and zany concepts (like an in-ear communicator that resembles ear wax) that savvy kids will love. The plot takes some unexpected turns that will keep readers guessing and eager to get to the surprising conclusion. The NOCK group is diverse, and protagonist Olive is of white and Chinese descent. VERDICT A jam-packed, fast-paced adventure that will satisfy series fans and entice newcomers to jump in. Recommended for juvenile fiction collections.-Michele Shaw © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780763665968	A stone for Sascha	Becker, Aaron	School Library Journal (April 1, 2018) K-Gr 3-This wordless story begins with a framed image of a girl embracing her dog. In the next spread, she gathers flowers for its burial. Subsequent readings reveal the foreshadowing in these opening compositions. The title's golden hue-echoed in the flowers, necklaces worn by the girl and her father, and more-is the color to follow. After the protagonist tosses a stone across the water during the family's subsequent vacation, the narrative hurtles into a prehistoric meteor shower (or the girl's imagination) yielding veins of gold deep in the earth. Digital paintings presented in sequential panels and full-bleed spreads follow the pilfering and transformation of this particular mineral sample. The parade of civilizations rising and falling into ruin allows Becker to depict a range of architectural styles and costumes, creating the sort of arresting panoramas introduced in the "Journey" trilogy. Here, though, browns and grays comprise the palette of the past; the scenes are infused with more sfumato, as if seen through the mists of time before believably bringing the action back to the present day. VERDICT Combining a sensitive story line with high adventure and dramatic settings, this will inspire a variety of readers to envision histories of their own found objects.-Wendy Lukehart, District of Columbia Public Library © Copyright 2018. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780062956712	A strange thing happened in Cherry Hall	Warga, Jasmine	School Library Journal (January 1, 2025) Gr 3-7-Versatile Crouch adroitly adapts ages, genders, backgrounds, species (!) to embody a sizable cast, opening with Agatha the turtle, sole witness to theft at the Penelope L. Brooks Museum. Rami, whose immigrant single mother is the museum's cleaning crew supervisor, was also there that day because he's not allowed to stay home alone, even though he's almost 12. He didn't see the thief, but he does meet a girl-shoeless, floating-who's somehow related to the stolen painting. Rami wishes he could tell his mother everything, not just about his spectral encounter but also his terrible middle school struggles. An unexpected new friendship with classmate Veda-a true crime podcast enthusiast-begins to alleviate his loneliness. Working together will solve plenty of problems. VERDICT While effortlessly enlivening Warga's notable characters, Crouch expertly imparts that "singular feeling to be understood. Seen. Connected. It is the best feeling in the whole world." © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798318942365	A study in slime	Behling, Steve	Kirkus Reviews (April 1, 2022) Stitch and his crew must travel to Paris to save the world from intergalactic evildoers. The famed character from the Disney movie Lilo & Stitch is on a family trip with Lilo, Nani, Pleakley, and Jumba when he is called by the Grand Councilwoman of the Galactic Federation to assist with finding Cobra Bubbles and stopping the Snailiens from taking root on Earth. Stitch becomes an official Galactic Detective Agent, and with Lilo, Pleakley, and Jumba in tow, he hunts down the Snailiens in Paris. Behling's story is simple: Following a set of rules from the GDA Official Handbook, Stitch puts aside his normally destructive tendencies to prove his worthiness as an agent. Behling breaks the fourth wall, often addressing readers directly, something that is nicely incorporated in a way that is not jarring. The Snailiens are a harmless threat—marshmallows are their kryptonite—suitable for younger readers. The book includes a brief summary of the plot of the movie, so prior knowledge of the original animated film is not necessary. The pace moves along well, thanks in part to Rea's illustrations; some of the story's progress occurs only through comic panels, giving it a graphic novel feel. The simple plot, appealing art, and familiar characters add up to make this an engaging read. Accessible and entertaining. (Science fiction. 7-11)
LVIS	9781534113343	A Supreme friendship : the unlikely bond between Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Antonin Scalia	Murphy, Debbie Rovin	School Library Journal Xpress (June 26, 2026) Gr 2-A unique friendship between two very different public figures offers lessons on how people can get along despite their differences. This dual biography follows the lives of Supreme Court justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Antonin "Nino" Scalia. Young Ruth and Nino were children of immigrants who grew up in New York City-clever illustrations show young Ruth and Nino blowing out two sides of the same birthday cake and wearing dueling baseball team apparel. They both succeeded at Harvard Law School and became professors but only met one another after being appointed to the Washington, DC, Circuit Court. There the pair became close friends who shared a love of good food, opera, and adventurous travel. When both were appointed to the Supreme Court, their political differences led to bitter professional disagreements, but the text and images of this book highlight the many ways they still showed one another respect and affection. Charming vignette illustrations complement Murphy's well-curated, accessible biography. Back matter brings the central message home with advice for understanding different viewpoints as well as tips for disagreeing respectfully. VERDICT This appealing biography provides strong social studies connections while sparking conversations about conflict resolution.-Sue Morgan © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781668810736	A triceratops charge	Stone, Rex	
LVIS	9781774884539	A waffle lot of love!	Clanton, Ben	
LVIS	9781481406413	A whole new ball game	Payton, Belle	Horn Book Guide (Fall 2014) Twins Ava and Alex Sackett are new to a football-crazed Texas town and must acclimate to both the football fever and the attention they get as the head coach's daughters. Meanwhile, the girls struggle to remain a unit while also searching for individual identities. Despite stock characters, tween girls will find plenty to enjoy and relate to in the hospitable series-opener.
LVIS	9780063415140	A wolf called Fire	Parry, Rosanne	School Library Journal (January 1, 2025) Gr 4-6-Warm, the smallest and most nurturing member of a wolf pack, is forced to flee with his younger siblings when a rival pack attacks, killing their mother and father. Unaccustomed to being in charge, he discovers that his unique blend of talents make him aptly fit for a leadership role. But when Warm learns that other members of his pack have been assimilated by the enemy wolves, he embarks on a quest to rescue them. In doing so he discovers unexpected allies and important truths about himself. Middle schoolers will instantly identify with Warm. He gets pushed around a lot, is always hungry, and worries about finding his place. The book is notable in that it builds positive boy culture: rather than addressing the old trope of boys having a "nurturing side," it identifies nurturing (warmth) as a value in and of itself, a virtue to be celebrated. Though this is billed as a stand-alone novel, it offers an additional perspective on the events that take place in A Wolf Called Wander, as well as a refreshing approach to leadership, and reaches depths that book only probed. VERDICT This wolf tale presents a diversity of ideologies and perspectives, all of which are sure to help readers reflect on where and how they fit into the world. Highly recommended.-Benjamin Ludwig © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798899132476	A Wrong Turn	Mather, Charis	
LVIS	9798765623527	Aaron Judge vs. Babe Ruth : who would win?	Anderson, Josh	School Library Journal (April 1, 2024) Gr 4-6-Sports fans endlessly debate which athletes and teams are the best, and this series entices young fans to consider and compare great athletes from past eras with current stars. Each title begins with a memorable moment, such as 14-year-old Nadia Comaneci becoming the first gymnast to score a perfect 10 in the 1976 Summer Olympics. Nadia is matched with Simone Biles, and subsequent chapters trace each athlete's development and career. Each book ends with a summation to determine which athlete was best, but allows readers to make their own decisions. The writing is straightforward, with colorful photos and factoids in sidebars. Soccer fans will relish the comparison of legends Pelé and Lionel Messi, both shorter than average in height. VERDICT The inclusion of four great female athletes is welcome, and this series will be a hit with sports fans. © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781338775648	Abby in Neverland	Mlynowski, Sarah	

LVIS	9780593463659	Ablaze : the story of America's first female smokejumper	Lawson, Jessica	Horn Book Magazine (September/October, 2025) Lawson's lyrical picture-book biography of change-making wildland firefighter Deanne Shulman opens with an anecdote from Shulman's childhood that foreshadows her future vocation. The young girl, an avid hiker and outdoor enthusiast, builds up the courage to climb, and then jump from, her favorite tall tree. Lawson employs vivid imagery to describe Shulman's life on the front lines with the United States Forest Service: "Short naps with no sleeping bag. Curled up, waking like a big ball of dirt." Her story might be many readers' first exposure to the 1972 Equal Employment Opportunity Act, which she first successfully invokes when her small stature initially bars her from becoming a smokejumper. With tidy narrative symmetry, Shulman's story closes with her first parachute jump on the job. Gonzales's textured illustrations swirl together both cool forest greens and blues and the warm tones of fire but never grow too scary -- the darkest, most intense hues are reserved for reflecting the fuel of Shulman's frustration and determination: "Inside, Deanne was ablaze." An author's note acknowledges both the useful role of wildfires and their growing severity due to climate change. A glossary is also appended. Norah Piehl September/October 2025 p.86
LVIS	9781324124894	Absent	Ogle, Rex	Kirkus Reviews starred (July 15, 2026) Sometimes people have more in common than we think. Three middle schoolers from an economically depressed community share the narration in this exciting mix of prose, poetry, and comics. Visual cues introduce readers to sections narrated by Manny Fueyo via his composition notebook, which is filled with lyrics about his life; Calvin Johnson, who has a sketchbook full of drawings and comic strips; and Liam Miller, who writes his journal entries in a graph-ruled notebook. The three initially appear very different. Mexican American Manny is disengaged at school and would rather be at the skate park. Calvin, who appears Black, is an aspiring artist whose schoolwork suffers as he's forced to care for his younger brothers due to his father's grueling work schedule. And anxious, white-presenting Liam, an academically focused loner whose father is a janitor, is silently suffering cruel bullying. Through happenstance, the three cross paths when they land in detention, where they realize how much they share. Ogle masterfully juggles the three storylines, much to the benefit of readers looking for a story that exudes authenticity. Striving readers will meet three new friends; the story's unique format allows for an easier read without sacrificing plot, character development, or gravitas, an equally welcome combination for advanced readers seeking depth and nuance. Brilliantly executed; a tender yet unflinching look at students who often, tragically, slip between the cracks. (Fiction. 10-14)
LVIS	9781644660089	AC-130J Ghostrider	Peterson, Megan Cooley	Booklist (December 1, 2019 (Vol. 116, No. 7)) Grades 3-5. The high/low books in the Air Power series (6 new titles) rely on concise, clear sentences and, most effectively, bold infographics to detail the developmental history of different types of military aircrafts. Each aircraft in these volumes is still in use today, and the text discusses how technological advances have led to updates and improvements. Technology is front and center in AC-130J Ghostrider, which explores this gunship's deadly battle capabilities and the military's hopes for future development. The books' tone tends, at times, toward military glorification, though for the most part the focus is on the technological features of the aircrafts, while the concentration on their usage throughout their lifespans keeps the text from becoming dated too quickly. In addition to stock photos, each volume contains a time line of development, a labeled diagram, and a final "By the Numbers" spread of statistics. For visual learners, numbers fans, and technology nuts, this is a sharply designed pick.
LVIS	9781955657587	Acadia discovery	Fulton, C. R	
LVIS	9798822675711	Adia Kelbara and the circle of shamans	Hendrix, Isi	Horn Book Magazine (November/December, 2023) When twelve-year-old Adia Kelbara is placed as an apprentice cook at the Academy of Shamans for her "year of practicality," her exploitative aunt and uncle try to forbid her from leaving their repressive village. Adia somehow causes an earthquake that destroys the village, then flees to the Academy in the resulting chaos. Afraid that she must be possessed by an evil demon to have caused such destruction, she hopes one of the shamans can perform an exorcism, but the Academy has been taken over by rich foreigners, none of whom can do any magic. Then, while searching the school's libraries for information on exorcisms, Adia inadvertently eavesdrops on three Alusi (celestial guardians) and learns that the emperor of Zaria, Darian the Warlord Child, has been possessed by Olark, a rogue Alusi, for a year now. If Adia follows the wisest Alusi to watch her exorcise Olark from the Warlord Child, perhaps she'll learn how to exorcise her own demon. Igbo cosmology forms the basis of this engaging fantasy, and Hendrix not only uses the surviving mythology but also depicts some of the ways Western hegemonists have contributed to its loss. Adia's emotional growth remains central to the narrative, which lays out intriguing tidbits that build over the course of the novel to support the satisfying reveal at book's end. Anita L. Burkam November/December 2023 p.81
LVIS	9781536252378	Adventure in Mermaid Land	Punset, Ana	School Library Journal (March 1, 2026) Gr 1-3-A new series from Punset and a follow-up to the popular "Unicornia" series. This book follows Claudia and her friends from the Unicornia Academy of Magic as they become unicorn rescuers. Their first job isn't exactly above board as they step in to rescue a unicorn while their grownups are out on another mission. They must go to an island in Mermaid Land where a unicorn has gone missing. Along the way, they make friends with all kinds of courageous magical creatures to aid them on their journey. But can they convince the mermaids to aid them, or will the mermaids do everything they can to stop the Unicorn Rescuers from locating the lost unicorn? This chapter book is extremely colorful and cute with not only illustrations on most pages, but bright rainbow stars and clouds in the background of all pages. Vicedo's digital illustrations, done in a pastel rainbow palette, help drive the action and emphasize plot points. The illustrations in the front matter help the reader become familiar with the characters and their unicorns. Most characters have light skin, but the mermaids in the book include characters that have varying shades of brown skin. VERDICT A perfect addition to beginning chapter book collections where the "Unicornia" series is popular, this is also amazing for kids who love unicorns and mermaids.-Kristin Anderson © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798899133190	Adventure in the Vents	Mather, Charis	
LVIS	9798899133190	Adventure in the Vents	Mather, Charis	
LVIS	9781536252392	Adventure in Witch Land	Punset, Ana	School Library Journal (August 1, 2026) Gr 2-4-In the second installment of the "Unicornia Unicorn Rescuers" series, Claudia, with light skin and purple hair, and her friends have a new mission. During a boring school day at the Unicornia Academy of Magic, they receive a special note from the messenger butterflies that sends them on a secret mission to rescue a lost unicorn named Star. Summoning their courage and bringing along a truth stone that glows brightly whenever a lie is told, the girls mount their unicorns and fly to the dark Witch Land, where no sun shines. A friendly witch, Anastasia, greets them and invites them to a party already in progress. Everything seems pleasant at first, but when Anastasia lies and tells the girls they will get to see Star after the party, the magic stone begins to glow, warning the girls that something is not quite right. And it's not-Anastasia won't return their unicorns, and they aren't allowed to fly home. The brave friends discover a locked trophy case full of secrets about their witch host, and slowly the mystery unfolds. Eventually, everything works out and the girls return home triumphantly after completing a successful rescue. The age-friendly language, complemented by Vicedo's bright, colorful illustrations, will keep young readers engaged. Most of the characters present as white. Series fans and newbies alike will enjoy reading about the latest high jinks of these intrepid unicorn adventurers. VERDICT Libraries who own the first installment as well as the "Unicornia" series will want to add this title to their collections.-Anne Jung-Matthews © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781250222251	Agent Moose. Operation owl	O'Hara, Mo	
LVIS	9781250359469	Agents of S.U.I.T. Sew much trouble	Green, John Patrick	
LVIS	9781644660096	AH-1Z Viper	Peterson, Megan Cooley	Booklist (December 1, 2019 (Vol. 116, No. 7)) Grades 3-5. The high/low books in the Air Power series (6 new titles) rely on concise, clear sentences and, most effectively, bold infographics to detail the developmental history of different types of military aircrafts. Each aircraft in these volumes is still in use today, and the text discusses how technological advances have led to updates and improvements. AH-1Z Viper discusses how this attack helicopter was born out of updates made to the Cobra helicopter from the Vietnam War. The books' tone tends, at times, toward military glorification, though for the most part the focus is on the technological features of the aircrafts, while the concentration on their usage throughout their lifespans keeps the text from becoming dated too quickly. In addition to stock photos, each volume contains a time line of development, a labeled diagram, and a final "By the Numbers" spread of statistics. For visual learners, numbers fans, and technology nuts, this is a sharply designed pick.
LVIS	9781482480726	Ah-64 Apache	Kingsley Troupe, Thomas	
LVIS	9781098288839	Aitana Bonmati	Abdo, Kenny	School Library Journal (November 1, 2025) Gr 1-3-Each book in this photo-rich series profiles a professional soccer player from their early life through their professional career and highlights their accomplishments, including major awards and game wins. While it does not offer play-by-play accounts of matches, it gives readers a solid sense of each player's journey and achievements. The writing is simple enough for emerging readers while still offering detail to hold kids' interest and build their knowledge. The books are filled with colorful action photos that bring the players and their stories to life, with images that emphasize key points in the text. Each book includes a table of contents, a glossary, online resources, and an index. VERDICT A fine series for soccer fans who enjoy lots of photos and accessible information. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780593703779	AJ Torres and the treasure of Captain Grayshark	Iriarte, Jose Pablo	Booklist (June 1, 2025 (Vol. 121, No. 19)) Grades 3-5. With his sophomore children's book, Iriarte delivers a swashbuckling good time. Twelve-year-old AJ and his friend Jayden discover a gold coin on the beach after a hurricane wreaks havoc on Miami. Jayden's mother has lost her job, and AJ reasons that finding more gold coins could keep Jayden from having to move away and also help his own family's struggling business. Aware of the legend of Captain Grayshark, whose treasure sank off the haunted Scream Island, the boys hope to gain more insight by recruiting their ghost-expert classmate, Andrea. The three head to Scream Island, where they encounter the spirit of Captain Grayshark, who wants his treasure back. This Goonies-style romp keeps things light while maintaining a thread of tension as the kids search for Grayshark's treasure—now to placate the phantom pirate hoard. Plenty of laughs will be found along the way, both in the humorous dialogue and the hilarity of the pirates learning about modern life. Satisfying character development further enriches this enjoyable treasure-seeking adventure.
LVIS	9781635866094	Akeem keeps bees! : a close-up look at the honey makers and pollinators of Sankofa Farms	Bell, Kamal E	School Library Journal (February 1, 2025) PreS-Gr 3-Kamal Bell and his son Akeem describe in fascinating detail what it's like to keep bees. Young Akeem has lots of questions for his dad about bees-why are bees important? Where do they live? How do they make honey? How do they reproduce? Some pages show Akeem and his dad in a graphic novel format talking about the bees and some pages offer a more traditional nonfiction treatment, showing the bees up close to give more information. The illustrations are warmly colored and rendered in a way to make them easy to understand as well as relatable to young readers. There are several labeled diagrams with in-depth information about bees and beekeeping as well as a glossary and index. Children will enjoy the relationship between Akeem and his dad as well as glean knowledge about the bees. Educators will also like the depth and breadth of information about bees and the easy accessibility of the ideas. VERDICT An excellent choice for any nonfiction collection.-Debbie Tanner © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781503850316	Alabama Crimson Tide	Kelley, K. C	
LVIS	9781665963336	Alana's cupcake garden	Simon, Coco	
LVIS	9798347106592	Alana's recipe for kindness	Simon, Coco	
LVIS	9781725490031	Alex Morgan	Wetzel, Dan	
LVIS	9798348042554	Alex Ovechkin vs. Gordie Howe : who would win?	Burns, Jason M	
LVIS	9781499805611	Aliens for dinner?!	Newton, A. I	
LVIS	9781665906753	All about brains : a book about people	Bell, Lake	School Library Journal Xpress (May 2, 2025) Gr 1-3-During her class's weekly share day, red-haired Nova nervously shares that she has epilepsy. She explains that epilepsy sometimes causes seizures that feel like "brain sparkles" and may cause her to stutter or fall down. Empathetic teacher Robin observes that brains act as the body's "mission control center" and that all brains are unique. After Robin notes that 20 percent of brains have neurodivergent conditions, such as epilepsy that "can cause challenges but also create cool strengths," four of Nova's classmates share their own neurodivergent conditions while Robin notes that she has OCD, which leads her to clean obsessively. As each child shares their condition, Robin stresses the positive aspects of being different and cites individuals like gymnastics champion Simone Biles, who has ADHD. Appealing, cartoony mixed-media illustrations add humor and detail. The message for readers to accept and even celebrate differences is always welcome, but the lack of facts and focus is problematic. VERDICT This book may leave readers with more questions than answers; better options for young readers include Mari C. Schuh's My Life with Epilepsy and Dr. Roopa Farooki's The Brilliant Brain.-Marilyn Taniguchi © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

LVIS	9780823452163	All the beating hearts	Fogliano, Julie	School Library Journal (January 1, 2023) Gr 1-4-With each new day, life presents individuals with a variety of choices, opportunities, and challenges. Even though these daily experiences may look different for everyone, Fogliano, in this quiet ode to the power of connection, reminds readers of the thing that they have in common: a beating heart. Through a range of daily experiences, from eating meals and playing with friends, to experiencing loss and growing up, readers are reminded that they aren't alone. That even when their experiences are different from the person sitting next to them, that each heartbeat is "a reminder that we are here and alive together but apart the same, but exactly different." The poetry here has a natural, gentle rhythm, created by purposeful line breaks and page turns. Use of all lowercase letters and lengthy run-on sentences inform this rhythm as well and create an accessible, childlike feel. Emotive pastel and colored pencil illustrations not only carefully match the time of day and activity, but also the sentiments expressed on each page, whether grief, growth, or loneliness. With a lot to unpack for students, this beautiful reminder that they are not alone is best for one-on-one or smaller group settings. VERDICT Thoughtful poetry and expressive illustrations could make for a meaningful conversation; purchase where message-driven stories are used to amplify SEL lessons.-Louie Lauer © Copyright 2023. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780593650462	All the best dogs	Jenkins, Emily	School Library Journal (December 1, 2024) Gr 3-6-Dog-loving kiddos will enjoy this well-constructed book with shifting narrators about a weekend in June that changes its characters' lives. Black-and-white illustrations float through the pages, pleasantly cartoonish with thick lines and sweet portrayals of all the different dogs featured in the story. All the main characters (mostly sixth graders at MS 123 in Brooklyn, several different dogs, and a couple of adults) get their chance to share their side of a story about what happens during one weekend in their neighborhood dog park. The characters read like real kids with real emotions, such as Ezra who is sometimes overwhelmed with worry, or Mei-Alice who doesn't feel she can talk about her nervousness over singing in the school musical. The core conflict is resolved, but all the children's and adults' problems are not perfectly fixed at the end of the book, and that's okay; at this stage of reading, readers won't need to have everything neatly tied up with a bow. At just over 200 pages, the length is great for late-elementary or middle school readers, though the vocabulary at times might be a stretch. VERDICT A sweet story for dogs who love to be read to and the middle schoolers who love them.-Jessica Durham © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798822695382	All the best dogs	Jenkins, Emily	School Library Journal (December 1, 2024) Gr 3-6-Dog-loving kiddos will enjoy this well-constructed book with shifting narrators about a weekend in June that changes its characters' lives. Black-and-white illustrations float through the pages, pleasantly cartoonish with thick lines and sweet portrayals of all the different dogs featured in the story. All the main characters (mostly sixth graders at MS 123 in Brooklyn, several different dogs, and a couple of adults) get their chance to share their side of a story about what happens during one weekend in their neighborhood dog park. The characters read like real kids with real emotions, such as Ezra who is sometimes overwhelmed with worry, or Mei-Alice who doesn't feel she can talk about her nervousness over singing in the school musical. The core conflict is resolved, but all the children's and adults' problems are not perfectly fixed at the end of the book, and that's okay; at this stage of reading, readers won't need to have everything neatly tied up with a bow. At just over 200 pages, the length is great for late-elementary or middle school readers, though the vocabulary at times might be a stretch. VERDICT A sweet story for dogs who love to be read to and the middle schoolers who love them.-Jessica Durham © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781419776137	All the Hulk feels	Santat, Dan	Kirkus Reviews (May 15, 2025) Dr. Bruce Banner is angry…but at what cost? The title’s opening sequence establishes our hero’s defining trait—that Dr. Bruce Banner turns into the Incredible Hulk when enraged. But canonic table-setting aside, this tale forgoes the high-flying flash of standard comic-book fare for a more nuanced message. As the Leader, Banner’s longtime nemesis, crafts increasingly zany scenarios to elicit rage from his foe, tension builds between Bruce and his muscle-bound counterpart. When is anger worth feeling? And what do you do when you experience it? Written exchanges between the big-feeling scientist and the green behemoth drive the text’s dialogue; after each transformation, Bruce or the Hulk finds a note in his pocket. Subversively, rage-monster Hulk challenges Banner’s predisposition for fury, encouraging a more holistic approach to defeating evildoers. Anger is a legitimate emotion, per Hulk, but it’s one of many. Author/illustrator Santat breathes new life into the nature of comic-book conflict, exploring the emotional stakes of a consciousness divided. And while the topic is heady, the text introduces tools for self-regulation without veering into the didactic. Shifts in perspective may make the narrative challenging for younger readers to follow (events that precipitate angry transformations don’t always occur on the page, for instance), but the tale will start a conversation worth having. Readers holding out for a “Hulk smash” won’t be disappointed, either. Bruce is light-skinned; other humans are diverse. Supervillainy has been relegated to the subplot, but to a worthwhile end. (Picture book/graphic fiction. 6-9)
LVIS	9798875272530	All-Star Switch-Up	Scott, Steven	School Library Journal (July 1, 2026) Gr 3 Up-In the latest installment of the lighthearted graphic novel series, sixth grader Sawyer, who has light brown skin and dark curly hair, uses his shape-shifting abilities to try and impress a girl at school. Kate attends all their school's sporting events, so Sawyer decides that joining a team is the perfect way to get her attention. Unfortunately, and despite his powers, his efforts on the football field don't go as planned, and his athletic sister Stacey doesn't provide much help either. Luckily, it turns out that Kate's school spirit might not be fueled by a pure love of sports-and that she and Sawyer might have more in common than he first thought. Written at a second-grade level, the book also includes preemptive "words to know" to prepare and support readers, as well as a preface that introduces Sawyer and his family and shares a preview of key shape-shifting moments to come. Colorful art with a charming sketch style captures the awkwardness and hijinks of middle school. An origami activity and comprehension questions follow the story. VERDICT Emergent and developing readers are sure to enjoy this fun and fast-paced series, which offers plenty of middle school antics and visual gags that make the most of the protagonist's quirky superpower.-Lauren Strohecker © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798765683712	All-time best soccer teams	Berne, Emma Carlson	School Library Journal (November 1, 2025) PreS-K-Each book in this simple collection for young soccer fans focuses on a different aspect of the sport, such as famous male and female players, unforgettable moments, and the World Cup. The content is presented through short text boxes of one or two sentences on colorful spreads with soccer ball overlays. Facing pages feature large action photographs that show players in their biggest moments. The writing is clear and simple, making the books easy to follow while still sparking curiosity and encouraging readers to learn more. Each book features a table of contents, a glossary, an index, and a "learn more" section. VERDICT A fine choice for beginning readers who want an introduction to the world's most popular sport. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781482479669	Alligators Attack!	Richards, Derrick	
LVIS	9781536236095	Always, Clementine	Sorosiak, Carlie	Booklist (August 2022 (Vol. 118, No. 22)) Grades 3-5. The escape-from-the-lab premise is a favorite within the animal-fantasy genre, but Sorosiak keeps it fresh in her latest endeavor. Mousenapped rather than escaped, Clementine has found herself and another lab mouse snatched from their cage and left in a stranger’s mailbox with a note entreating whomever finds them to “please protect these mice.” That’s how a boy named Gus and his grandfather become their unwitting guardians. Experiments with mouse DNA have resulted in genius-level intelligence in Clementine, making her a bright yet naive narrator for this tale. Relayed through a series of imagined letters to her chimp friend, Rosie, Clementine describes the bonkers scheme devised by Gus and Pop to elicit support for keeping her from being returned to the lab—a televised chess game with Clementine facing a series of human opponents. It’s a big-hearted endeavor that pulls in an eccentric cast of side characters who are immensely entertaining. Landing somewhere between Katherine Applegate’s The One and Only Ivan (2012) and James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein’s Word of Mouse (2016), this sweet-spirited adventure will easily find fans.
LVIS	9798893041705	Amazon	First, Rachel	
LVIS	9780310184225	America, I'm so glad you were born	Earhardt, Ainsley	
LVIS	9798888599082	America's founding myths ...and what really happened!	Mihaly, Christy	School Library Journal starred (April 1, 2026) Gr 3-6-This ambitious, thought-provoking book opens by reframing how history itself is created: it is messy, shaped by perspective, and often retold in ways that simplify, glorify, or distort the past. Mihaly examines several long-held founding myths about the U.S., inviting readers to question what they think they know and modeling an inquiry-driven approach that could easily be applied to other moments in history. Each chapter presents a commonly accepted myth and uses lift-the-flap reveals to uncover the fuller, more complex historical reality beneath. The opening myth-that the so-called "New World" was an empty wilderness-unfolds into a striking spread highlighting the many Indigenous nations who lived in North America for thousands of years before European arrival. Informational text boxes spotlight innovations and achievements, from Mayan and Aztec bookmaking to Inuit snow goggles. A visual timeline emphasizes the vast span of Indigenous history compared to Columbus's arrival in 1492. Reflective questions appear throughout, encouraging readers to consider how narratives are shaped, such as when some communities choose to observe Indigenous Peoples' Day instead of Columbus Day. Lesser-known historical context, including the creation of Columbus Day in 1892 intended to help Italian immigrants feel connected to the U.S., deepens understanding. Sevilla's illustrations blend collage-style artwork, speech bubbles, and historical photographs, keeping dense content engaging and accessible. Firsthand quotations from U.S. and British sources further demonstrate how stories evolve as events are later romanticized by poets, politicians, and historians. Back matter reinforces the central message of the book, urging readers to distinguish fact from opinion, record their own histories, and continue asking questions. A glossary and thoughtful creator notes round out this meticulously constructed volume. VERDICT A visually dynamic, intellectually rigorous resource that challenges young readers to question historical narratives and recognize bias-essential for social studies curricula and media literacy instruction.-Heidi Dechief © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798217121304	Among Us: Who’s the Impostor? (Level 3 Reader)		The question is simple: who is the Impostor among us? Learn to read while solving the mystery in this leveled reader based on the hugely popular deduction game Among Us! You've set out on a mission with your colorful Crewmates when you realize that one of them is not who they say they are. Can you figure out the mystery before they sabotage the ship? Fans of the popular deduction game Among Us will love this whodunnit Step 3 Step Into Reading leveled reader.
LVIS	9780545828659	Amulet #9: Waverider	Kazu Kibuishi	The highly anticipated, thrilling conclusion to Kazu Kibuishi's #1 New York Times bestselling series! After her confrontation with Ikol, Emily finally understands the stone's power and what she must do to defend Alledia from the shadows. As she travels to Typhon to help her mom and Navin, Prince Trellis returns to the Kingdom of the Elves to save his countrymen—and confront the fraud who has seized power in the absence of a king. The threat of darkness follows all Stonekeepers closely, and it will take the strength of both new friends and old foes to conquer it... and survive.
LVIS	9798217143610	Amy gets eaten	Kay, Adam	Booklist (April 1, 2026 (Vol. 122, No. 15)) Preschool-Grade 3. Have you ever wondered why corn shows up in your poo? Well, wonder no more, because this engaging story explains it all. Noah likes to eat interesting food combinations, like cake with ketchup or pizza with corn on it. That’s what leads us to meet Amy, a literal kernel of corn. As she travels through Noah’s body, she learns—along with readers—how digestion works, until she finds herself at the story’s end floating through a toilet drainpipe. This scientific picture book offers a way for kids to learn about digestion in a digestible way, with hilarious text that hits every gross note it possibly can. The pages fit a lot in without overwhelming readers, and the art is colorful and bright, adding to the story with facial expressions and actions of the other digesting food. A wonderful teaching tool, sure to keep readers engaged.
LVIS	9798318948770	An Alien's Guide to Dinosaurs	McLeod, Myles	
LVIS	9798347114757	An Octopus Named Houdini	Fraillon, Zana	School Library Journal starred (August 1, 2026) Gr 3-7-Houdini is an octopus who lives up to her name; every night she escapes her tank. While she's out, she steals the aquarium workers' belongings and flounders for late night snacks. Despite her plentiful food and toys-she has a particular fondness for Mr. Potato Head-Houdini hates the aquarium, particularly the visitors who bang her tank glass. She dreams of returning to the sea, from where she was captured. But one visitor is different. Juno, whose father Paul looks after Houdini, is quiet and thoughtful. Juno is having her own personal troubles but forges a connection with Houdini as its escape plans evolve. Fraillon's novel in verse captures the octopus's intelligence beautifully. Houdini is charming: she's grumpy and smart, and her tenderness toward Juno, which Juno's father lacks, is touching. The descriptions of Houdini's memories of the sea are evocative and explain why she is so desperate to return. The illustrations throughout are beautiful and add weight to Houdini's perspective. For some readers, this will provide for a real sea change in how they view animals in captivity. Juno's set of octopus facts at the end provide even more detail about these wonderful creatures. The author's note explaining that Houdini's high jinks are all based on real octopuses will have readers wanting to know more. Juno presents as white. VERDICT A delightful, watery, and emotional journey for anyone interested in the animal kingdom.-Grace Pickering © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798347101795	Ancient Egypt	Jennings, Ken	School Library Journal (November 1, 2015) Gr 3-5-Jeopardy champion Jennings introduces readers to ancient Egypt. The book is divided into chapters that tackle geography, the pyramids, mummification, mythology, and daily life. Featuring more text than images, this is a good option for older elementary school readers making steps toward more informational nonfiction. Children are treated to cipher puzzles, recipes, and activities. Jennings also covers hieroglyphics and the ancient board game Senet. Lowery's line drawings, ranging in size from thumbnails to full-page illustrations, are cartoonish and purposely silly, such as singing hippopotami and a pyramid wearing sunglasses. Some images do convey a significant amount of information, including a scroll that outlines Egyptian chronology, a portrait of the Pyramid of Khufu that details the structure's interior corridors, and a map of the archaeological site of Karnak. The tongue-in-cheek humor make this accessible to many readers, though the zingers render the work less serious than other titles on Egypt, including David L. Weitzman's Pharaoh's Boat (HMH, 2009). Nevertheless, Jennings knows what will get children's attention. VERDICT Those interested in the ancient world will enjoy this fun and interactive title.-Jeffrey Meyer, Mt. Pleasant Public Library, IA © Copyright 2015. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798898801175	Ancient Ghost Ship	Baumann, Kristoffer	
LVIS	9798898801212	Ancient Tomb Robbery	Baumann, Kristoffer	

LVIS	9781536246957	Anglerfish : the seadevil of the deep	Alexander, Elaine M	Horn Book Magazine (March/April, 2022) The menacing protagonist, Anglerfish, lurks in the deepest, darkest parts of the ocean, luring prey with her distinctive lantern-like appendage, then finishing them off with her mouthful of sharp teeth. Alexander explains how anglerfish themselves begin life as prey: eggs develop near the surface, small and exposed, and the baby fish dodge hazards such as birds, human fishing nets, and sea creatures. Those that survive grow large enough to descend to the ocean floor. Fogg's exceptional digital illustrations capture the contrasts; a cute, young, goggle-eyed fry, floating in the lighter blue shallow seas surrounded by her egg jelly, becomes the dangerous seadevil darting across inky pages, sweeping that harsh light back and forth as if the reader could be her next meal. If this isn't fearsome enough, just wait until Alexander describes the fish's mating sequence, which does not end well for the male of the species. Appended are a glossary, an index, and a "More About Anglerfish" section that provides additional information on ocean zones, various fish adaptations in low-light environments, hunting behaviors, and other species. Danielle J. Ford March/April 2022 p.
LVIS	9798896851738	Annie's Hurtful Words : a Growth Mindset Story	Miller, Connie Colwell	
LVIS	9781536234886	Answers to dog	Hautman, Pete	Horn Book Magazine (September/October, 2024) Two lonely souls -- one human, one canine -- find home in each other in Hautman's (The Rat Queen, rev. 11/22, and others) latest novel. Eighth grader Evan Dunn is known for being a bit gloomy. "You're such a sad sack," a friend asserts. "You think things are going to be bad all the time." Evan's world shifts when a mysterious white dog, later identified as Samarkand, starts appearing daily in his driveway. Eventually, Samarkand leads Evan to the rundown and mismanaged kennel from which he escaped; Hautman doesn't shy away from describing the abuse inflicted on the dogs living on the property. When an accident sends the kennel's owner to the hospital, Evan finds himself, alongside new friend Hana, responsible for the dogs left behind. Alternating between Evan's and the dog's perspectives, the narrative follows the pair as they learn to trust each other and discover new joy and meaning in their lives. Evan and Hana's compassion, as well as Samarkand's endless tail-wagging, inspire hope for dog lovers and all readers. Hill Saxton September/October 2024 p.75
LVIS	9780063466616	Aphmau: Searching for Home	Aphmau	From the #1 female YouTube gamer, this middle grade graphic novel blends Minecraft-inspired storytelling with relatable lessons in friendship and being true to oneself.
LVIS	9798886875386	Apple	Green, Sara	School Library Journal (September 1, 2015) Gr 4-6-Previous titles in this series tackled kid-friendly corporations, including LEGO, Disney, and Hershey's, and these latest employ the same engaging writing, strong graphics and design, and excellent information. Each volume covers history, fun facts, and more. While Coca-Cola briefly discusses concerns that the company promotes an unhealthy lifestyle, overall these works accentuate the positive, detailing the socially conscious decisions the corporations have made, such as Crayola going green by using a solar farm to produce crayons and markers. Delightful and informative selections. © Copyright 2015. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781955657679	Arches legend	Fulton, C. R	
LVIS	9798893041521	Arctic wolf pack vs. polar bear	Sommer, Nathan	
LVIS	9781482481266	Are Flying Foxes Really Foxes?	Scott, Galvin	
LVIS	9781482481266	Are Flying Foxes Really Foxes?	Scott, Galvin	
LVIS	9781482481297	Are Glowworms Really Worms?	Scott, Galvin	
LVIS	9781482481327	Are Guinea Pigs Really Pigs?	Scott, Galvin	
LVIS	9781482481358	Are Hedgehogs Really Hogs?	Scott, Galvin	
LVIS	9781482481389	Are Horned Toads Really Toads?	Scott, Galvin	
LVIS	9781482481419	Are Killer Whales Really Whales?	Scott, Galvin	
LVIS	9781482480290	Are Ufos Real?	Carroll, Brynn	
LVIS	9781459830943	Are we having fun yet? : the human quest for a good time	Birmingham, Maria	Booklist (February 15, 2023 (Vol. 119, No. 12)) Grades 4-7. This appealing title in the Orca Timeline series describes toys and activities (games, sports, music, technology) that kids and adults have enjoyed around the world from antiquity to the present. The book showcases a range of leisure activities in the form of festivals, powwows, flash mobs, parades, fairs, thrill rides, and fireworks displays. It reveals how popular puzzles were during the first stages of the COVID-19 pandemic. Advanced technology and fads that have come and gone are mentioned, as are pastimes that have changed focus (e.g., circuses no longer featuring live animals). Birmingham admits that she couldn’t include every possible activity here and that many more will evolve in the future, such as space tourism. The lively illustrations, color and historical photos, and "It's a Fact” sidebars supplement the text nicely (along with a glossary, resources, and an index—not seen). The book also reinforces the fact that play provides SEL support. Kids interested in learning how humans have spent their leisure time, over time, will enjoy this fun book full of fascinating information.
LVIS	9781459835207	Are we there yet? : how humans find their way	Birmingham, Maria	Booklist (August 2023 (Vol. 119, No. 22)) Grades 3-5. This overview of navigation, transportation, and communication tools that help humans get around covers everything from why some people have a better sense of direction than others to how future travelers will pilot themselves through outer space. What elevates this beyond encyclopedia fare are references to current events and instances where readers are invited to imagine themselves in problem-solving, relatable scenarios. The bright, colorful graphics that bounce off pages are also helpful and complement accessible, manageable chunks of information set off by subject headings, subheadings, sidebars, footprint guides, time lines, lists, illustrations, photos, and, of course, maps. Coverage is universal and charts innovations dating from prehistory through future projects currently under development. There's some unexpected content, too: a history of when various animals were domesticated and how that affected human mobility, and a fashion time line that begins with shoes and sandals and extends through jetpacks and wind suits. Back matter includes a glossary and list of resources. A great resource for report writers that offers a perfect segue from the picture books treasured by the vehicle-obsessed.
LVIS	9781503850347	Army and Navy football	Kelley, K. C	Booklist (October 1, 2021 (Vol. 118, No. 3)) Grades 3-6. This book in the College Football Teams series (12 titles) highlights the Army and Navy football teams and their legendary rivalry. It describes the glory years of both teams as well as their traditions, like the fact that the whole student body of West Point marches onto the field before the Army-Navy game—the cadets from the U.S. Naval Academy do the same. The text highlights each team's history, statistics, memorable games, and notable Heisman Trophy–winning players from both sides. Sidebars include interesting factoids, while visually arresting full-page color and archival black-and-white photos enhance the text. This brief overview is a good addition for young readers who are interested in quick facts about the Navy Midshipmen and Army Black Knights team rivalry. Back matter includes a glossary, index, and further reading resources.
LVIS	9781665983563	Art Attack	Ponti, James	School Library Journal (August 1, 2026) Gr 3-7-Ponti's master storytelling skills are on display in the third episode of the "Sherlock Society" series. Alex, Yadi, Zoe, Lina, and Grandpa are back solving mysteries and taking readers places they didn't even know they wanted to go. Like the first two in the series, this tale is based in Miami, but this one is set in the city. The Sherlock Society has earned a reputation of being able to solve mysteries that others cannot and can now choose their next case. They are swayed by Grandpa to a case with a real estate developer who wants to find a locally famous graffiti artist called Funky Munky so that Funky Munky can be hired to paint a mural on the new building. Readers are treated to lots of action, plot twists, and red herrings along the way-as well as laugh-out-loud situations-before arriving at the satisfying conclusion. There are themes of family and friendship, the value of art in all its forms, change, and cultural appreciation. Though the book runs a bit long, this is nevertheless an excellent addition to the series, one that "Sherlock Society" fans are bound to be clamoring for. VERDICT A must-have where Ponti's works are popular, this series is an excellent addition to any library serving middle grade, middle school, and YA readers.-Debbie Tanner © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780316537056	At our table	Hulse, Patrick	School Library Journal starred (September 1, 2024) K-Gr 3-Thanksgiving gets an equitable and diverse treatment in Hulse's debut picture book. The vibrant cover shows a gathering of various ethnicities and races arranged in a tribute to Norman Rockwell's famous "Freedom from Want" painting. This precedes a thoughtful meditation on the holiday's meaning for different families and discusses what they are thankful for. Illustrations depict different age groups, abilities, mixed generations, and broad representational ethnicities. Whether in a house or apartment, the city or country, the focus is on coming together with loved ones. However, one illustration is a little less vibrant: A group of First Americans visits a statue of Wampanoag tribal chief Ousamequin, acknowledging that the concept of Thanksgiving is not universally celebrated, especially by Indigenous peoples. Yet the overall theme is one advocating unity and how the celebration of the holiday can be improved to include everyone. Goodnight (Chickasaw) uses a mix of paper, graphite, and digital tools to execute a book with broad representation and fun Easter eggs for children to find during repeat reads. The insightful representation creates a much-needed update on the topic, with broad readership appeal making it an essential purchase for all libraries. Author's and artist's notes conclude the book. VERDICT A poignant debut, this book with diverse representation and wide appeal updates the holiday story.-Jessica Bushore © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781482478105	At Sea	Singer, Warren	
LVIS	9781536235258	At the edge : curious creatures of planet Earth	Elliott, David	School Library Journal starred (February 1, 2026) K-Gr 3-Elliott returns with a lively and inventive collection celebrating unusual animals from across the globe. Each spread pairs a short, rhyming poem with striking full-page illustrations. The art, composed of bold textures and zoomed-in perspectives, invites readers to linger over the distinctive features of each creature. The poems vary widely in tone and length, showcasing his signature wit and impeccable sense of rhythm. Some, like the two-word ode to the black rain frog, "Bumpy. Grumpy," offer quick flashes of personality. Others pose humorous questions, as with the naked mole-rat: "Are you cold because you live underground? Or are you underground because you are cold?" These playful verses spark curiosity and encourage readers to look more closely at animals they may never have encountered before. While the poems themselves focus on mood, voice, and memorable imagery rather than factual detail, this intentional sparseness invites questions: Why is a pink fairy armadillo pink? What makes the tiny peacock spider's mating dance so spectacular? Elliott's humor and light touch create many entry points for discussion, prompting children to wonder, explore, and seek out answers. To satisfy that curiosity, the back matter includes fascinating little-known facts about each animal. Librarians and educators will find this section particularly useful for introducing research, inquiry, and animal science units. VERDICT A delightful, curious, and engaging collection; if there is only one poetry book to add this year, this is it.-Heidi Dechief © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798225024697	At the Edge of Lost	Martha Brockenbrough	Caleb and Ronan are best friends. It doesn't matter that Ronan is a dog and Caleb is a middle-schooler. They've been together their entire lives and traveled the world together with Caleb's family. But now, with Ronan too old for such adventures, Caleb has chosen to stay in Seattle, settling down with his grandfather in a quirky retirement community. Things should be calm here, maybe even boring. But then tragedy strikes, and Poppy is rushed to the hospital. Suddenly, Caleb's world erupts in chaos and he and Ronan are separated. Desperate to find each other, the two friends set out on an impossible journey. But a deadly storm is brewing and predators lurk, and they have no idea where the other is. Can they find their way back together—and to Poppy—before it's too late? Critically acclaimed and beloved author Martha Brockenbrough weaves a heart-pounding adventure that is equal parts survival story and finding your place in the world.
LVIS	9798887350547	At the reef	Earley, Christina	
LVIS	9781098299392	Atlas Moths	Sterling, Krissy	
LVIS	9781419705199	Attack of the fluffy bunnies	Beaty, Andrea	School Library Journal (July 1, 2010) Gr 3-5-Far, far away in the Starburst galaxy ("just beyond the Milky Way but not as far as the Peanut Cluster"), a flaming meteor smashes the marshmallow Planet of the Fluffs into sticky goo. Faced with planetary meltdown, Fierce, Large, Ugly, and Ferocious Furballs hop a salvaged rocket ship and head for Earth, seeking a fresh source of sugary energy. Meanwhile, Earth twins Joules and Kevin arrive at Camp Whatsitooya. The boys are horror-film fans, and they quickly find that the camp has all the hallmarks of a fright-night flick. There are odd noises and unearthly creatures-and a smashed spaceship out in the woods. Even worse, the counselors all seem to be turning into zombies. The kids discover that the Fluffs have taken over and plan to reduce the campers' brains to quivering sweet mush-perfect food for the invaders. Can Joules and Kevin find a way to defeat the killer space bunnies or will the fuzzy fiends get them first? The off-the-wall plot bounces from crisis to crisis as the twins use their movie expertise to predict the next emergency. The rather acerbic narrator frequently "breaks page" to address readers with asides, directions, and even mock commercials. Black-and-white cartoons-some in multipanel-comic form-and a lot of in-text graphic sound words add to the wacky fun. Similar in tone to Jon Sciezka's "Time Warp Trio" series (Viking), but for a slightly older audience, this title should have special appeal to reluctant readers, especially boys.-Elaine E. Knight, Lincoln Elementary Schools, IL Copyright 2010 Reed Business Information.

LVIS	9798212538381	Attack of the forty-foot chicken	Carman, Patrick	Kirkus Reviews (May 15, 2024) The town of Nevermind endures another zany episode, this time pitting an 11-year-old's epic survivalist skills against an extremely large rooster. Chronically overprepared Barker Mifflin has just started his second year of picking strawberries at McFadden Farm, receiving one essentially worthless McToken for each flat delivered. His stellar performance and survivalist know-how bring him to the attention of Megan McFadden, the farm owners' 11-year-old daughter, who offers him a spot as a row commander and enlists his help solving an unusual problem. Her mother has mysteriously shrunk down to the size of a doll—apparently the work of Megan's father, Maverick, a scientist who used to work at Colossal Chemistry. And before long, Barker crosses paths with the enormous chicken. It'll take all his talents and maybe a little luck to avoid complete disaster while getting to the bottom of things. Though occasionally meandering, this second series installment is chock-full of wild antics, wacky wordplay, just enough scares to create suspense, and a generous sprinkling of Barker's always entertaining, sometimes useful Survival Nuggets. Familiarity with the first entry in the series is recommended, though Carman has made a strong effort to keep this story accessible to newcomers. Characters' descriptions are minimal. A wonderfully weird, madcap tale with just a tiny bit of terror. (Fiction. 8-12)
LVIS	9798348043407	ATV racing : engines unleashed	Hamilton, Logan	School Library Journal (May 1, 2026) Gr 3-6-Hamilton invites readers to hold on tight for a high-octane journey into the visceral world of all-terrain vehicle (ATV) racing. This entry in the "Engines Unleashed" series provides an exciting look at quads, successfully putting the sport into a historical context by tracing its evolution from 1960s amphibious six-wheelers and the popular but dangerous three-wheelers of the 1970s to the modern machines of today. The writing is sharp and accessible, detailing how racing legend Mickey Thompson helped bring the sport into the professional spotlight in the 1980s and highlighting barrier-breaking champions like Traci Cecco. The information is robust, taking readers under the hood to explore how high-tech engines and advanced suspension systems allow these machines to handle almost any terrain. The full-color photographs are essential to the book's excitement, capturing the high-stakes motion of the track. Descriptive visuals show a mud-covered ATV soaring through the air over a massive dirt jump and a racer viscerally leaning into a sharp turn as a plume of brown and gold dust kicks up behind the tires. These images ensure readers see and feel the intensity of famous races like the Baja 1000. The book is bolstered by excellent resources, including a full-spread diagram pointing out vehicle parts, a comprehensive glossary, and an index. VERDICT This is a fun, well-written, and high-interest addition to any school library. A perfect choice for sports fans and reluctant readers who crave action-packed nonfiction.-Richard Winters © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780744085044	Avoiding the Allosaurus	Stone, Rex	
LVIS	9781645199472	Axolotl's big move	Clark, Elizabeth	
LVIS	9781644662281	B-1B Lancer	Peterson, Megan Cooley	
LVIS	9781644662298	B-2 Spirit	Peterson, Megan Cooley	
LVIS	9781546135432	Baby Sitters Little Sister 14 --Karen's in Love	Williams, Lily	
LVIS	9781546135401	Baby-sitters little sister 13, Karen's New Year	Yingst, D. K	
LVIS	9781546174363	Baby-Sitters on Board!	Telgemeier, Raina	
LVIS	9798899132407	Back to School	Twiddy, Robin	
LVIS	9798875290435	Backup goalie	Maddox, Jake	
LVIS	9781250385451	Bad Kitty gets a job	Bruel, Nick	
LVIS	9798348042813	Bad Luck Cubs The Curse of the Billy Goat and Other Sports Curses	Cooke, Tim	
LVIS	9798893041538	Bald eagle vs. Steller's sea eagle	Sommer, Nathan	
LVIS	9781413152425	Balto and the great race	Kimmel, Elizabeth Cody	School Library Journal (March 2000) Gr 3-5-Kimmel presents the legendary story of the part-husky/part-wolf sled dog that braved severe blizzard conditions to take antitoxin serum to a remote Alaskan village in 1925. When the town was stricken by a diphtheria epidemic, Balto overcame unbelievable obstacles to accomplish what other dogs could not. This heroic canine has been immortalized in statue, film, and now in a book that brings his story to life. Kimmel's writing deftly combines geography, sled racing, and historical background with the gripping adventure of Balto's race to save lives. In many ways, the book reads like fast-paced fiction. Koerber's service-able black-and-white illustrations appear throughout and reflect the action. Sure to appeal to beginning chapter-book readers.-Christy Norris Blanchette, Valley Cottage Library, NY Copyright 2000 Cahners Business Information.
LVIS	9798384941675	Banana Ball League History	Beattie, Charlie	
LVIS	9798384941682	Banana Ball League Rules	Streeter, Anthony	
LVIS	9798217140893	Bandit and Jack Shift Gears #8	Powell, Corey	
LVIS	9781665953535	Barb the last berzerker. Book 4,Barb vs. the Leech Queen	Abdo, Dan	
LVIS	9781636551920	Barbed wire between us	Wenjen, Mia	School Library Journal starred (April 1, 2026) Gr 2-5-Set in Fort Sill in Lawton, OK, Barbed Wire Between Us uses verse poetry to tell the story of how Fort Sill was used as an internment camp for Japanese Americans during World War II, then reverses the poetry to tell the story of how it was used in 2014 as a detention camp for immigrant children. This book is beautifully illustrated to show the gravitas of a dark moment in history repeating itself. A message of hope is still present throughout, however, this book does not shy away from the inhumanity that is the lived experience of being separated by barbed wire, felt physically and metaphorically by these families of the past and present. VERDICT A must-purchase for elementary poetry collections for its elegant juxtaposition of the seriousness of history repeating itself with the promise of a new tomorrow.-Molly Dettmann © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798893041712	Barbie	First, Rachel	
LVIS	9798898800956	Base Jumping	Grack, Rachel	
LVIS	9798895778319	Baseball star Shohei Ohtani	Leatherland, Noah	
LVIS	9781645199007	Battle for the ball : a baseball story	Jones, Jordan	
LVIS	9781963915068	Battle of the bots	Miller, Kevin	
LVIS	9781546183655	Battle of the Super Rabbit Boys!	Flintham, Thomas	
LVIS	9781645825845	Battle royale games	Storm, Marysa	School Library Journal (November 1, 2025) Gr 4-6-These simple guides cover different esports topics, from fighting games to online RPGs. Gamer-related vocabulary, such as loot or eliminate, is highlighted. Many readers interested in gaming may already be familiar with the information covered, but these titles might be helpful tools for gamers who are English language learners or those building reading fluency. Heavy with stock photography, this series also uses AI generated covers. Short biographies of professional esport players are included, as well as information on how to get started in competitions. Written at a third grade reading level, these titles have an intended audience in grades four to six. VERDICT An additional purchase where emerging readers and gamers collide. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781524884581	Battle squad	NickEh30	Kirkus Reviews (January 15, 2025) Four young gamers gather for a boss battle against an insidious computer virus that threatens to take over both the virtual and real worlds in this work co-authored by popular professional gamer NickEh30. After outbreaks of rioting by zombified, purple-eyed fans of the mysterious new game Battle Squad kick off a string of virtual and IRL battles, the mysterious Special Division recruits four young world-class gamers—Lebanese Canadian Teddy "TedSh0t" Habib, South Korean Yuri "Keke_Klutch" Song, Argentinian Tina "TeenyTerrorPlays" Torres, and African American Maxwell "Stackz" Warren. It seems that an alien AI that can infect people through their optic nerves is bent on taking over the planet. Fortunately, the four each bring special powers to the fray thanks to mental updates from Layla, Teddy's shadowy coding whiz aunt. But can they blast virtual hordes of the Glitched (there are no real-world fatalities) and destroy the geomagnetic dome hovering over (real-life) Cairo, Egypt—all while figuring out a cool name for themselves and, most importantly, getting over their egos and learning to work together? Some readers might be after, as Tina puts it, "Less chat, more splat," and they'll be well served, but it's Teddy, with his insight that outsmarting the game is the real road to victory, who demonstrates true leadership qualities. The characterizations are paper thin, but the fast pace will keep the pages turning. Barata's lively spot art opens each chapter. Teamwork's the name of the game in this action-packed romp. (Adventure. 8-12)
LVIS	9781482478136	Battle Stations	Singer, Warren	
LVIS	9781665982863	Bawk to the Future --A Star Chapter Book	Windness, Kaz	School Library Journal (July 1, 2026) Gr 3-5-Two chickens living as laboratory animals turn the tables on the scientists who control them in this fast-paced, highly illustrated chapter book by Geisel Honor winner Windness. Nugget and Tenders, made supersmart by an experimental serum, long to move chickens off the menu and into seats of power. When the pair is accidentally locked in the scientists' time travel machine-cleverly drawn as a KFC bucket-Nugget and Tenders journey back to the Cretaceous period. There they discover the lowly chickens' mighty dino heritage. As a descendant of the T. rex, Nugget declares, "I am done being food!" Intended for readers transitioning from early readers to beginning chapter books, the design features short chapters and large panels, no more than four per page. A grayscale color scheme with red accents effectively conveys the book's energy. Alternating timelines and Windness's heavy use of onomatopoeia in place of a narrative may make it challenging for young readers to follow the plot. It's a missed opportunity that Nugget and Tenders seek to elevate chickendom to power using a book titled Human History-but start in 1776 and focus only on events in US history. VERDICT First in a planned series, young readers will gobble up this title as hungrily as they would some fresh hot chi...er, pizza.-Marybeth Kozikowski © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780316576406	Be a hero with Skipper the seal	McRaven, William H	Kirkus Reviews (January 15, 2025) Admiral William H. McRaven's adaption of his bestselling adult title The Hero Code (2021) with his daughter, Kelly Marie McRaven. Wearing a military uniform and having "completed his training," Skipper's assigned a mission by the president (a bald eagle clad in suit and tie): "to find the greatest heroes of all." Heading back to base, Skipper encounters his cat friend bravely defending a frog against a bullying shark. Here's Skipper's first hero! As the day proceeds, he finds more heroes, including the Giving Gorilla, a firefighter; the Caring Cow, a doctor; and the Persevering Penguin, who serves food at a homeless shelter. All offer solid words of wisdom, but Skipper needs one more hero: the little frog who was bullied by the shark. The Forgiving Frog accepts the shark's apology, and Skipper the Seal declares, "There's no greater hero than those who forgive." The team members work together to rescue passengers from a sinking ship. Skipper introduces them to the president, who awards each a medal. Skipper leaves readers with a few final words: "Be a hero in all that you do!" Written in serviceable verse, this upbeat, slightly didactic story featuring a personable protagonist should encourage children to be heroic any way they can; the numerous examples—from the Funny Fox, who helps out by making his friends laugh, to the Humble Horse, a hockey player who knows the value of cooperating—prove that heroism isn't about size or strength. The rousing, cartoony digital illustrations are appealing. Don't skip this lively, feel-good story. (author's note from Kelly Marie McRaven) (Picture book. 4-7)
LVIS	9781914087141	Be the best at golf	Allan, John	
LVIS	9798875283703	Bean at Big Bowl	Kalz, Jill	
LVIS	9798875283789	Bean at the Movies	Kalz, Jill	

LVIS	9798875283864	Bean on the Moon	Kalz, Jill	
LVIS	9798875283628	Bean's Big Dreams	Kalz, Jill	
LVIS	9781482477627	Beastly Birds	Wood, Alix	
LVIS	9781400354924	Become a genius in a year : a fact a day to become a superbrain!	Rampton, Mike	School Library Journal Xpress (May 2, 2026) Gr 4-7-This humorous, fact-a-day compendium delivers bite-size trivia designed to engage curious middle grade readers. Organized into daily entries across a calendar year, the book presents short facts spanning science, history, geography, and pop culture, all framed by a cheeky, self-proclaimed "genius" narrator. The tone leans heavily into silliness, with jokes, exaggerated commentary, and cartoon-style illustrations that reinforce accessibility and appeal to reluctant readers. Content varies widely in scope, from historical milestones to quirky science facts and oddities. The format encourages browsing rather than sustained reading, making it well suited for quick engagement or independent exploration. Occasional themed spreads and interactive-style entries add variety and help maintain reader interest. However, the lack of sourcing and limited contextual depth may reduce its usefulness for research or curriculum support. Some humor, including mild gross-out elements, may also distract from informational clarity for certain readers. Despite these limitations, the book's energetic presentation and highly browsable format will likely appeal to trivia enthusiasts and reluctant nonfiction readers. VERDICT A light, entertaining addition for collections seeking high-interest, quick-reference nonfiction; recommended where demand for humor-driven trivia is strong.-Jenna LaBollita © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798225085254	Becoming Boba	Joanna Ho	From New York Times bestselling creators, Joanna Ho and Amber Ren, comes a sweet, bubbly tale about a young boba tea who learns that being you is being enough! Milk Tea Town was steeped in tradition. That is, until... Mindy came along. Mindy isn't like the other classic milk tea flavors, with their sensible straws and varying shades of brown. Instead, Mindy shines with her green, white and red colors. Worried about not being milk tea enough, Mindy decides to dive into their history so she can be less different. As she and her friends embark on this journey, they make a surprising discovery about the truth behind milk tea that could change the town forever... A charming and delightful story about self love and being true to who you are, with a subtle, underlying message about the Asian-American identity and immigrant experience—what does it mean to be Asian enough?
LVIS	9781499818987	Before it was a hurricane	Carson, Mary Kay	School Library Journal Xpress starred (March 20, 2026) K-Gr 5-This excellent informational book covers earth science concepts surrounding hurricanes. It takes a complex, often frightening phenomenon and deconstructs it into a step-by-step journey. Instead of focusing solely on the destruction of a landfall event, this book retraces the lifecycle of a storm back to its humblest beginnings: a ripple of warm air off the coast of Africa and a cluster of thunderstorms over the Atlantic. The illustrations range from bright, shimmering turquoise waters to the deep gray oceans during a storm. Cross-section diagrams show readers a wide variety of storm-related visuals, such as a non-threatening peek inside the eye wall. This is a good choice for primary, elementary, and children's public libraries. The illustrations capture readers with fabulous details that add to the informative text. VERDICT Text and illustrations encourage a child's curiosity by providing real meteorological facts while using the look and rhythm of a picture book to keep them engaged.-Tara Rollins © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781499819007	Before It Was a Wildfire	Carson, Mary Kay	
LVIS	9780593704684	Ben Yokoyama and the cookie of destiny	Swanson, Matthew	School Library Journal (October 1, 2025) Gr 4-7-Married creative team Swanson and Behr spent a year road-tripping across the United States with their four kids and two dogs-a trip that surely inspired Japanese American Ben Yokoyama's seventh adventure. Ben's parents are moving the family to California, and they're being very cagey about why. Even more mystifying, they've decided that the family will road trip there in a rundown, budget camper with a broken bathroom. The trip initially seems doomed when Ben doesn't even get to say goodbye to his best friend, Janet, and when his meticulously organized mother clashes with his free-spirited aunt Nora. As always, a fortune cookie delivers a life lesson to Ben that consumes his thoughts, this time declaring that "everything happens for a reason." Through a series of humorous high jinks, Ben grapples with this concept in absurd and often surprisingly poignant explorations. A delightful mix of text and illustration, with dialogue often appearing in speech bubbles, makes these books incredibly approachable for developing readers. VERDICT Recommended for philosophically minded fans of "Tome Gates" or "Dork Diaries." © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780593704677	Ben Yokoyama and the cookie war	Swanson, Matthew	
LVIS	9781665937702	Benny on the case	King, Wesley	School Library Journal (March 1, 2025) Gr 4-7-Benny Brooks, 11, has always been a different sort of b'y (pronounced "BYE," the Newfoundlanders' way of saying "buddy.") Benny has Mosaic Down syndrome, which means that some of his cells have an extra chromosome, and that he looks different than the other kids in his class. After being in special education classes for most of his life, he is part of the mainstream classroom this year. Benny stands out for more than his looks; he also lives at a retirement home that his mom runs called Starflower by the Sea. On the first day, Benny is happy to meet Salma, the Arab American granddaughter of one of the retirement home residents. They instantly bond against the bullies who make fun of them because of their differences. When a string of thefts at Starflower by the Sea causes an official inquiry that may shut down the retirement home, Benny and Salma work together to uncover the thief and save the residents'-and Benny's-home. Readers will find Benny charming and funny. The heart of the story is driven by a diverse cast of secondary characters, including Mr. Tom, an octogenarian resident from whom he learns and grows. Though the mystery is secondary to the characters, it remains engaging enough to add intrigue without overshadowing the story's emotional depth. Included is a helpful glossary of common Newfoundlander sayings that are used throughout. VERDICT A heartfelt character-driven mystery featuring a neurodivergent male protagonist that explores friendship, belonging, and family, this is a story perfect for fans of R.J. Palacio's Wonder, Gayle Forman's Not Nothing, and Gordon Korman's Restart.-Rachel Jussel © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781482481808	Benson Boone	Williams, Haley	
LVIS	9780374394431	Berserkers	Larson, M. A	School Library Journal (March 1, 2026) Gr 4-6-Below the quaint town of Norse Ridge, MN, a seemingly everlasting cave system holds secrets, treasures, and swine. Sixth graders Danny, Dolly, Mulch, and Amazon Shawn embark on a risky venture to find their beloved, possibly abducted history teacher Mr. Lindquist and some treasure. A dastardly plot to uncover the secrets and treasures of the caves unfolds at the hands of a would-be explorer from Spain and a principal from a rival school, who may be responsible for Mr. Lindquist's abduction. Thanks to a missing girl, her pigs, and a flying red sports car, these kids just might make it out alive. Short chapters and a fourth-wall-breaking narrator make this expedition an easy but fun read. Readers will enjoy the escapades of these sixth graders creating lasting memories and learning some hard lessons along the way. Larson combines Norse mythology, Spanish history, and small-town Minnesota lore to create an adventure with a modern-day Goonies feel. Characters are distinguished by build and hair color; additional description is minimal. VERDICT A beautiful high-stakes story of friendship; a must-read for fans of spelunking and good adventures.-Harley Smith © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780593980286	Best buds for never	Laditan, Bunmi	
LVIS	9798765683729	Best men's soccer players	Krenn, Cara	School Library Journal (November 1, 2025) PreS-K-Each book in this simple collection for young soccer fans focuses on a different aspect of the sport, such as famous male and female players, unforgettable moments, and the World Cup. The content is presented through short text boxes of one or two sentences on colorful spreads with soccer ball overlays. Facing pages feature large action photographs that show players in their biggest moments. The writing is clear and simple, making the books easy to follow while still sparking curiosity and encouraging readers to learn more. Each book features a table of contents, a glossary, an index, and a "learn more" section. VERDICT A fine choice for beginning readers who want an introduction to the world's most popular sport. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798384941699	Best of Banana Ball	Riccardi, Noah	
LVIS	9798765683736	Best women's soccer players	Krenn, Cara	
LVIS	9780063344082	Besties. Set sail	Miller, Kayla	
LVIS	9798217040308	Better than a touchdown	Hurts, Jalen	School Library Journal (January 1, 2026) K-Gr 3-It's Jalen's first day of school, and this is the year he'll be allowed to try out for football. Dad is there to send him on his way with advice to always give his best. But once he arrives at school, friend Trey confirms that football has been canceled for the year. The garden club planted vegetables over the summer, and now there is no practice field. From classroom teacher Ms. Lee and corner store owner Mr. Muhammad, Jalen learns that challenges will make him stronger and that 90 percent of life is how one responds to what happens. The next day, considering all of this advice, Jalen proposes working during recess with the gardening club to clear and empty the field. "They dug, they planted, and they hoped." Jalen reminds everyone, "We can't lose if we don't quit!" A week later football is back on. Myers's illustrations are bright and cartoonish with the children often showing expressive, mangalike eyes. VERDICT With Eagles QB Hurts's star power, this celebration of perseverance and teamwork should be an easy sell for budding football fans. © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798318914225	Beware of sleeping pixies	Stuart, Scott	
LVIS	9781482479690	Big Cats Pounce!	Richards, Derrick	
LVIS	9783039641246	Big digs : amazing underground constructions	Sanchez, Kiko	School Library Journal (March 1, 2026) K-Gr 5-This fascinating history of underground construction marvels takes readers from earliest times to the present in a chronological journey through gargantuan human feats of engineering. The colloquial tone is spare and humorous, with an eye on innovation through the ages. Beginning with the "Tunnel of Contents," chapters include the ancient (1100-300 BCE) walls of rock and caves in Cornwall, now the United Kingdom. "Over the years, it has been pillaged by collectors and nosy people," which means there's not much left to discern its use. Best guesses are the low-ceilinged, narrow tunnels may have been burial sites or grain storage. Surely, the rocks were dragged from distant quarries, which testifies to incredibly hard work in ancient times. Works include the Gadara (Jordan) Aqueducts in the 1st century; the 12th century Dover Castle; Spiral and Tijuana Narco Tunnels; the Seoul Subway; the Chunnel Tunnel between England and France; and even the White House Bunker in Washington, D.C. Most unusual is the Svalbard Global Seed Vault, which preserves agricultural biodiversity in case of global wars and is built into the rock to withstand floods, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, or other disasters. Located on a remote Arctic island, the temperature is kept at zero degrees Fahrenheit to avoid contaminating seed samples. Many other incredible big digs with superb illustrations will galvanize students and inspire pre-engineering aficionados. VERDICT Highly recommended for its compelling content, global inquiry, and stunning illustrations.-Lonna Pierce © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781449402327	Big Nate : from the top	Peirce, Lincoln	
LVIS	9780062086983	Big Nate : genius mode	Peirce, Lincoln	
LVIS	9780062087003	Big Nate : Mr. Popularity	Peirce, Lincoln	School Library Journal (August 1, 2014) Gr 3-5-Nate decides to run for class president, hoping to beat out his more popular competition. With Francis's help, he might just be able to do it. Dealing with School Picture Day, playing on the basketball team, and coping with crushes are just some of the hijinks Nate gets into in this comics collection. (c) Copyright 2012. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781449420437	Big Nate and friends	Peirce, Lincoln	
LVIS	9798881602437	Big Nate Curse of the Puffy Shorts	Peirce, Lincoln	
LVIS	9798881614621	Big Nate Hero Time!: Two Books in One	Peirce, Lincoln	
LVIS	9781524851842	Big Nate hug it out!	Peirce, Lincoln	
LVIS	9798881602420	Big Nate: code red!	Peirce, Lincoln	
LVIS	9781524868567	Big Nate. Aloha!	Peirce, Lincoln	
LVIS	9781524887834	Big Nate. Attack of the cheez funk breath!	Peirce, Lincoln	
LVIS	9780062942098	Big Nate. Back to back hits	Peirce, Lincoln	

LVIS	9781524875602	Big Nate. Destined for awesomeness		Kirkus Reviews (August 15, 2022) Nate Wright returns in a new format. Spiky-haired sixth grader Nate Wright is back for three new adventures adapted from his recently animated show. The first, “The Legend of the Gunting,” tells the legend of Brad Gunter, an infamous student who purportedly got five detentions in one week and then disappeared. When a prank-loving new student tips Nate toward a feared fifth detention, can Nate stop him before it’s too late? In the second tale, “Go Nate! It’s Your Birthday,” Nate mischievously interprets his dad’s birthday offer, maxing out his credit card and finding himself in thousands of dollars of debt. “CATastrophe,” the final story, pits Nate against his crush—and his long-standing fear of cats. Unlike its predecessors, this nearly full-color offering (there are some black-and-white panels as throwbacks to Peirce’s comic strips) may have some visual appeal, but for those who have seen the show, this volume is simply a collection of screenshots from the first few episodes. This long-running and well-loved series has seen many iterations, from chapter books to graphic novels, and while an animated counterpart makes sense, further adapting that medium back into print feels utterly unnecessary; even devout fans may roll their eyes at this. Nate is White; his friends portray a mix of skin tones and body sizes. Redundant. (Graphic adaptation. 7-11)
LVIS	9781524884154	Big Nate. Next stop, superstardom!		Kirkus Reviews (June 1, 2023) A third gathering of stories and stills from the animated TV series. Awkwardly forced into graphic novel format, the episodes contained here consist of stills from the animated show inspired by Peirce’s Big Nate series (Peirce contributes black-and-white comic strips between each story). In “The Ghostly Coven of Man Witches,” Nate breaks into school at night to teach the faculty how to cook. After being forced to sign up for figure skating, he disregards his friend Chad’s warnings in “The Curse of the Applewhites.” And in “ ’Til Death Do We Rock,” Nate reluctantly surrenders the role of lead singer in his band, Fear the Mollusk, to Artur, an immigrant classmate whose fictional, quasi–Central European home country’s culture is played for laughs. (All three stories include subplots that allow Nate’s single dad to stand in for inept, unemployable fathers everywhere.) The musical tracks that play significant parts in the animated versions in two of the stories appear as lyrics associated with random floating notes. The selected stills that are used for illustrations fail to capture the action’s continuity even with the help of added directional lines—leaving out most of the comic timing and reducing sequences like the middle episode’s icy whirls and twirls to disconnected tableaux. Some of the rubbery, 3-D figures in the art present as people of color. A poorly executed attempt at a crossover. (Graphic adaptation. 7-11)
LVIS	9781524879419	Big Nate. Prank you very much		
LVIS	9781524869793	Big Nate. Top dog	Peirce, Lincoln	
LVIS	9781970302004	Big time	Alber, Diane	
LVIS	9781338180633	Big tree	Selznick, Brian	School Library Journal starred (April 1, 2023) Gr 2-8-Selznick returns with a majestically illustrated, modern-day parable. Sycamore seeds Louise and Merwin are suddenly separated from their mama tree due to a conflagration. They are thrust into a dangerous world of dinosaurs and volcanoes, hoping to set down roots somewhere safe. Throughout their treacherous journey, the stars speak to Louise, hinting at a possible life-changing event on the horizon. Along the way, they meet The Ambassadors (mycorrhizal fungi), Spot (a butterfly), King Seaweed, and The Scientists (Foraminifera). Originally meant for a Spielberg-produced animated film, this tale, with its combination of a childlike narrative and profound illustrations, presents a big, universal story of taking care of the miraculous Earth on which we live. Selznick's signature art was created with pencil on hot pressed watercolor paper, and the texture and nuance of these nearly 300 pages will strike wonder in every reader. In the back matter, Selznick explains the science behind the story, including dinosaurs, asteroids, and the beginning of life on Earth. It also features a selected bibliography and a poem by W.S. Merwin, the seed's namesake. Weighty themes of connectedness, conservation, and the impact that one small voice can have on the fate of the universe might feel unfathomable and too big for children, but in Selznick's hands, this poignant fable will resonate with all readers, young and old. VERDICT A special, one-of-a-kind book for the whole family that readers won't soon forget-Shelley M. Diaz © Copyright 2023. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798899131080	Bigfoot goes to the Alamo	Usfoot, E. Norm	
LVIS	9798899131066	Bigfoot goes to the Grand Canyon	Usfoot, E. Norm	
LVIS	9781645199229	Bigfoot goes to the International Space Station	Usfoot, E. Norm	School Library Journal (October 1, 2025) K-Gr 2-In this hybrid fiction and fact early chapter book series, an illustrated version of Bigfoot explores various places, while sharing facts and lots of photographs of the things he learns along the way. In the vein of the "Fly Guy Presents" series, Bigfoot walks readers through amusement parks, a chocolate factory, the International Space Station, a Zoo, the White House, and Yellowstone National Park. Each book finds Bigfoot sneaking into the location and hiding from staff and other visitors as he explores and shares his findings. A scavenger hunt offers things for readers to look for at the start of each book, while back matter includes a glossary, discussion questions and writing prompts. VERDICT Though the conceit of each volume can feel a little forced, young readers will enjoy the facts and the idea of Bigfoot as their guide. Recommended for most collections, especially where nonfiction early readers do well. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781774884041	Billie builds a robocorn	Lourenco, Jose	School Library Journal (January 1, 2026) PreS-Gr 2-Billie, a young girl with tan skin and short, curly brown hair, is being forced by her father to move to a different home after he gets a new job. That means she must leave her friends and everything she's ever known behind. But "relentlessly resourceful" Billie, also a fantastic problem-solver, builds a RoboCorn. He is her best friend. He knows so much! Unfortunately, he can't do much. So Billie and her father take RoboCorn to the park to make friends. That's where Billie meets Elif. They become wondrous friends. That leaves Billie's dad to take care of RoboCorn, but he'll figure it out. This story has a lot going for it: it deals with moving, being lonely, solving issues, and making new friends. There's so much packed into this dainty story. The text and vocabulary can be a bit erudite for average readers, with words, such as gossamer, conversationalist, and Continental Esperanto. The artwork is done with ink and watercolor, similar in style to the loose lines of Eliza Kinkz. The images evoke a spirit of doodling and childlike fun. There may be some color outside the lines or missing color inside them-just like a real piece of kid art. VERDICT This story packs a punch. It's great for those looking to beef up their SEL sections.-Sarah Clarke © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780593902813	Bing's cherries	Blackburne, Livia	School Library Journal (January 1, 2026) K-Gr 3-Blackburne and Kuo create a modern American tall tale that celebrates Ah Bing, the Chinese immigrant who brought Bing cherries to the Pacific Northwest. The story follows Bing's journey from his arrival in San Francisco to his work in an Oregon cherry orchard, where he faces prejudice because of his appearance and language. In a playful twist, Bing himself grows into a larger-than-life figure-reminiscent of Paul Bunyan or John Henry-his legend ripening alongside the cherries he tends. Kuo's vibrant, Asian-inspired spreads beautifully depict Bing and the orchards he tended. Back matter includes notes from author and illustrator connecting the story's inspiration to their Chinese and Taiwanese heritage. VERDICT A beautifully told and authentically grounded tale honoring the immigrant behind the famous Bing cherry and celebrating Chinese American resilience and contribution.-Heidi Dechief © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780823461837	Bird nerd	Richter, Jennifer Ann	Booklist (October 15, 2024 (Vol. 121, No. 4)) Grades 3-6. Nyla is trying not to be a birding know-it-all, but it’s hard to keep her knowledge about her passion to herself. As her Philadelphia school holds a birding tournament against a more-affluent suburban class, she’s determined to lead the City Birders to victory. She’d love to head into middle school being known for something other than her nerdy tendencies. Her best friend, Tasha, is less interested but fully supportive until a misunderstanding between them sees Nyla choose a more-popular birding competitor over her best friend. Now Nyla has to figure out how to balance changing friendships, her beloved birding, and her desire to shift her social status. The sunny story joyfully portrays Nyla’s birding passion while skillfully exploring subtle clashes between the majority-Black City Birders and the majority-white Burb Birders, though the competition remains quite congenial. Occasional chapters cleverly present birding notes and study guides, and the quick pace and Nyla’s boundless excitement make reading a breeze. A stellar study of friendship and self-acceptance sure to make an avian enthusiast out of anyone.
LVIS	9780316446419	Birdy	Moss, N. West	School Library Journal Xpress starred (February 13, 2026) Gr 4-6-Moss's debut for young readers stands out from the crowded shelf of novels about orphaned children by remaining refreshingly soothing and calm. When their mother dies, Birdy and her younger brother Mouse have to leave their home in New York City and go upstate to live with distant relatives. While this is, of course, a traumatic experience, it is also a moment of closure for the children, who have been experiencing upheaval and uncertainty throughout the entire length of their mother's illness, and even prior to that due to financial strife. Their new home is in a completely foreign environment, with their guardians allowing the children to roam outdoors in nature and experience a completely different type of childhood. While there is uncertainty in their situation, Birdy and Mouse find relief in knowing there will always be enough food and adults to take care of them. This feeling compounds when an uncle joins their lives, and they begin to imagine what forever could look like in their new home. Moss has delivered a story about a tough situation that allows readers to fall in love with the story and characters without having to endure the almost-inevitable third act broken heart that so often accompanies these tales. Main characters are cued as white. VERDICT A required purchase for elementary school and middle grade libraries and a story to hand any child with a soft heart.-Kate Olson © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798898800123	Bison vs. elk	Sommer, Nathan	
LVIS	9798893044126	Black bear vs. mountain lion	Sommer, Nathan	
LVIS	9798384924425	Black Hole	Corrigan, Jim	
LVIS	9781623108823	BMX	Doeden, Matt	
LVIS	9798898800963	BMX	Langdo, Bryan	
LVIS	9781434230713	BMX blitz	Ciencin, Scott	
LVIS	9781434234018	BMX breakthrough	Bowen, Carl	Library Media Connection (March/April 2012) In this fast-paced sports series, readers find themselves in the middle of the action; the graphic novel format is easy to follow, and the text is color coded. Each title ends with a Sports Zone Postgame Recap section that reviews stats and summarizes highlights. The Postgame Extra includes discussion questions and writing prompts, along with a glossary of sports terms. Students will enjoy that some pages are set up like a sports ticker, sharing the latest stats and scores. Teachers will like that the books focus on universal values like sportsmanship, teamwork, discipline, and compromise. These vibrant, action-packed books will find a home with sports fans. Anne Bozievich, Media Specialist, Friendship Elementary School, Glen Rock, Pennsylvania. RECOMMENDED
LVIS	9798875290596	BMX challenge	Maddox, Jake	
LVIS	9798875290596	BMX challenge	Maddox, Jake	
LVIS	9781626172746	BMX racing	Adamson, Thomas K	School Library Journal (November 1, 2015) Gr 3-7-This set focuses on extreme sports, covering history, gear, events, and famous athletes. Each book begins with an account of a gold-winning performance. Graphics and color photos help convey each sport's difficulty and appeal. BMX Racing notes that Olympic races usually finish in 40 seconds or less. Motocross Racing mentions Ricky Carmichael, who completed perfect racing seasons in 2002 and 2004. In Skateboarding Street Style, text and photos capture Nyjah Huston's impressive gold medal-winning performance at the 2014 X Games, but the safety-minded caption advises readers to "protect your head!" and explains that though "professionals often wear hats during street style events, helmets are strongly recommended." VERDICT This effective series capably sums up the appeal of these popular sports. © Copyright 2015. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781667206882	Boo the library ghost	Paige, Becky	Publishers Weekly (June 17, 2024) Paige pens a ghoulish tribute to reading in this rhyming ghost story set in a ramshackle library. Spectral protagonist Boo enjoys nothing more than terrorizing patrons: "He likes to ROAR loudly/ and pop out from the shelf./ When the children run home,/ Boo is proud of himself." After the ghost’s antics fail to frighten a pale-skinned girl immersed in a book, though, Boo goes into haunting overdrive, and the child discovers that Boo doesn’t yet know how to read. The result of the ensuing instruction makes for a predictable conclusion: "When he gazed around the room,/ he loved every bookcase./ This wonderful library/ was now his favorite place!" A palette of oranges, pinks, and teals keeps the story feeling unscary even during Boo’s opening mischief, and delightful puns grace Boo’s choice of books. Patrons are depicted with varied skin tones. Ages 3-5. (July) © Copyright PWxyz, LLC. All rights reserved.
LVIS	9781338861440	Bounce Back	Misako Rocks!	Lilico, with the help of her cat, must learn to adjust to a new country, a new school, and new pressures in Bounce Back, a middle grade graphic novel from author/illustrator Misako Rocks! about finding your team and finding yourself Lilico's life in Japan is going well. She has great friends and is the captain of the school's basketball team. She's happy! Then comes her parents' news: they're moving to America! Before she knows it, Lilico finds herself in Brooklyn, New York, forced to start all over. And that won't be easy with her closest friends thousands of miles away or a school bully who immediately dislikes her. Luckily, anime-loving Nala and Henry eventually befriend Lilico and with help from them--along with her guardian spirit who looks a lot like her cat, Nico--Lilico just might figure out where she fits in. This is age-appropriate, kid-friendly manga for kids - both elementary and middle school - that tells a story about friendship, new beginnings, and doing what you love, no matter what.
LVIS	9781482480054	Box Jellyfish	Patrick, Devon	

LVIS	9780593857595	Brave like a lion! : how a puppeteer found her voice	Piphus, Megan	School Library Journal (February 1, 2026) K-Gr 3-When her teacher assigns a presentation on a favorite animal, May, with brown skin and dark hair, chooses the lion, her very favorite, but worries at the thought of speaking in front of her class. At home, she finds comfort in her lion puppet, and everything changes when she sees a woman on TV using puppets to tell stories with confidence and joy. Inspired, May visits her local library, proudly gets her first library card, and begins learning the craft of puppeteering while practicing bravery at home. When presentation day comes, May's courage wavers until a classmate asks a question directed to her puppet instead of to her. This warm and encouraging picture book nicely depicts how a shy girl starting at a new school finds her voice. VERDICT Drawn from the author's childhood, this uplifting story pairs beautifully with the included puppet-making activity.-Susie Rios © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798899132537	Brave Moves --A Karate Story	Jones, Jordan	
LVIS	9781665986588	Bravepaw and the heartstone of Alluria	Wilkinson, Lili	School Library Journal Xpress (November 21, 2025) Gr 2-5-A popular title in Australia where it was first released in 2024, this illustrated young middle grade novel is a great start to a gripping fantasy adventure series. Titch, a young mousling, yearns for adventure, but she never expected it to crash land on her family's farm at the edge of the great plateau. When she saves the life of Prince Vetiver, he proclaims her to be the next Bravepaw, a warrior blessed with the magic ability to use the heartstone staff. Despite self-doubt, she is swept up, along with her best friend Huckleberry and a puffling named Dollop, in a mission to restore balance to the world. As she struggles to come to terms with her new position as wielder of the heartstone, she will learn that there are many ways to be brave. Channeling Brian Jacques's "Redwall" series, this charming book and its cast of animal characters will quickly connect with young readers; fast pacing and cliffhangers will keep them turning pages to the end. Animation-style grayscale digital illustrations add a rich visual element with a mix of spreads, vignettes, and nature-themed embellishments between chapters. VERDICT A wonderful addition to any fantasy collection, this is especially good for reluctant and new readers of middle grade.-Virginia Pine © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780374393342	Breakout	Wyman, Christina	School Library Journal starred (February 1, 2026) Gr 4-8-Eighth grader Ellis Star is not a fan of waking up to find her face cosplaying as a pepperoni pizza. She doesn't understand why her acne is getting worse and her mother is proving to be more overbearing than helpful when it comes to treating it. The only thing peskier than her acne and parental problems is her school capstone project. Meanwhile, her relationship with her best friend Aggy seems to be changing. Thankfully she has Aunt Lydia and her dog Roscoe to help her through it all. Aunt Lydia is training Roscoe to be a therapy dog, and Ellis discovers that dogs as stress relievers is the perfect topic. Wyman expertly captures the tween voice and struggles with Ellis as she navigates eighth grade. While her issues with acne are a focal point of the story, her relationships with her friends and family are also at the forefront. The topics discussed are handled with honesty and humor and don't downplay that their importance for middle schoolers. Readers will enjoy learning they are not alone with the woes of middle school and find similarities with the characters; most characters are described as having skin tones that range from pale to olive, with the exception of Aggy, who has brown skin. An author's note is included in the beginning of the book expressing her own experience with acne and how it influenced the struggles in the book. VERDICT A realistic fiction title worthy of any middle school and public library shelf.-Amanda Borgia © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798348028374	Breanna Stewart vs. Maya Moore : who would win?	Barth, Kelley	School Library Journal (April 1, 2026) Gr 2-4-The newest titles in this ongoing series continue the familiar format of comparing two high-profile athletes to examine whose career had the greater impact. Each book introduces both athletes, explores their early lives, highlights major accomplishments, and compares key statistics to support the discussion. This season's matchup Shohei Ohtani vs. David Ortiz is likely to be especially popular, driven by Ohtani's current visibility and appeal with young readers. Football, basketball, and soccer titles are also featured this season, maintaining the series' broad sports coverage. The writing is clear, direct, and fact-focused, making the content easy to follow. Bold layouts, full-page photographs, and strong graphics help sustain interest and make these books accessible to reluctant readers. VERDICT A strong addition for collections serving sports fans and students drawn to high-interest nonfiction. © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781725480049	Brooks Koepka : golf star	Hewson, Anthony K	School Library Journal (April 1, 2020) Gr 4-7-This informative series shares the life stories of favorite pro athletes. Each book includes the history of the superstar's rise in their particular field as well as a synopsis of key moments in their careers. Not only do the books comprehensively cover the athletes' careers, some make mention of retirement plans. JuJu Smith-Schuster knows he can't be a wide receiver forever, so he hopes to turn his hobby of gaming into a career after he retires. Each book emphasizes how the stars use their money and fame to help others, like how Christian Yelich worked to raise money after the devastating California wildfires. Naomi Osaka's bio includes a sensitive look at her 2018 U.S. Open win, which was tinged with sadness as the crowd booed her victory over Serena Williams. Young readers will definitely come away inspired to work hard on their dreams. VERDICT Recommended first purchases. © Copyright 2020. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781806833924	Brunocorn	Rory H. Mather	Bruno the unicorn isn't like the other unicorns. He's clumsy and his magic never works properly. But when disaster strikes and his friends are in trouble, will Bruno be able to save the day in his own unique way?
LVIS	9798225068479	BTS: Fact & Photo File		This fan guide features all you need to know about BTS. Includes full-color images!
LVIS	9781549073038	Bugging out	Kloepfer, John	Kirkus Reviews (February 1, 2018) A newly formed alliance of monster keepers tackles a plague of designer bugzillas in this ichor-splashed sequel to Monsters Unleashed (2017).Freddie Liddle’s talent for drawing realistic monsters literally comes back to bite him when insect-loving classmate Trevor tricks him into creating a fearsome fantasy “entomon,” then uses a very special 3-D printer to bring it—and, in next to no time, zillions of its voracious progeny—to life. Time for Freddie, his four friends, and the pet monsters tamed by each in the previous episode to spring into action. The ensuing gorefest rolls on amid near-continual stomping, indiscriminate spraying, and bursts of flame (“Pop! Pop! Pop! Freddie could hear their guts exploding and bursting into the air,” etc.) to a final desperate stand featuring, in deference to monster-movie tradition, a gigantic kaiju. Along with heroic exploits galore, Kloepfer folds in bits of science and further bonding in the physically and racially diverse cast (Freddie himself is white), Trevor is welcomed into the circle and everyone gets back home in time to throw Freddie’s Latinx best bud, Manny Vasquez, an impromptu birthday party. Finished illustrations not seen. As Freddie aptly puts it: “It was gross, but it was also pretty cool.” (Fantasy. 9-12)
LVIS	9781482478167	Build, Dig, Demolish	Singer, Warren	
LVIS	9781482478198	Built for Speed	Singer, Warren	
LVIS	9780593569177	Built to last	Le, Minh	School Library Journal starred (June 1, 2024) Gr 1-4-High voltage fun for early elementary children. Zippy illustrations full of color and energy capture the evolving nature of a friendship between two boys. The kids connect through their enthusiasm for building. Their constructions fall apart more spectacularly each time, and they develop a close bond as they prepare for an ultimate project that will "stand the test of time." At the conclusion of this heartwarming story, what really is built to last is an enduring friendship. Full of Santat's signature imaginative illustrations accompanied by onomatopoeia and simple text, this story will be a seriously fun and endearing read. VERDICT Pitch perfect friendship-building fun! Highly recommended.-John Scott © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798886875492	Burmese python vs. sun bear	Sommer, Nathan	
LVIS	9781610671620	Bushfire rescue	D'Ath, Justin	
LVIS	9798899132483	Business Is Boo-ing	Troupe, Thomas Kingsley	
LVIS	9781666535471	Buster	Huett, Caleb Zane	School Library Journal (February 1, 2021) Gr 4-6-When we first meet Buster, he is being tried in Dog Court for the crime of revealing his true intelligence to humans. As a service dog for Tonino, a young boy with an anxiety disorder, Buster couldn't help but use his full skills to support his person. Huett's clever premise, smooth worldbuilding, and quick pacing will engage young readers. Most notable, though, is his thoughtful depiction of anxiety, which will help kids understand themselves or their peers who may struggle with intrusive thoughts, panic attacks, or other mental health challenges. Tonino grows over the course of the book as he begins to understand that he can implement strategies to feel better but will likely never be "cured." VERDICT A fun caper for dog lovers with a more serious depiction of anxiety disorder woven in. Strongly recommended as a first purchase.-Gesse Stark-Smith, Multnomah County Lib., Portland, OR © Copyright 2021. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798886083767	Butt or face? Vol. 5,Rainbow butts	Lavelle, Kari	
LVIS	9780735265929	Butterflies are pretty gross!	Mosco, Rosemary	Kirkus Reviews starred (March 1, 2021) A witty look at the less-beautiful characteristics of butterflies. As this informational book opens, a big-eyed monarch-butterfly narrator flits and flutters with its beautiful friends. Then, in metafictive fashion, it warns readers that if they want to continue believing that pretty is the essence of butterflies, “DON’T TURN THE PAGE.” Of course, curious readers will keep going! The narrator reveals the truth: “Some butterflies are gross.” Readers peer through the narrator’s binoculars as it describes in pithy text such shocking sights as butterflies slurping up dead-animal juices and offers additional undesirable adjectives, like “drab” butterflies that resemble dull leaves, an adaptation that confuses hungry birds. Comical illustrations that feature patterns and earth tones highlight the humor. But wait, there’s more, as the narrator warns once again: “OK, prepare to get weirded out.” It starts up an old-fashioned movie projector, and as it uses such monstrous terms as shape-shifters and carnivorous, it explains and shows scenes of metamorphosis, caterpillars’ diets, and more. Finally, the narrator takes readers into a top-secret lab and reveals images of butterflies tasting with their feet, eating poop, and drinking tears—and some that “have butts that look like heads.” A concluding chart depicts thumbnails of featured butterflies, further related facts, and their geographic range. All in all, it’s a fun addition—or alternative—to traditional insect study. (This book was reviewed digitally with 9-by-18-inch double-page spreads viewed at actual size.) A proboscis-in-cheek introduction to butterflies that will appeal to reluctant readers and bug enthusiasts alike. (Informational picture book. 4-8)
LVIS	9780063459205	Caitlin Clark : shooting star : a biography	Wainer, Erica	School Library Journal (October 1, 2025) PreS-Gr 3-Wainer's biography of women's basketball rising star Caitlin Clark is engaging and accessible to young readers. She demonstrates how Clark's focus, determination, and love for basketball helped her rise to the top of her sport. While Clark is depicted as a star player, she is also described as "unselfish on the court." When her team didn't win the championship, Clark was motivated to practice more. With cheerful expressions and vivid colors, Marianno's illustrations add details to the narrative of Clark's many accomplishments. VERDICT A good choice for fans of the "Little People, Big Dreams" series, this biography will help inspire young athletes and bring much deserved attention to womens' sports.-Mari Pongkhamsing © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780823462520	California or Dust	Wendell, Mindy Nichols	School Library Journal Xpress (June 12, 2026) Gr 3-7-History vividly comes to life in this engaging story that follows white 11-year-old Lark Jensen and her family after they lose their Oklahoma farm to devastating dust storms. In 1939, Lark's family makes the decision to join the massive wave of migrants headed to California in search of work and stability. Instead, they find an overcrowded makeshift camp, low wages, and hostility from residents who resent the newcomers' presence. The term "Okie" becomes a painful reminder that they are considered outsiders. The author acknowledges that while most of the migrants were white, Black families also endured these dire circumstances. At the heart of the story is Lark's resilience. With her mother overwhelmed and withdrawn, Lark steps up to manage household duties, take care of younger siblings, and help her father earn income by working in the fields. Her quiet strength and determination highlight the sacrifices children often made during the Great Depression. Hope emerges at the camp's Fieldstone School, built in part by the students themselves. With innovative teaching, a unique curriculum, and community support, the school becomes a beacon of opportunity. An epilogue from 1960 offers satisfying closure. The author's endnotes enrich readers' understanding of this era and adds meaningful perspective on the family's journey. VERDICT This well-written tale of struggle and achievement is highly recommended for school libraries wishing to add to their historical fiction collection. In the classroom it would pair exceptionally well with Karen Hesses's Out of the Dust to enrich a Great Depression unit.-Lynne Stover © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798217133918	Call of the Parasaurolophus	Stone, Rex	
LVIS	9798893044133	Camel spider vs. black fat-tailed scorpion	Sommer, Nathan	
LVIS	9780374395032	Camp catastrophe	Gordon, Brian	School Library Journal Xpress (June 26, 2026) Gr 2-5-Summer is here and Virgil, Dante's winged and halo-sporting best friend, has convinced him to give Sulphur Springs a chance. Dante, the self-confessed "indoorsy" type, figured that camp must be better than summer with his siblings, so why not give it a try? His hopes for a good time, however, are quickly and literally dampened. Upon arrival at camp, Dante and Virgil are greeted by a literal bad sign: the Sulphur Springs sign cracked in half. Things build from there; the cabin is stinky and leaking, they are bunk mates with a bully from school, not to mention the whispers of a giant camper-eating monster worm named Chompy! Something is not quite right at Sulphur Springs, and without meaning to, Dante and Virgil are caught up in solving the mystery as they try to make the best of this camp experience. Illustrations are well timed throughout, breaking up the text while adding wit, humor, and visual depth to the story. The black-and-white sketch work brings a playful aesthetic, often resulting in chuckles and lighthearted comedic release. As with the first book in this series, Dante N. Ferno Is NOT a Loser, this sequel continues to bring light references to mythology to the table. Chompy adds a bit of light spookiness to the story line. VERDICT A delightful book celebrating the bond and complexity of best friendship, perfect for fans of series such as Liz Pichon's "Tom Gates" and Dav Pilkey's "Dog Man."-Jessica Caron © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

LVIS	9780593806289	Camp frenemies. Bunkmates for never	Montague, Liz	Kirkus Reviews (April 1, 2026) Bea is excited to reunite with her camp friends and cabin mates, Roxy and Virginia, over the summer after seventh grade. But before long, Bea becomes upset by her friends' reminders of her previous reliance on her stuffed rabbit, Roger, to face social situations. At 13, Bea and her friends are now Froglings, the oldest kids at Camp Chordata, and they quickly discover that, since the camp is "super understaffed," this status comes with less supervision and guidance during activities. They and the two other Froglings are also asked to take on additional responsibilities with younger campers, which doesn't feel fair. Between her disappointment over the way the Froglings are being treated and Virginia's comments about "the Old Bea," Bea finds herself regretting coming back. The story moves at a rapid pace while still keeping the characters' emotions front and center. Readers will relate to Bea's desire to grow and change without being continually compared to her past self. Montague explores healthy communication and the importance of learning to love yourself at every stage of your life as the friends work through relationship hiccups. Her clean, boldly executed art accentuates the girls' expressively drawn faces. Bea has curly brown hair and brown skin, Roxy has tan skin and blond hair, and Virginia has dark brown skin and red hair. An insightful, slice-of-life look at growing up while being true to oneself. (Graphic fiction. 8-12)
LVIS	9798217446001	Camp Half-Blood From the World of Percy JacksonThe Wild Zone	Riordan, Rick	
LVIS	9780062869432	Camp of no return	Reynolds, J. H	
LVIS	9781464241048	Camp Zero	Kelly, Erin Entrada	School Library Journal (April 1, 2026) Gr 3-7-Newbery Award-winning author Kelly and National Book Award finalist Schrefer team up in the first of a series. Snarky 11-year-old gamer Sofia Mendoza is about to get the shock of her life when her dad drives her to summer camp in the middle of nowhere and informs her she must relinquish her tech and writing supplies. Campers at Forestjaw start in Cabin Zero, eerily like Sofia's favorite game, Sandbox (resembling Minecraft or Roblox). Camp Forestjaw uses Survivor-style challenges to pit campers against one another to win the prize of one million Sandbox credits. Monarch, the ominous camp leader and creator of Sandbox (the company that sponsors the camp), wants kids to discover new villains for the game that might appear in updates. Striving readers and gamers will love the cutthroat action, gaming vocabulary, and solving the mystery of why campers are at Forestjaw. New friendships are tested when campers are supposed to rank fellow campers while terrifying robot vultures circle overhead. Will Sofia risk disqualification to save an eliminated camper? This series debut blends sci-fi with rabid competition. Grayscale illustrations capture the action and foreboding of the narrative as it develops. A cliff-hanger leaves many elements unanswered, such as non-disclosure agreements, and where gamers go when they are eliminated. Fans of Gordon Korman's Unplugged will find much to pore over and enjoy here. VERDICT A horror adventure for gamers about finding friends in unlikely places and learning to overcome fears.-Laura Dooley-Taylor © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781482478402	Can a Driverless Car Get Lost?	Gifford, Clive	
LVIS	9781482478433	Can Light Slice Through Steel?	Gifford, Clive	
LVIS	9781459838727	Can we talk? : how humans stay in touch	Birmingham, Maria	Kirkus Reviews (March 15, 2025) An overview of the means we use to communicate, from hand gestures to augmented reality (AR) glasses. Citing expert opinion that our need to connect with one another is as vital and innate as our need for food and shelter, Birmingham tallies up the various ways humans have found to keep in touch from deep prehistory on. She omits some topics; fashion, pheromones, architecture, politics, and art are just some of the many modes of communication that go unexamined. Still, her thought-provoking survey covers the major ones—speech and writing—and is broad enough to touch on whistling, yodeling, smoke signals (in China and certain parts of North America), homing pigeons, postal systems, and AI voice software. Central to Birmingham's topic is the development of languages. Noting that 7,000 or so are in current use, she pays particular attention to artificial ones such as Esperanto and Klingon, discusses new ones including Nicaraguan Sign Language and "Textese," and notes how the genocide of Indigenous Americans by European settlers caused many tongues to fade or disappear. In color photos and graphic images, a racially and culturally diverse mix of children and adults talk, write, read, and peer at screens. Along with glancing mention of recent developments such as deepfakes and "phubbing," the author closes with a final, quick plea to put down the phones and rediscover the value of face-to-face conversation. An intriguing look at how humans have stayed connected through the ages. (glossary, resource list, index) (Nonfiction. 10-13)
LVIS	9781482478464	Can You Break the Internet?	Gifford, Clive	
LVIS	9798898800130	Canada goose vs. Gray fox	Sommer, Nathan	
LVIS	9781534439122	Cape	Hannigan, Kate	School Library Journal (July 1, 2019) Gr 4-7-Hannigan soars with a rich new adventure series inspired by real women programmers from World War II. Philadelphia has not seen caped crusaders in years, yet seventh-grader Josie O'Malley loves reading comic books about female superheroes and solving math and word games. When she notices an ad in the paper seeking puzzle solvers to help crack ciphers, Josie knows that this is her dream job. She'll do anything to help her family while her father is away fighting Germany's Nazis. Josie is alarmed when she, Akiko, and Mae are all cut from the puzzler tryouts because they are girls. The girls join forces as caped crusaders themseves, with advanced powers and teamwork to foil a cloak-and-dagger evildoer and crack the clandestine code just in time to find superheroes who went missing in action. Mae, who is African American, and Akiko, who is Japanese- American, are nuanced characters whose experiences with racism accurately reflect the time period. Hannigan takes on history, prejudice, friendship, and bravery with aplomb. VERDICT Fans of fast-paced action adventures, computer science, and confident main characters will enjoy this series debut that is sure to fly off the shelves.-Annisha Jeffries, Cleveland Public Library © Copyright 2019. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781250840509	Cape	Johnson, Kevin	School Library Journal (April 1, 2023) K-Gr 3-The story of an African American child and his experience with his father's death on the day of his funeral. The child moves among various stages of grief, first denial and ultimately ending with acceptance, by finding comfort with his aunt and remembering his father's love. The full color artwork equally imparts emotional gravitas through dramatic scenes; people are shown grieving in darkness in the foreground or the background, with the child alone, wearing a red cape, distant from others until he begins to remember joyful memories. This book will serve as a private book for grieving children or for a family needing help while facing a loss. The sentences are brief, aptly demonstrating the difficulty of communicating the process of grieving. VERDICT Purchase for help with social-emotional learning and to give greater guidance to the trauma of loss for young children; this need not be used solely in cases of extreme grief, but to encourage empathy, understanding, and articulation of loss.-Vi Ha © Copyright 2023. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798318912061	Captain Underpants the first epic manga. 1	Pilkey, Dav	School Library Journal (April 1, 2026) Gr 2-5-Harold, George, and the eponymous Captain Underpants make the leap from chapter book to manga with surprisingly few changes. The manga follows the plot of the first "Captain Underpants" book pretty closely. Friends and comic creators Harold and George pull various pranks, ruining the school football game by planting pepper in the pompoms, helium in the footballs, and itching cream in the muscle rub. Caught in the act by their principal Mr. Krupps, who has installed video cameras everywhere, they are subjected to a miserable regime of good behavior and chores. Then they order a hypno-ring from a comic book and hypnotize Mr. Krupps, turning him into an underpants-clad superhero who ends up saving the moon from the evil Dr. Diaper. The manga has a higher page count than the original, but the art propels the story forward with speed lines, diagonal panels, shifting perspectives, and dramatic lighting, making the adaptation feel like a faster read. The book includes a couple of Pilkey's signature Flip-o-Rama features, where readers flip the pages rapidly to animate a scene, as well as a delightful Where's Waldo-esque crowd scene. Unlike most manga, the book is in color and reads from left to right. In fact, it's not entirely obvious that this is a manga because the style is one that has been adopted by many U.S. creators, but Motojiro is a veteran Japanese manga-ka with years of experience drawing for children, and this is a very well-crafted book. VERDICT Dynamic, clever, and funny, this manga adaptation keeps the best parts of the original and adds the special sauce only comics can bring. © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798225082864	Capybara Kingdom: Cara the Shimmer Wings Capybara	Emma Young	The first book in the new Capybara Kingdom series with magic, mischief and so much fun! Cara the Capybara can't help but get herself into trouble... Whether it's splashing about and disturbing her sister's peace, or stealing a slice of the cake, mischief seems to follow her everywhere. So when Cara is helping Dad collect some vegetables for dinner, it's no surprise when she wonders off and disappears down a magical hole. When she wakes up, Cara discovers she's landed in Capybara Kingdom. And it's AMAZING. There's upside-down forests and magic all around. And, Cara has ... WINGS! There's so much to explore and so many new creatures to meet in the Kingdom. When she meets capybara Ava, in the popular Cafebara in town, she learns her birthday party is turning out to be a disaster. Can Cara use her newfound wings to help save the day and give Ava the Capybirthday of her dreams without causing her usual chaos?
LVIS	9798225082864	Cara the Shimmer Wings Capybara	Young, Emma	
LVIS	9780062869401	Carnevil	Reynolds, J. H	
LVIS	9798217030286	Casting April	Lu, Wendy	School Library Journal Xpress (June 12, 2026) Gr 4-7-Twelve-year-old April Xue is a promising actress. She specializes in online casting calls, where she commits to every role and song in a specialized app. When her school announces a new show, she feels insecure and chooses not to audition. April has a tracheostomy tube in her neck, and she is nervous being in front of a live audience. Once her best friend pushes her to do it, she nails the audition! However, the theater director gives her a backstage role, and April overhears her director saying the choice was due to her trach tube. April tells friends and family she earned the lead role, then goes on a personal quest to prove herself to the director: if she can nail every aspect of her job plus learn every line, she might be given the role anyway. The lies begin to pile up, and as things get more and more complicated, April backs herself into a corner. The show's debut is fast approaching, and she has been untruthful to her best friends, her family, and the whole cast. Lu, a disability journalist who lives with a tracheostomy tube, has crafted a book that touches on multiple issues: visible and invisible disabilities, prejudice against Asian Americans, the world of theater, and more. The main characters are from a variety of backgrounds, and the inherent "drama" of the theater community is explored. Readers will navigate the emotional rollercoaster alongside April. VERDICT A strong debut about a budding thespian advocating for herself despite prejudice and misconceptions; recommended for upper elementary and middle school libraries.-Carolina Youssif © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781506758374	Cat + Crazy, Volume 1	Wataru Nadatani	High schooler Kensuke Fuji adores cats, but others in his family are allergic, so he's never really been able to spend time with any. When he meets a mysteriously skilled cat guru—who seems to be able to understand everything about cats—Kensuke finds a kindred spirit who is also "absolutely kitty bonkers," so he decides to study under this Ultimate Cat Whisperer! Come along with Kensuke and learn the secrets of the Cat Fist Way!
LVIS	9798225019624	Cat Loaf Adventures®, Vol. 1	kat.ariyn	Follow the adventures of Cat Loaf and their pastry pals as they explore, make friends, and cause mayhem! This quirky comic from Webtoon is perfect for fans of Pusheen!Meet Cat Loaf, the most wondrous talking, walking, sitting, hopping, loaf of bread you'll ever meet!Join feline friends Cat Loaf, Rye Loaf, and Tabby Loaf (Tabs for short) as they go on adventures in this WebToon original graphic novel, now in print for the very first time! Equal parts fun and funny, Cat Loaf Adventures Vol. 1 is stuffed full of epic excitement and wacky weirdness.From thwarting the dastardly plans of the evil Lord Cinnabuns to befriending the elusive and skittish chocolate mousses, Cat Loaf is here to do it all and make a mess along the way!
LVIS	9798875289507	Cat Obsession! : Facts, Quizzes, and Activities About Our Feline Friends	Schwartz, Heather E	
LVIS	9781537904108	Caught offside	Montalbano, Andrea	School Library Journal (August 1, 2017) Gr 3-6-The "Soccer Sisters" return with a story about putting one's values and self-worth before the callous opinions of others. Val and Makena are best friends. They come from different towns; Val from working class Highland Ferry and Makena from affluent Brookville. Many residents of Highland Ferry work for the families of Brookville, including Val's father. But Makena would never put her friend down for their differences in circumstance. Other team members like Jessie are not as considerate. Singling Val out for her Mexican heritage and financial differences, Jessie tells Val she's no longer welcome on the team. Val also wonders if Makena's newfound interest in the upcoming Snow Fairy Dance signals a change in their friendship. Montalbano's second series entry maintains the empowering tone of the first book while introducing more complex themes of social justice. The story remains full of soccer action sequences that are skillfully written to engage readers. The book is rounded out by a lengthy soccer term dictionary to bring unfamiliar readers up to speed. While geared towards a female readership, the engaging characters will appeal to a broad segment of middle grade readers. A recommended purchase for discussing racial stereotypes and microaggressions in a sensitive manner for younger readers. -VERDICT A winning combination of sports, self-respect, and friendship. A strong purchase where -realistic and accessible sports fiction is in -demand.-J-essica Bushore, Xenia, OH © Copyright 2017. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

LVIS	9781623543891	Ceecee : Underground Railroad Cinderella	Keller, Shana	School Library Journal starred (April 1, 2025) Gr 2-5-A brave overlay of a thought-provoking retelling of the Cinderella story, this does not arrive at a conventional fairy-tale ending, but something far better: the young heroine finds a pathway to freedom. CeeCee, who is Black, only has a scrap of paper with her true name on it that her mother gave her before they were separated by the cruel conditions of slavery. CeeCee grows up in Maryland, enslaved by a white family with two girls who treat her very poorly in wicked stepsister fashion. Digital illustrations effectively capture CeeCee's stoicism, showing the warmth of the kitchen and the hardship of the attic where she is locked after she is caught trying to read. She repeatedly dreams of being rescued by a prince, but it is Binty, the cook, and her own resourcefulness that guide her to make a gown and coat suitable for her escape. When the time of CeeCee's liberation arrives, safety comes from a different version of royalty-Harriet Tubman. Educators will love this opportunity to show the ongoing merits of the old tales: as vehicles for lessons, history, and metaphors in a guide to life. Readers looking for a straightforward retelling of Cinderella will be rewarded instead with a tale rich in depth as they root for CeeCee. Visually appealing illustrations feature dark shadows and effective use of light to depict CeeCee's bravery as well as her persistent humanity in an inhumane situation. VERDICT With rich language and a complex subject matter deftly touched on throughout, this is suitable for intermediate students; it's no fairy tale, but a retelling that amplifies courage and perseverance in the face of seemingly insurmountable challenges.-John Scott © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781645828303	Centaurs	Terp, Gail	
LVIS	9781665952477	Champions of the galaxy	Okogwu, Tola	School Library Journal Xpress (June 26, 2026) Gr 3-7-This story begins in the present day, on July 16, 2025, but quickly enters the science fiction genre when the world of British Nigerian Kola Adesola, aged 12, is altered by the appearance of an alien spaceship. The Onni are an ancient race, with refugees fleeing their planet's destruction by the Alliance-a coalition of aliens bent on Earth's annihilation. Believing that Earth's children represent the best of humanity, they decide that they may be the key to saving the planet. To determine whether the planet is worthy of assistance, the Onni establish a series of trials for 91 exceptional children ages 10-15, selected from each of the world's seven continents. Kola is chosen given his yearlong training for a UK space mission and his strengths in astrophysics and riddle-solving. The children are organized into "Pods," and Kola finds himself grouped with three children whose ages, personalities, and skills differ greatly from his own. His Podmates-Achan Dut from South Sudan, Thea Carter from the US, and Kim Dae Jin from South Korea-seem irreconcilably different from the start, making it difficult for Kola to manage his anxiety around new people. Themes of trust, consensus, community, peace, equity, and justice permeate the trials. To succeed, the children must overcome their fears and commit to working together for the good of the group. VERDICT The ethnic, linguistic, physical, and neurological diversity of Pod 19's protagonists will appeal to upper elementary and middle grade readers interested in relatable protagonists and world-saving sci-fi plots.-Ruth Quiroa © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798318954344	Charlie Picasso and the magic pencil	Alber, Diane	
LVIS	9781398857476	Cheat Code Chaos	Macphail, David	
LVIS	9781420537284	Chef's Secret	Yang, Kelly	School Library Journal (May 1, 2025) Gr 3-7-Secrets get heavier the longer we carry them, and Jason is learning that lesson the hard way. Threatened by bullies, Jason makes a very poor decision and things just keep getting worse. But then he meets Mia, who makes his heart pound and his head spin. Their schoolwork, his job as a chef, and her job as the front desk clerk at the Calivista Hotel limit their time together, but they build a lovely and tender friendship that helps Jason process his doubts and fears. Jason's parents also face their own ethical dilemmas. Themes of honesty and being your authentic self are sensitively investigated, with scenes that are equally awkward, hilarious, and deeply emotional. Elements of Chinese culture are deftly woven through the story without overpowering the ever-twisting and engaging plot. Genuinely funny, heartbreaking, and sensitively written, this book will appeal to readers who are looking for a male main character with interests other than sports or gaming. They will become fast fans of Jason. VERDICT Waste no time in adding this series to your shelves. It's a winner. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798368714028	Chickenpox	Lai, Remy	School Library Journal (December 1, 2024) Gr 4-6-Abby Lai is a big sister and just wants time away from her four loud, obnoxious younger siblings. Abby loves going to school, particularly when she can spend time with her friends Monica and Julia, who want to know why they never hang out at Abby's house. Abby eventually gives in and invites them over, warning them that her siblings are quite immature. However, Abby's behavior toward her siblings isn't exactly the picture of maturity, leading to her friends being standoffish at school. To make matters worse, one of those friends unknowingly had chickenpox during the visit, and now Abby and her siblings all have chickenpox, too. What could be worse than being stuck in the "wild zoo" of her house for the next two weeks? Lai perfectly captures the feelings of sibling drama and the 1990s, with bright, neon background colors, lots of onomatopoeia, and often exaggerated sibling facial expressions. This story, which is fictional but based on events from the author's childhood, provides a unique point of view, with Abby taking the lead and Remy-the author-being one of the annoying younger siblings. This title is perfect for fans of Raina Telgemeier, or readers who enjoy graphic novels akin to Megan Wagner Lloyd's Allergic and Varian Johnson's Twins. VERDICT Heartwarming and fun, this holds its own as a solid graphic novel about siblings and family.-Annamarie Carlson © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781482479720	Chimps and Monkeys Scream!	Richards, Derrick	
LVIS	9783039641116	Chomp! : our health and world in extraordinary fangs, tusks and teeth	Cantine, Yoann	School Library Journal starred (March 1, 2026) Gr 3-6-Learning about teeth may not seem exciting at first, but the presentation in this information-rich book will draw readers in. With a broad array of topics covered in plenty of short chapters, the colored pages are filled with frames, lists, diagrams, text boxes, and visually appealing illustrations. Some students will access the many text tools for research, while others will dip into this trove of facts for pleasure. Readers will learn that alligators lose a mouthful of teeth every year, elephant tusks can weigh 400 pounds, sea slugs have 70,000 sharp teeth, and ancient people probably used hog hair toothbrushes. On the more serious side, human teeth are named and labeled, dental professions are explained, attention is given to tools and equipment for proper hygiene, foods and drinks are suggested for dental health; sugar is identified as the culprit when it comes to cavities. Animal behaviors like gnawing and grinding are shown in contrast to humans, whose own food choices throughout history have influenced changes in the shape of our jaws. Kids who absorb the wealth of knowledge in this book will feel like they know everything there is of interest about teeth. They can prove it by taking the quiz helpfully included in the back (in library settings, perhaps on a separate piece of paper). VERDICT An excellent resource that lends a lively, humorous tone to a straightforward topic.-Gloria Koster © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798217041893	Christian's soccer superpowers	Pulisic, Christian	School Library Journal (May 1, 2026) Gr 1-3-Christian is excited for his first soccer practice, and he's been honing his skills for weeks. However, when he arrives, Christian realizes that all his teammates are bigger and stronger than him. He loses confidence and is conflicted as to whether he should go back to practice. Instead, Christian's parents and siblings organize a "Super Soccer Day" where Christian rebuilds his confidence, practices his skills, and learns there's more to the game of soccer than strength and size. His playfully competitive family assures him that an athlete needs focus, determination, and confidence; those are superpowers bigger than physical size. Kissi's art is a highlight of this sweet family tale inspired by Pulisic's childhood. Christian and his family are cued white. VERDICT The lifelong lessons this book provides are not only for kids who hope to grow up to be professional athletes; a strong addition for young reader collections. © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780593901144	Christmas in Camelot Graphic Novel	Osborne, Mary Pope	
LVIS	9798348043346	Chupacabra Vs. Bigfoot A Legendary Smackdown	Troupe, Thomas Kingsley	
LVIS	9780063348363	Cincinnati Lee, curse breaker	Heilig, Heidi	School Library Journal Xpress (February 28, 2025) Gr 4-6-Twelve-year-old Cincinnati Lee is a thief, but for a good reason. Her great-great-great grandfather, a famous archeologist, put a curse on the family through his looted goods and now, following his diary, Cincinnati must break it. Cin's mom, who is Chinese and white, is a fundraiser for the Cosmopolitan Museum of New York, where Cincinnati spends much of her time with brilliant forger (and best friend) Felix. She discovers an evil villain is conspiring with a well-known collector to find the Spear of Destiny, an artifact with ultimate power to reverse her curse-or destroy the world! Cin's new friend Parsley, a fashion-forward Black girl, becomes her willing (and sometimes unwilling) accomplice as she sneaks into art auctions, scales rooftops to warehouses, and finds her way to a houseboat in Paris to recover the spear and perhaps change her destiny. With a mix of reality, the supernatural, and unbelievable situations, this story makes an entertaining read. The first-person narration highlights Cin as an erudite tween trying to save her family and figure out friendships. Some references might go over the heads of the intended readership with their focus on the illegal artifact trade, referencing real museums and cases, such the Hobby Lobby scandal and the legendary Indiana Jones. These are explained in the author's note, so unfamiliar topics could spark conversations. VERDICT An adventure heist that tries to emulate the excitement of Indiana Jones, while adroitly opening their eyes to the problematic issues of smuggling and looting ancient artifacts for tweens who like a rollicking story.-Clare A. Dombrowski © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781459831469	Cities : how humans live together	Clendenan, Megan	Booklist (April 15, 2023 (Vol. 119, No. 16)) Grades 4-7. About half the world’s population lives in a city. To understand what makes them popular places to reside, Clendenan studies cities around the world, from past to present, and imagines what they may be like in the future. Five thematic chapters, full of engaging facts, describe city design, transportation, water and waste management, energy, and food sources. They progress roughly chronologically while also considering modern parallels, the effects of climate change, and accessibility. For example, the chapter on transportation traces ancient Rome’s narrow streets for walking to Brooklyn’s first bicycle path in the U.S. to Shanghai’s maglev trains, in addition to describing the reemergence of pedestrian-focused spaces globally, bicycle use by commuters in Copenhagen, and braille assistance for Vancouver bus riders. Each chapter concludes with emerging technologies to make cities more sustainable, such as underground farming and smart streetlights that can manage traffic and monitor air quality. A colorful combination of photographs, cartoon illustrations, and infographics provides plenty of visuals in this appealing look at human history.
LVIS	9781482479096	Cities Lost to Time	Samuels, Charlie	
LVIS	9781546122487	Claim the emerald crown	Yardi, Robin	School Library Journal Xpress (April 17, 2026) Gr 2-4-Yardi continues the "Coral Keepers" series in this third entry of the action-packed fantasy series for mermaid and shark lovers. Mermaid Princess Finn and her friends Moon and Link are training to become Coral Keepers to help protect their community. On this mission, they must search for an ancient emerald crown to help rebuild the coral wall that was damaged by the evil shark magician Rozaro. While they face pirates and terrible storms, they have the power of magic, friendship, and teamwork on their side. Marine animal and mermaid lovers will be excited by the real ocean details included in the plot. Younger readers may struggle a bit with a more complex plot and the intensity of the battle scenes. While an introduction includes some background about the characters and plot, this series works best when read in order. A map, character guide, and comprehension questions are included. Each page has grayscale illustrations by Kellam in an appealing and popular animation style. The multitude of illustrations will help practicing readers build their pacing and maintain interest. The mermaids are depicted with varied skin tones, hairstyles, and body types. VERDICT Sure to be a hit where this series is popular and for fans of chapter book fantasy series like Tracey West's "Dragon Masters" and Katrina Charman's "The Last Firehawk."-Taylor Skorski © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781510742635	Clash at Fatal Fields : an unofficial Fortnite adventure novel	Hunter, Devin	
LVIS	9780062947857	Clash of the cackling cougars	Bowles, David	
LVIS	9781645199014	Cleat dreams : a soccer story	Jones, Jordan	
LVIS	9781503850323	Clemson Tigers	Kelley, K. C	
LVIS	9798217123544	Coco and Stephen, together forever : how a kitten and bunny became best friends	Stern, Beth Ostrosky	School Library Journal Xpress (April 17, 2026) PreS-Gr 1-A kitten, Coco, and a bunny, Stephen, find their forever home together in this touching story by animal activist and actress Stern. Inspired by true events chronicled on the author's Instagram, this work focuses on Coco and Stephen, who were abandoned by their first human families because of injury (Coco) and boredom (Stephen) until they were rescued separately by her. Digital illustrations softly fill each page with warmth as Coco and Stephen eat, bathe, sleep, and play together. At first, the narrative reads disjointedly because of the alternating perspectives of its protagonists and the lack of smooth transitioning, but it flows smoothly once Coco and Stephen meet. Clever parallels and repetition make this suitable for a younger audience and early literacy development. Back matter is included. All sale proceeds will be donated to the North Shore Animal League. VERDICT Purchase for collections where animal rescue and celebrity stories are popular.-Rachel Zuffa © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

LVIS	9780593204917	Code name: serendipity	Smith, Amber	School Library Journal (January 1, 2022) Gr 3-7-Turning 11 has meant nothing but trouble for Sadie. School is awful, her best friend has moved away, her older brother has turned into a brat, and now her grandfather, who is fighting dementia, is coming to live with them. If only something good would happen in her life, she might just make it through this terrible year. For Sadie, that something good wanders into her yard one day and she instantly makes a connection. It's a dog, but not just any dog-Sadie swears they can communicate telepathically. The dog is scared and wants nothing more than a good meal and a warm place to sleep. Sadie knows her moms will never allow her to have a dog, not with Gramp's arrival and the changes that are about to come with taking care of him. If only she could tell someone about her ability to communicate with the dog, whom she names Dewey. With the help of a possible new friend and, surprisingly, Gramps, Sadie decides to rescue Dewey anyway and bring her home. But if she's caught, it could be big trouble for everyone. In this heartening tale, readers will meet families with two moms, single parents, as well as extended families. Each shares the bonds of love in unique ways. Characters also confront learning disabilities, mental health issues, and bullying in ways that are uplifting and positive. Sadie finds release in her art and her highly active imagination as well as her deep love for her grandfather. Even her brat of a brother has a heart. Realistic issues are depicted with honesty and reach satisfying conclusions. VERDICT Charming and touching, this novel will find a place with fans of realistic fiction who enjoy a bit of sentimentality.-Carol Connor © Copyright 2022. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781713733676	Cog	Van Eekhout, Greg	School Library Journal Xpress (October 25, 2019) Gr 3-7-Cog is a robot who looks like a young boy, designed to learn about the world around him. Under the patient guidance of Gina, an offbeat engineer, Cog feels safe and supported. When Cog decides to leave the house without Gina's permission, a terrible accident lands him in a lab run by scientists with methods far more clinical than Gina's. While Gina treats Cog like a member of the family, these scientists see him and other robots as specimens to be examined and tested. When Cog decides to break out and find his real home, enlisting the help of other robots in the facility, he learns that friendship, family, and community aren't just for humans. This book does not shy away from dark themes; from the people who do not help Cog after his accident to the scientists who treat robots poorly, the book has many examples of the problems that can occur when people lack empathy for those around them. However, Cog is an amusing narrator and the story deftly balances the significant questions of consciousness and mortality with humor and action. Though the races of the human characters go undisclosed, Cog and other robots are described as having dark skin. VERDICT A sensitive and thought-provoking early exercise in empathy and belonging for fans of Peter Brown's The Wild Robot.-Madison Bishop, Plymouth Public Library, Plymouth, MA © Copyright 2019. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798899130991	Cold courage : a hockey story	Jones, Jordan	
LVIS	9798987408025	Collaboration station	Olsen, Shannon	
LVIS	9780711278752	Colossal words for kids	Hiller, Colette	
LVIS	9780593693711	Copland : a story about America	Mang, Veronica	School Library Journal starred (March 1, 2026) Gr 1-3-From a very young age, Aaron Copland (1900-1990) noticed and reveled in the music of the world around him, from the traditional sounds of the piano to the melodies found in the bustle of city life. And as America spiraled into the Great Depression, Copland began to explore how artists bear witness in times of struggle and how music can bring everyone together. This approachable nonfiction picture book introduces readers to the creative life of the iconic American musician, known for the ballet Appalachian Spring, among others. At once inspiring and thought-provoking, this book recounts the many ways in which the composer, pianist, and conductor challenged the status quo and showcased the true sounds of America in his music-jazz, folk songs, and tunes played in dance halls. Colorful, child-friendly illustrations stirringly depict the people and the experiences expressed in the music while helping young readers better connect with Copland's life story. Delivered in the present tense, the narrative makes Copland's choices feel immediate, and his life story will resonate with elementary-aged readers. Back matter includes a more extensive biography, author's note, bibliography, and suggested reading and listening for kids. VERDICT Especially well-suited to being paired with recordings of Copland's music, this accessible biography effectively connects young readers to the artist's life and the ongoing relevance of his work into the present day. © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798893041545	Cottonmouth vs. snapping turtle	Sommer, Nathan	
LVIS	9798318900013	Could you ever smile with axolotls!?	Markle, Sandra	
LVIS	9781544463094	Coyote vs. dingo	Pallotta, Jerry	
LVIS	9781482479751	Coyotes and Wolves Charge!	Richards, Derrick	
LVIS	9781459839595	Cracking the code : the human quest to uncover secrets	Kehoe, Rachel	School Library Journal (November 1, 2025) Gr 4-7-This series explores big ideas and how they "have shaped humanity." One of this season's titles delves into why humans tell time and how people even try to manipulate it. Just a Minute readers will enjoy references to movies like "Back to the Future" and "Armageddon" that deal with time travel or the end of time. Cracking the Code starts with descriptions of the earliest codes and continues on to the scientists exploring the human genome. Sections on the Enigma Code and Navajo Code Talkers help connect the use of codes and encryption to pivotal historical events. Full-color illustrations and photos help to break up the text and support the narrative with images like code-breaking machines and an early atomic clock. Glossary terms appear in bold italicized font within the main body of the text. Resource lists include print and online suggestions. VERDICT A fascinating exploration that will answer the questions of enthusiasts on these topics. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781338829464	Crash from outer space : unraveling the mystery of flying saucers, alien beings, and Roswell	Fleming, Candace	Horn Book Magazine (November/December, 2022) Fleming deftly explores the enigmatic history of UFOs, extraterrestrials, and conspiracy theories related to the infamous events during the summer of 1947 in Roswell, New Mexico. Brisk chapters (with such evocative headings as "What's That in the Sky?" and "Could It Really Be a Flying Saucer?") cogently weave together how the now-ubiquitous story of a UFO crash-landing in the desert came to be. Yes, mysterious debris really was discovered by a sheep rancher near Roswell; however, a growing post-WWII fear of nuclear war combined with a highly publicized "flying saucer" sighting near Mount Rainier caught the public's imagination, spiraling into a convoluted tale of secret alien autopsies and interplanetary spacecraft. With four distinct parts spanning the last seventy years, Fleming documents the willingness of many well-known ufologists to accept unconfirmed evidence and hearsay ("saucer logic") as truth in the face of consistent discreditation. Notably, readers are provided with several "basic principles of critical thinking" to evaluate such extraordinary claims, including the Sagan Standard, burden of proof, and Occam's razor. A variety of visuals, including declassified government documents, photographs, and original illustrations, are effectively incorporated throughout. Fleming concludes with a brief overview of current-day perspectives on UAPs (Unidentified Aerial Phenomena), including the U.S. government's public acknowledgment of documented sightings. Back matter includes an author's note, bibliography, source notes, and an index. Patrick Gall November/December 2022 p.104
LVIS	9798384924432	Crash Landing	Corrigan, Jim	
LVIS	9798875233395	Creepy crawly fact frenzy!	Nelson, Penelope	
LVIS	9798318945144	Crime After Crime	Barbo, Maria S	School Library Journal (August 1, 2026) Gr 2-5-In this chapter book populated with anthropomorphized characters, humor, chaos, and friendship blends cartoon action with plenty of absurd comedy. The Bad Guys are an unusual team. Led by Mr. Wolf, the group includes tech-savvy Ms. Web, master-of-disguise Mr. Shark, getaway driver Mr. Piranha, and safecracker Mr. Snake. Together they face off against an especially memorable villain: Serpentina, Snake's mother! Wearing a turban and overflowing with confidence, she considers herself a superior thief because she works alone and answers to no one. The plot centers on a challenge involving five major heists. As expected, the operation does not go smoothly. Mishaps pile up, plans unravel, and the gang ultimately loses its hideout and accumulated loot. Although the outcome seems disastrous, the story concludes with a hopeful message. The characters recognize that their greatest strength is not stolen treasure but their ability to work together. Much of the book's appeal comes from its exaggerated humor. Readers will encounter plenty of noisy body-function jokes alongside energetic illustrations that keep the pages moving quickly. The dialogue-heavy storytelling resembles a television script, which is fitting given its connection to a Netflix animated spin-off series. VERDICT This may not be a priority purchase for every collection, but it is an entertaining option for reluctant readers and children who enjoy silly, fast-moving stories.-Lynne Stover © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798886875508	Crocodile monitor vs. southern cassowary	Sommer, Nathan	
LVIS	9781250866028	Crocs	White, Randy Wayne	Kirkus Reviews (December 1, 2021) Three young shark taggers run into dangers ranging from poachers to large reptiles while exploring Florida’s western coast. Checking out the mazes of mangroves and old shell mounds around Sanibel Island for wild oranges resistant to the citrus greening disease that is threatening the state’s cultivated fruits quickly leads Cuban American tween sisters Maribel and Sabina and White Midwestern farm boy Luke into tense encounters with both a tremendous Florida saltwater crocodile tending her batch of hatchlings and a pair of drunken outsiders who turn out to be animal traffickers. Plainly not shy about recycling themes, plot elements, and character types from previous entries, the author also trots in another ghost, some more buried gold, and Capt. Pony, a cranky septuagenarian fishing guide who is accompanied for comic relief by an attack goose (named Carlos, after a former king of the area’s Indigenous Calusa people) to supply the young naturalists with snippets of local history. The splashy, suspenseful, and occasionally supernatural climax ends properly with the baddies in the hands of the law and large numbers of captive croc hatchlings and baby turtles rescued. Capt. Pony (whose father came from Cuba) and the girls are repeatedly described as speaking Spanish but the text contains little actual Spanish, and Sabina is described as having “weird, witchy powers” due to her contact with santeras in Cuba. The wildlife and natural settings remain fresh; not so much the characters and plot. (Adventure. 9-12)
LVIS	CL010077	Crunch Labs by Mark Rober: Disc Launcher Build Box		Build and learn with former NASA engineer and YouTube superstar, Mark Rober! Designed for curious minds, this exclusive Crunchlabs kit gives you everything you need to build your own disc launcher and explore the science of motion, force, and aerodynamics—all while having an absolute blast. Test your design and see how far you can go!
LVIS	9798225030551	CrunchLabs: Extreme Engineering	Mark Rober	YouTube star Mark Rober is Bill Nye the Science Guy for this generation! Now he takes kids behind the scenes to discover the science secrets behind his coolest and most popular stunts and videos.
LVIS	9798225030568	CrunchLabs: Lava vs. Laser		YouTube star and former NASA engineer Mark Rober presents an epic science battle to discover what's more powerful: lava or lasers? It's the ultimate science showdown!
LVIS	9781665971485	Cupcake diaries, the graphic novel. #8, Alexis cool as a cupcake	Simon, Coco	Booklist (August 2012 (Online)) Grades 4-6. The business manager of the Cupcake Club, Alexis is frustrated that her three friends/coworkers dislike her down-to-business leadership. While working toward a better management style, she’s also trying to balance her father’s sage “follow your passions” advice with her sister’s tips on how to be cool in middle school. Alexis’ first-person narrative strikes a good balance as well, between her serious concerns and lighter moments with friends. Simon has a good ear for dialogue and a knack for expressing Alexis’ distinctive point of view. A solid entry in the popular Cupcake Diaries series, this accessible story concludes with Alexis’ first date.
LVIS	9798347106554	Cupcake diaries, the new batch. 4 cupcake-filled chapter books in 1!	Simon, Coco	
LVIS	9781665984683	Cupcakes & camp	Simon, Coco	School Library Journal (July 1, 2026) Gr 3-7-This spin-off from Simon's "Cupcake Diaries" series follows Mia, who is thrilled about her amazing summer plans. After moving to the burbs, she finally has a chance to catch up with her friends and her fashionista life in New York City and continue her Cupcake Club. But her parents have bad news: due to their work commitments, Mia must attend sleepaway camp. Mia is horrified when she arrives: a drab uniform and no phone! Plus, her New York friend Ava is not happy to see her. But Mia slowly finds her way as she tries activities and gets to know the other campers. Arteaga-Walsh narrates, juggling all the campers' voices alongside Mia, the first-person narrator. With an authentic-sounding tween voice, Arteaga-Walsh imbues Mia with the right perky tone and energy to match her personality. The campers are similarly energetic, and Arteaga-Walsh enthusiastically conveys their conversations, littered with gushing compliments. To add to the authenticity of Mia's narration, the adults sound (very sweetly) like a tween doing their best impression of an adult. There are no sound effects or background music, but this lively production zips by. VERDICT A "Cupcake Diaries" spin-off camp adventure produced with enthusiasm and personality.-Grace Pickering © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780316591492	Curlfriends. Book 2,Back in business	Miller, Sharee	Kirkus Reviews (August 1, 2025) In this second series entry, a problem-solving 12-year-old attempts, with the help of her friends, to solve her mother’s financial problems. Nola Washington is a fashion-forward Black tween who dreams of becoming a hairdresser like her mother and inheriting the beauty shop her grandmother founded. After Ella once again surprises her circle of friends by signing them up for something without asking—this time committing them to dancing in the school talent show—Nola, who’s used to being the fixer in their group, agrees to be their leader. But Nola’s vision of talent show success hits a snag when she asks for money for a new outfit and Mom only hands over $20. She’s always had a rock-solid relationship with her mother—whom she sees as “living proof that women can have it all. A thriving business, a daughter on the honor roll, and the best wardrobe in town”—but her mom’s attempt to hide their financial problems affects their relationship and spills over into Nola’s grades and social commitments. After she turns to her friends for support, they brainstorm a grand plan to turn the salon around. While Nola’s storyline is the focus of the narrative, each character within the friend circle has a distinct voice. Miller effectively uses the graphic novel format to offer a nuanced portrayal of Nola’s awareness of adult financial stressors while also keeping the solutions she proposes kid-centric. A heartfelt cross-generational look at vulnerability and the need for community. (Graphic fiction. 8-12)

LVIS	9780316591454	Curlfriends. New in town	Miller, Sharee	School Library Journal (August 1, 2023) Gr 5-8-Twelve-year-old Charlie Harper has gotten used to constantly moving and starting over thanks to her Air Force father's many deployments. But now that her father has retired, Charlie's family is finally settling down. Convinced that she only gets one chance to make a good first impression, Charlie is determined to make her first day at Hill Valley Middle School a perfect one. She has researched the latest fashions, is trying new hairstyles, and has made the switch from glasses to contacts. After meeting a group of friends following an unfortunate run-in with the janitor's water bucket, Charlie realizes it's not easy trying to uphold her new persona as she goes out of her way to hide all the parts of herself she deems uncool. Text boxes and speech bubbles run long and the flow of dialogue sometimes feels stilted, but the almost overwhelming uncertainty and desire to fit in that Charlie experiences ring painfully true. The pastel rainbow palette, sparse backgrounds, and confidence of Charlie's friend group provide a refreshing counterbalance to her anxiety, modeling a type of genuine self-confidence not often depicted in this age group. Mr. Harper's confession to Charlie about his own struggles as a young person offers additional reassurance that this too shall pass. The main characters are Black and Latinx, background characters appear to be racially and ethnically diverse, and a wheelchair user makes an appearance. VERDICT A sincere and relatable depiction of trying too hard to fit in and almost losing yourself in the process. Recommended.-Alea Perez © Copyright 2023. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780063268449	D&D Dungeon Club. 1,Roll call	Ostertag, Molly Knox	School Library Journal (December 1, 2022) Gr 4 Up-Jess Descheene and Olivia Aguilar have been best friends for years, but as eighth grade begins, their friendship is changing. Olivia runs their two-person Dungeons & Dragons game, but she wants to invite more players. Jess prefers stories to friends, but she gradually opens up to the idea of letting more kids play with them. The action happens between the real world and the imaginary one, but sometimes the worlds overlap. Jess sees school through a D&D lens, looking at other students and imagining their character sheets, using criteria like "popularity class" and "bully potential." In one of the most striking images of the story, Jess sees some other girls in the school bathroom, and in the mirror they are reflected as monsters. Bouma's artwork is very appealing, with colors ranging from cool earth tones to bolder and brighter shades, depending on the location and emotion of each scene. While this is an ultimately uplifting story, these students deal with absent parents, school bullies, and learning to be brave enough to stand up for their friends. Jess begins this book thinking that going to middle school is harder than slaying monsters, but she evolves over time and learns that both her game and her heart are big enough to make room for new people. VERDICT For readers who are fans of or are curious about role-playing games, or those seeking heartwarming stories about friendship and imagination.-Andrea Lipinski © Copyright 2022. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780063268456	D&D Dungeon Club. 2,Time to party	Ostertag, Molly Knox	
LVIS	9780063268463	D&D Dungeon Club. 3,Final face-off	Ostertag, Molly Knox	
LVIS	9780374395018	Dante N. Ferno is not a loser	Gordon, Brian	School Library Journal (January 1, 2026) Gr 3-6-Living in the shadow of a volcano, young demon Dante Nimrod Inferno is not living the life that he imagines. Despite his parents' best effort to support and encourage him, Dante dwells in the dumps pestered by his siblings and humiliated by school bullies. This year, however, as he moves from elementary school to middle school, he is determined to reinvent himself. He cycles through various new looks and identities, but the first day of middle school is filled with mishaps and miscues until a new student asks if he can sit next to him. Virgil is from the other side of town living above the clouds and doesn't know anyone from Dante's part of town. The guys strike up a friendship. Visiting each other's homes and trying new foods is eye-opening for both. Despite not being into studying, Dante recognizes that with Virgil's smarts, they could win the upcoming academic tournament and gain popularity and acceptance. An abundance of bold linework illustrations enhance the story's humor and make it more accessible. Many readers won't understand the references to Dante's Inferno, but they will identify with Dante and Virgil as outsiders trying to fit in and will cheer them on while having a good laugh along the way. VERDICT Recommended for fans of the "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" and "Dogman" series.-Laura Eason © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780593181133	Dare you to dance	Mock, Rebecca	School Library Journal (June 1, 2026) Gr 5-8-Rivals in a ballet school hash it out for dance glory. Small town Ohioan Gracie is a star back home and has big dreams, but she is attending the Youth Dance Summer Workshop in New York and realizes the best in her state is average in NYC. Not only is she intimidated by the cutthroat vibes of everyone around her, but to make matters worse, she meets Sariah, a local prodigy with much fame but no friends. Gracie knows she has a lot to learn, but she chooses to challenge Sariah to be rivals to push herself to achieve the very most she can. But her competition is dealing with her own growth spurt pain and issues from past injuries, and it seems that Gracie is chasing a cloud of smoke. As the end of term showcase quickly approaches, Gracie will have to focus and ask herself if challenging Sariah at every turn is worth losing the coveted main role. This fast-paced graphic novel touches on a less-explored demographic of ballerinas and dancers. With expressive faces, bold colors, and dramatic sequences, readers are immersed in an intense story of competition, proving oneself, rivalry, and secrets. A glossary will help readers with the mostly French terms used in ballet. Gracie is white; Sariah is Black. VERDICT A great addition to collections where realistic fiction in graphic novel format is in high demand. A recommended purchase for middle school libraries.-Carolina Youssif © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781339001326	Darkness of Dragons --A Graphic Novel	Sutherland, Tui T	
LVIS	9781536236316	Dasher and the polar bear	Tavares, Matt	School Library Journal starred (September 1, 2025) PreS-Gr 3-On a cold evening before Christmas, Dasher sets off for a nighttime flight. As she glides over the snow-covered land, she sees the beautiful northern lights blanketing the sky. The glowing colors remind her of Christmas, so she decides to land for a bit and enjoy the view. When she lands, Dasher encounters a large polar bear named George. He is amazed at her flying abilities and tells her how he always wished he could fly like her. Dasher does her best to teach him, and even though they try again and again, George still cannot fly. Dasher can't understand why Christmas magic works on her but not her friend. If she only knew what to do to help him. This wonderful story is more than just a holiday book-it teaches about the importance of friendship and helping others. Readers can sense the warmth between the two new friends. Artwork is simply amazing. The illustration of the white terrain will make readers feel the cold wind blowing around them. Large pictures help listeners to focus on the characters and their emotions. The characters are meticulously drawn, and George steals the show; he appears to be lifelike: his fur has texture that will make readers want to reach out and touch it, and his face is full of expression. His eyes light up as he watches Dasher glide across the night sky, and when he realizes the lessons are not working, one can almost feel the disappointment in his eyes. The ending wraps up the story in a perfect way. VERDICT A must for holiday collections. This book will charm young children.-Barbara Spiri © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781536230130	Dasher can't wait for Christmas	Tavares, Matt	School Library Journal (September 1, 2023) PreS-Gr 3-A young reindeer named Dasher cannot wait until Christmas Eve. The night before, she hears music that reminds her of Christmas carols and decides to explore. When gliding through the night sky, Dasher spies some dazzling Christmas lights on the horizon and soon approaches a small town. Charming houses are decorated for the holiday, and an enormous tree in the center of town is trimmed with colorful lights and topped with a twinkling star that reaches towards the sky. Eventually, Dasher knows she should head back, but she cannot locate the North Star through the falling snow. After a while, the hungry and exhausted doe rests near a little Christmas tree in a front yard and wonders how she'll get back to the North Pole in time to fly with Santa and the other reindeer. Only a special act of kindness will assist in her return. This story is another adventure for Dasher, and it does not disappoint. Her excitement for Christmas Eve is almost childlike; instead of counting down the days until Christmas, Dasher counts the number of "sleeps" left. The illustrations may appear simple, but they are not to be underestimated. The reindeer look incredibly authentic. Dasher displays subtle expressions, from inquisitive, to exhausted, and then grateful as she leaves her helper. Children of all ages will enjoy this special story for years to come. VERDICT A must-have for the holidays.-Barbara Spiri © Copyright 2023. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780593601587	David's Diary #3 The Big Bully	Laditan, Bunmi	
LVIS	9780316601856	Dawn of the axolotl	Brooks, Kit	School Library Journal (March 1, 2026) Gr 3-7-From the moment Ace the axolotl hatched, he is met with adversity. His larger siblings bully him as the runt of his litter and refuse to help him hunt. Then, his twin brother Jasper attacks him, devours his tail, and leaves him to die alone. Luckily for Ace, axolotls can regenerate their limbs. While learning to survive on his own in the lake, Ace meets Bubbles, Ariel, and Neptune. With these new friends Ace learns about all the amazing things axolotls can do. However, he also learns that this lake is the only place on Earth where axolotls can be found in the wild. They set off on a mission to save the species. This is part one of an underwater adventure where readers will quickly find the juxtaposition of a cute animal learning how cruel and ugly life can be. But it is also a tale of how friendship and determination can carry one through hard times. The novel includes many delightful illustrations perfect for middle grade animal fantasy readers. VERDICT An adventurous beginning to a series that both feeds the current axolotl craze and touches on important topics, such as friendship, family, allegiances, and betrayals.-Harley Smith © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781338753912	Dear Ruby, hear our hearts	Bridges, Ruby	Booklist (January 1, 2024 (Online)) Grades 1-3. In a set of short fan letters to the lifelong civil rights activist, nine anonymous children explain how her example as a Black child integrating a previously all-white school has given them the courage to face challenges ranging from struggling with dyslexia to being fat shamed, from encountering “Asian Hate” to tackling environmental issues and gun violence. In his slashing, splashy, vividly colored accompanying scenes, Cabuay depicts children of diverse hue defiantly gathering to march, express themselves, or act on their concerns; Bridges pairs an encouraging response to each letter, urging her young correspondents (and readers) to “Stay strong,” “Keep the faith,” and “Press on.” Though, in keeping with the apparent purpose of this collection, the space devoted to a perfunctory glossary at the end would have been better employed by lists of other inspirational or informational resources, the array of issues and overall tone of positivity makes it a quick but effective pep talk.
LVIS	9781525303104	Dear street	Zier-Vogel, Lindsay	Kirkus Reviews (March 15, 2023) A love letter to the quotidian. Young Alice adores her neighborhood. When she sees a neighbor in a bad mood due to a road closure, she writes a letter to the street praising it for its “tall maple trees and marigolds that look like pom-poms” and leaves it for someone to find. Her new tradition continues throughout the seasons. In the summer, she overhears people complaining about the park being too crowded and noisy, so she writes the park a letter. In autumn, she writes to the maple tree and in winter to the snow, each time brightening the moods of those who happen upon her letters. When spring arrives, Alice is the one having a grumpy day, but she finds her spirits lifted by a letter to the crocuses left by someone else. Zier-Vogel’s prose is straightforward and uplifting, and Bonne-Müller’s bright illustrations, created with acrylic, pencil, and crayon, rely on a well-paced variety of spot art and spreads, depict a charming, idyllic neighborhood. While the story is somewhat quiet, the author’s note will inspire mindfulness and appreciation—Zier-Vogel describes the Love Lettering Project, which she created in 2004 and which invites people to hide love letters to places in their community for others to find. Alice has peach-colored skin and straight brown hair; her neighborhood is a diverse one. (This book was reviewed digitally.) Gentle encouragement to cultivate mindfulness that leads by example. (Picture book. 3-8)
LVIS	9798225003296	Defending the Swamp Dragon	West, Tracey	
LVIS	9798348043414	Demolition Derby Engines Unleashed	Leed, Percy	
LVIS	9780736447164	Descendants: Wicked Wonderland: Down the Rabbit Hole (Level 3 Reader)		Relive the adventures of Descendants: Wicked Wonderland in this Step 3 Step into Reading leveled reader. Featuring full-color photography from the fifth film of the hit Disney Descendants franchise, this Step 3 reader follows Red and Chloe and a cast of new heroes and villains as they band together to save Red's mom, the Queen of Hearts, from Maddox Hatter. Disney's Descendants is a musical fantasy film series that follows the lives of the teenage children of Disney villains as they attend Auradon Prep alongside the children of Disney heroes. Step 3 readers feature engaging characters in easy-to-follow plots about popular topics. For children who are ready to read on their own.
LVIS	9798347100804	Desmond Cole ghost patrol, the graphic novel. 1,The haunted house next door	Miedoso, Andres	School Library Journal Xpress (January 16, 2026) Gr 1-4-The new kid in town must confront the ghost haunting his house in this graphic novel adaptation of the first book in the "Desmond Cole: Ghost Patrol" series. After moving into an unsettling new house, scaredy-cat Andres meets his neighbor Desmond Cole, who has a garage full of strange equipment. After a house visit, Desmond reveals that he is an expert ghost hunter and the strange things happening in Andres's home can be attributed to a ghost. Andres must overcome his fears to team up with Desmond and rid his house of the haunting for good. This graphic novel follows the original early chapter book beat for beat, with the main difference being the art style. The original book contained black-and-white illustrations by Victor Rivas, which added a slightly sinister atmosphere to Miedoso's text. In this graphic novel adaptation, Costanza's full-color artwork sands down the creepy factor in favor of an unthreatening cartoonish tone, which is reinforced by the exaggerated grins the characters sport for most of the story. Andres and his family are Hispanic, and Desmond and his family are Black. VERDICT A tame graphic novel adaptation that may function as a gateway for younger readers to check out the "Desmond Cole: Ghost Patrol" early chapter books but doesn't offer as much for established fans of the series.-Jon Stevens © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798347103690	Desmond Cole ghost patrol, the graphic novel. 2,Beware the werewolf	Miedoso, Andres	
LVIS	9780063254961	Detective Baby Dance Team Drama	Cabot, Meg	School Library Journal starred (July 1, 2026) Gr 6-8-The first book in this new graphic novel series from the author of The Princess Diaries is sure to be a hit with middle schoolers. Jenny is an eighth grader with a special ability: she can understand baby talk. When she loses the money that her dance team raised for new uniforms, she finds help in the unlikeliest of places: a baby detective and her two baby assistants. This fun graphic novel features a storyline that will keep readers invested from start to finish. Coordinating hues of pinks, blues, and greens guide the eye as readers are treated to plenty of cute illustrations of babies and a cat that keeps getting lost. This volume will appeal to fans of graphic novel series like "The Baby-Sitters Club" and anyone who loves stories that feature babies. Jenny is white, her best friend is Black, and the new boy she keeps running into is Latinx. VERDICT This is a must-buy for middle grade graphic novel collections.-Margaret Puentes © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

LVIS	9781250265746	Diamond fever! : a true crime story in the Wild West	Sheinkin, Steve	School Library Journal starred (March 1, 2026) Gr 5-8-Cousin prospectors Phil Arnold and John Slack walked into financier George Roberts's office in San Francisco in November 1870 and asked him to hold a bag of stones for them overnight. And thus, began what came to be known as the Great Diamond Hoax. Arnold and Slack soon had a group of investors eager to purchase the land on which the so-called diamond mine existed. Circumstances of the time permitted the cousins to pull off the crime by "salting" a remote corner of land-planting fragments of purchased rough diamonds and rubies-along the border of Wyoming and Colorado. Hundreds of people became involved directly or indirectly through newspaper reporting and rumors, further driving the diamond fever. Only the efforts of geologists interested in protecting their reputations led to the hoax's discovery. Using his extensive research into the people involved, as well as the time and place in which it occurred, Sheinkin presents readers with a compelling story of bold lies, pervasive deal-making, and surprising gullibility. Reading like a crime novel, readers will eagerly turn the pages looking for answers. The inclusion of short graphic novel introductions to each of the six sections of the book adds to the feeling of immediacy. Extensive back matter includes source notes, a bibliography, and an index, along with a glimpse into the author's research activities. VERDICT A must-purchase for collections where true crime and nearly unbelievable historical tales are popular.-Heidi Grange © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781546139256	Diary of a Pug: Pug Goes to Hollywood	Kyla May	When Bella's art skills shine in a poster design contest, she and her pug Bub win a trip to Hollywood! Bella can't wait to meet her favorite star, Missy Pop. Bub will meet his idol, too—fabulous poodle and actor Pebble Barks. Bub is nervous—what if Pebble doesn't like him? When Pebble acts too cool for Bub, he's crushed. But with some help from his friends from home, Bub hatches a plan to turn things around. Could Bub become a role model for Pebble instead? With full-color artwork throughout, this funny and charming diary-format early chapter book is perfect for anyone who believes a furry pal is the best kind of friend.
LVIS	9780310167662	Did Your Mother Ever Tell You?	Costello, Barbara (Babs)	Kirkus Reviews (June 1, 2026) Costello reconsiders a series of maxims. Didn’t your mother ever tell you? Sometimes you don’t need to hold your horses. Excitement is a wonderful part of life, and impatience is understandable. Still, the author adds, remember to practice patience from time to time, too. If you’re unhappy, you can cry over spilled milk, but in order to rebound, please share those sad feelings. Honey will indeed catch more flies…“but who wants flies? Being kind is important, but so is standing up for yourself.”They say that birds of a feather flock together, but if you stick to your own kind, you’ll miss out on meeting people “with interesting stories and FABULOUS FACES.” For the final maxim (when it rains, it pours), the author reminds young people that no matter how bad things may seem, rainbows are always around the corner—and everything's better with the support of your loving, wise mother. Most of the text is in verse, rephrasing the adages’ advice and acknowledging and adapting their age-old acumen. The largely realistic, colorful illustrations show diverse kids acting on the axioms, with some fantasy touches: horses meditating, a cow sharing milk and cookies with a youngster, and huge flies playing basketball. The encouraging tone affirms the cultural knowledge packed into these proverbs. And the book potentially poses a question about passed-down precepts: Does contemporary revising weaken or enrich them? Thought-provoking, amusingly illustrated takes on familiar platitudes. (author's note) (Picture book. 4-8)
LVIS	9780316460262	Diffy	Lies, Brian	Kirkus Reviews (July 1, 2026) It’s better down where it’s wetter once an ennui-laden undersea denizen discovers the power of story. Nothing much happens in Diffy’s part of the sea. On occasion, something interesting might drop into the depths where the relatively reclusive Diffy (who resembles an anglerfish) lives, but conversations between deep sea residents are typically brisk and to the point (“That’s a big ‘un, Terry.” “Yup. A big’ un”). All that changes the day “the object” appears. Young readers will recognize it as a book, a dictionary in fact, but to Diffy it’s a wonder. Entranced by its straightforward illustrations, the fish begins to conjure up wholly new associations and stories (an onion is “a strange jellyfish,” a hedgehog, “a sea urchin…with eyes!”). The increasingly elaborate tales he spins for the other fish are dubbed “Diffy’s tells.” Soon, others pick up on this new form of entertainment, and later, even after “the object” is lost to further depths below, its influence remains. Lies deftly transplants the birth of a culture’s storytelling to a world under the sea. The artist also clearly has a great deal of fun juxtaposing the dictionary’s colorless pen-and-ink illustrations with blue-drenched images of Diffy’s reality and, in time, scenes depicting Diffy’s own extravagant imaginings. Backmatter includes explanations of Lies’ research into how saltwater affects paper pages. Oral storytelling is the star of the show in this charming paean to ichthyological imagination. (Picture book. 4-8)
LVIS	9781534441255	Digging deep	Delle Donne, Elena	
LVIS	9781774881989	Dim Sum Palace	Fang, X	School Library Journal (October 1, 2023) Gr 1-3-Liddy is so excited that her family is going out for dim sum that she can't sleep the night before. Or so she thinks-but readers may take a different view as delicious odors draw her out of her bedroom and all the way to a night kitchen where chefs are making "baos, buns and bowls of congee! Dumplings, shumai and lots of sweet treats!" There, being tiny, Liddy falls into a bowl of dumpling filling, is served to an empress who just in time hears her calling, "STOP! Don't eat me!" and chows down on yummy dim sum until she really does fall asleep. Liddy and all of the other figures in the illustrations are not only themselves as round as dumplings but also smile infectiously to give this outing a properly cheery, festive tone. And even if the next day there is no empress at the real Dim Sum Palace, "The food tasted better than in her wildest dreams." To further tempt young foodies, Fang opens and closes with a gallery of labeled dim sum treats. Liddy remains clothed throughout, but otherwise parallels in both the story and art make this delectable debut well worth dishing up with Maurice Sendak's In the Night Kitchen as parts of a themed story hour. VERDICT A savory delight for young readers who enjoy dreaming about food as much as eating it.-John Edward Peters © Copyright 2023. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798384924449	Dino World	Corrigan, Jim	
LVIS	9780744085723	Dinosaur Club. Collection one	Stone, Rex	
LVIS	9798225030629	Dinosaur destruction	Pallotta, Jerry	
LVIS	9781549068492	Dinosaurs, dodos, and woolly mammoths	Gutman, Dan	
LVIS	9798886872064	Disney	Green, Sara	School Library Journal (April 1, 2023) Gr 2-4-Each popular brand is described from the beginning to its current existence in this series. Titles start with a table of contents and then provide a brief example written in third person showing how someone might enjoy the topic brand. With vocabulary bolded and in a contrasting color, shorter paragraphs correspond with pictures and graphics throughout. From where it was invented to original prototypes/concept art, the history of the creator(s) to the philanthropy of the brand, such as Minecraft developers, Mojang Studios, who "teamed with the Block by Block Foundation to improve communities around the world," each title covers a wide variety of information in a short amount of time. Drawings and photos are labeled, and graphics, including maps, time lines, and graphs are used to further detail the where, when, and how the brand has been successful over time, such as how Pokémon has gone from card collecting to community connection through Pokémon Go Community Days. A glossary, further reading, and index are included in the back matter. While the amount of information could be overwhelming for younger readers, the pictures and graphics are eye-catching and allow for easy understanding. VERDICT A broad overview of popular brands for young enthusiasts of each topic. © Copyright 2023. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798225039592	Disney Learning: SuperKitties: The Big Park Problem		When a giant dirt mountain appears in Kittydale Park, Ginny, Buddy, Sparks,and Bitsy need to get there SuperKitty fast before it falls. This story is packed with fun questions and oodles of describing words to make this mission su-purr exciting!
LVIS	9781427881403	Disney Manga: Stitch: Stitch & the Samurai, Volume 1	Hiroto Wada	While fleeing the Galactic Federation, Stitch's spaceship malfunctions and he makes an emergency landing... not in Hawaii, but in sengoku-era Japan! Discovered by the brutal warlord Lord Yamato and his clan, Stitch's incomparable cuteness is no match for the battle-weary samurai, who decides to bring the "blue tanuki" home with him. Will Stitch's love of chaos turn into a formidable advantage for the samurai's influence? Or will his cute and fluffy form disarm the noble lord's stern faÃ§ade?
LVIS	9781427857248	Disney Manga: Tim Burton’s The Nightmare Before Christmas	Jun Asuka	Jack Skellington is the Pumpkin King, the ruler of Halloween Town and master of all things creepy and spooky. But he's tired of his life in the shadows and longs for something new. When he accidentally stumbles upon Christmas Town, he decides this is the perfect chance to try his hand at a brand new holiday and is convinced he'll have the world yelling "Scary Christmas"! With the young patchwork doll Sally trying to dissuade him and the evil Oogie Boogie waiting in the wings to take over Halloween Town in Jack's absence, he'd better hurry if he wants to get his plan in place by December 25th! This is the soft cover manga edition!
LVIS	9798368795669	Dive for the black pearl	Yardi, Robin	School Library Journal (May 1, 2025) Gr 2-4-Young mermaids train to become sworn protectors of their realm in this magical series. This installment picks up where the last book left off, and a full-page summary of the previous events helps orient young readers. Princess Finn and her friends, Moon and Link, set off on a quest to find the Black Pearl to prevent another attack from Rozaro, an evil shark magician determined to steal the queen's throne. The book balances short sentences, brief chapters, and simple language while weaving a complex storyline, though at times, this results in a choppy narrative. Simplifying certain plot points could have improved clarity, but the concept remains engaging, and the grayscale illustrations are expressive and plentiful. VERDICT A purchase for large libraries and collections where Branches books are popular. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798347102112	Do the Fox Trot	Higgins, Cam	
LVIS	9798217114672	Do you really know flamingos?	Todd, Brandon	School Library Journal (April 1, 2026) K-Gr 2-Children can join Frank E. Armadillo (E is for "Expert Explorer Extraordinaire") as he showcases all that he knows. He is most eager to show off his most recent grand discovery: a group of elegant pink birds. But when his flamingo guide gently corrects him, readers quickly realize Frank may not be quite the expert he claims. Frank quickly learns, for example, that a flamingo's pink color doesn't come from their own fashion choices but from their diet; standing on one leg has nothing to do with ballet dreams. Each humorous reveal is paired with accessible, accurate information, embedding learning as a part of the joke. When Frank admits this may be the first flamingo he's ever met, the story pivots to its core message, his new friend reassuring him that true experts don't know everything-instead they stay curious. This message lands lightly but meaningfully, encouraging young readers to embrace "not knowing" as the starting point for wonderful discoveries. Gouache, colored pencil, and digital illustrations add texture and warmth, while different colored text for each speaker helps readers follow the dialogue with ease. Silly, smart, and sincere, this title blends humor, design, and science into an engaging celebration of lifelong curiosity. VERDICT Funny and conversational, this story has potential for read-aloud as a base for further investigation.-Louie Lauer © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798318956560	Dog Man : a sprinkle in time	Pilkey, Dav	
LVIS	9798318906503	Doggo and Pupper search for cozy	Applegate, Katherine	School Library Journal starred (January 1, 2023) K-Gr 2-No one loves to sleep more than Cat, but when her humans get her a new bed and throw out her old one, it's up to Pupper and Doggo to help her adjust. Applegate's story may seem simple, but wit and charm infuse every page. Cat's reaction, for example, to losing her old bed is to simply say "I have no choice...I will never sleep again." Put in the right hands, lines like that make this story perfect for a shorter classroom read-aloud. Artwork adds to the appeal as well; the adorable character design and cute reactions create a lighthearted experience, while also adding to the humor. In particular, one scene that shows all the odd places Doggo likes to sleep demonstrates Alder's ability to add humor and whimsy to an already solid text. Numerous and often oversized illustrations give the book an almost graphic novel feel at times. Sentences are simple with easy and repeating word choice, so Applegate's ability to make this piece so funny is all the more impressive. VERDICT A winner and a first purchase.-Peter Blenski © Copyright 2023. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781250348517	Dogtown	Applegate, Katherine	School Library Journal starred (August 1, 2023) Gr 4-6-Welcome to Dogtown, a shelter for regular dogs-and robot dogs (don't ask, just go with it). The shelter's top dog is Chance, a congenial and introspective pooch, who like all the residents, longs to reunite with her family. But as Chance understands, "Hope is a painful business." That anguish, along with her resentment towards robot dogs (they often get adopted before real dogs) fades as Chance spends time with a robot dog she nicknames Metal Head. Animosity gradually evolves into understanding, then friendship as Chance introduces Metal Head to Mouse, a real mouse who lives in the shelter and shares Chance's kibble. The action shifts to adventure when Chance and Mouse escape Dogtown to accompany Metal Head on his quest to rejoin his family. Super short chapters, perhaps suggesting a dog's alleged limited attention span, keep the novel's pace moving briskly toward a climax sure to please animal lovers despite a few sad moments along the way. Chance captivates with insights that are hilarious and wise beyond her age in dog years. She counsels Mouse, "Your heart is a muscle...It grows stronger the more you use it." Thoughtful back matter suggests how children can help shelter dogs. West's grayscale art perfectly captures canine emotion and unbridled energy. VERDICT When Applegate and Choldenko collaborate, readers win.-Marybeth Kozikowski © Copyright 2023. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780593755020	Dolly Parton's Billy the Kid dances his heart out	Parton, Dolly	School Library Journal Xpress (December 12, 2025) PreS-Gr 2-In this sequel, the bulldog protagonist of Billy the Kid Makes It Big faces self-doubt and stage fright when he is invited to dance onstage at a "doggy dance pawty." He enrolls in a dance class but fears he will never be good enough to perform onstage, or to catch the eye of his "lovely" dance instructor. On the verge of quitting, Billy arrives to class early and sees the star student struggling through a private lesson and learns that "the only way to get better is to practice." The lesson here is not subtle, but dog lovers, dancers, and loyal fans of Parton's will be willing to overlook it. Readers will empathize with Billy's anxiety and will enjoy the playful illustrations of various dogs in tutus and legwarmers. Folksy spellings like "fella" combine with an abundance of dog-themed puns to make the text seem a bit self-conscious, not unlike Billy himself. VERDICT Like many celebrity picture books, this one is sure to find an audience among its author's legions of fans. Purchase where the first book is popular.-Amy Reimann © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

LVIS	9780593661574	Dolly Parton's Billy the Kid makes it big	Parton, Dolly	Kirkus Reviews (May 1, 2023) In this picture book from singer Parton and co-author Perl, a small French bulldog goes to Nashville, joins a band, fends off bullies, and meets one of the queens of country music. Promising at the outset that this is just the first of a series of adventures starring her beloved “god-dog,” Parton goes on to hit all the conventional thematic notes. Inspired by musical dreams, Billy heads for Nashville. After a “ruff day” in which being scorned by big dogs for not being a “true muttropolitan” leaves him feeling “lower than a stick on the ground,” he eats some flowers, strums some tunes, forms a band with a trio of little dogs, and, after sending the big pooches packing, trots out a “pawsome” performance at the “Battle of the Bow-Wows.” And from there it’s on to the Grand Ole Opry to hear his big-haired favorite singer warble out lines from her song “Makin’ Fun Ain’t Funny,” about celebrating differences rather than mocking them. Haley slips those lines, along with references to “Jowlene” and “I will pawlways love you,” into painted scenes of an all-dog-or-Dolly cast set against swirls of music and simply drawn backdrops. (This book was reviewed digitally.) Music takes center stage and bullies get properly pun-ished in this hearty and wholesome howl. (Picture book. 6-8)
LVIS	9780316324526	Dolly! : the story of Dolly Parton and her big dream	McGrath, Robyn	School Library Journal (April 1, 2022) Gr 2-4-Composer, entrepreneur, performer, and philanthropist Dolly Parton's lifelong love of music bubbles to the top in this new picture book biography, focusing on her tough upbringing in Tennessee and how that shaped her path. For children unfamiliar with Parton, this digitally illustrated book is as bright as the singer's favorite outfits and its exaggerated cartoon style will connect with fans of animated shows popular today. The text focuses almost disproportionately on Parton's early life, circling around the different ways music made an appearance in her early years-from porch concerts to radio listening to her mama singing-and then moves on, in the final pages, to the artist's first public performances and ultimately her career successes. The language is more poetic than many biographies, but, surprising for the true story of a lyrical maven, lacks flow and rhythm. The inclusion of "Dolly-isms" in the back matter is a treat. VERDICT Add this to any collection that lacks a Parton biography.-Aryssa Damron © Copyright 2022. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798898801021	Dollywood	Davies, Monika	
LVIS	9798898800147	Dolphin vs. Mako shark	Sommer, Nathan	
LVIS	9798318954351	Don't draw robots	Alber, Diane	
LVIS	9781467196215	Don't feed the lion	Golodryga, Bianna	Kirkus Reviews (November 15, 2025) Jewish siblings Theo and Annie Kaplan grapple with antisemitism in their middle school and society at large. When soccer-obsessed Theo’s favorite player makes an antisemitic statement at a press conference, the ensuing social media spiral sickens Theo. His teammates’ dismissive reactions further unsettle the eighth grader. When someone draws a swastika on Theo’s locker, he initially suppresses his feelings before eventually lashing out. Sixth grader Annie responds to the controversy by lying to the school librarian, whom she adores: She’s wracked with guilt but uses a library computer to create an illicit social media account and jump right into the fray, rebutting the bigotry she sees online. The boisterous, white-presenting Kaplan family incorporates meaningful Jewish practices into their regular lives, although the authors’ depictions evoke some Jewish tropes, like the overbearing grandmother who must be covertly managed by other family members. Theo and Annie’s university professor parents pressure their children to stand up for themselves without offering much meaningful support. Using multiple first-person perspectives—including that of new kid Gabe, who’s mourning the loss of his mother to Covid-19—the authors maintain a quick pace even as both siblings reach a point of crisis. Theo and Annie remain likable and realistic in their behavior, but the characterization unfortunately struggles to keep pace with the action, leaving some of the emotions feeling abrupt and unearned. An uneven depiction of how antisemitism manifests on social media and in real life. (Fiction. 9-13)
LVIS	9798318914218	Don't get eaten	Stuart, Scott	Publishers Weekly (April 13, 2026) Via lighthearted illustrations and a sprightly setting, Stuart (My Shadow Is Blue) launches an action-packed series that puts a thoughtful spin on good versus evil. Nine-year-old Sapphire Sparks, who reads as white, comes from a long line of monster hunters, all members of the Society for the Hunting of Monsters, an organization firmly convinced that such creatures are evil. In contrast to society legend Gwendolyn Grapeshot, who vanished under mysterious circumstances, Sapphire’s own family has never caught a monster. Determined to change that, Sapphire enlists help from her nonbinary best friend, Jasper, who happens to be afraid of almost everything. When Sapphire and Jasper spot a monster lurking in the library, they follow it into a hidden world beneath the building called the Museum of Wonders, where a community of monsters live and work in secret. Mistaken for new hires by a no-nonsense gremlin, the pair are quickly swept into museum life, and what begins as Sapphire’s chance to prove herself as a true hunter evolves into something more as she starts to question everything she’s been taught about the beings. Charming narration recounts Sapphire’s journey, along which she learns that tales are often informed by the storyteller’s own experiences and that there’s always more to discover about the world and oneself. Publishing simultaneously: Beware of Sleeping Pixies. Ages 7-10. (July) © Copyright PWxyz, LLC. All rights reserved.
LVIS	9780062392503	Don't swap your sweater for a dog	Applegate, Katherine	School Library Journal (September 1, 2008) Gr 1-2-These early chapter books begin and end in the time-out chair. In Friends, Roscoe's first-grade class is getting ready for open house. It's supposed to involve a performance of singing bumblebees followed by dessert. However, add one hyper, trouble-finding boy (Roscoe) with a tube of Super-Mega-Gonzo Glue and too many bright ideas and you've got a recipe for disaster. In Sweater, Roscoe trades an itchy sweater that his grandmother made him for his neighbor's dog so he can enter the animal in a pet show. The protagonist always means well and the adults can usually see a big heart behind his antics-after they've calmed down a bit. Both stories are fun reads with simple and amusing cartoon illustrations. Good choices for children transitioning from beginning readers to chapter books.-Kelly Roth, Bartow County Public Library, Cartersville, GA Copyright 2008 Reed Business Information.
LVIS	9780062392527	Don't tap-dance on your teacher	Applegate, Katherine	School Library Journal (June 1, 2009) Gr 1-3-In this installment, Roscoe decides that he'd really like to take tap because he loves the sounds that his friend Emma's shoes make when she dances. Some of the boys warn him that tap dancing is for girls, but Roscoe's teacher shows the class a video of a famous male tap dancer, and so he is undeterred. He enjoys his first lesson, but notices that he is indeed the only boy in the class and begins to feel uncertain. Then Emma asks him to join her in the talent show. To get out of it, he fakes a leg injury. In the end, though, he learns another rule of life. The sentence structure in this early chapter book is simple, and the vocabulary has few challenging words. The print is large and set off with lots of white space. Black-and-white drawings, some full page, provide graphic support. Although the story is predictable, inexperienced chapter book readers will find it suspenseful and funny. This book could be paired with Tomie dePaola's Here We All Are (Putnam, 2000), in which the author takes tap dancing lessons and becomes quite the performer. Purchase where beginning chapter books are needed.-Elaine Lesh Morgan, Multnomah County Library, Portland, OR Copyright 2009 Reed Business Information.
LVIS	9798899132513	Don't Taunt the Haunts	Troupe, Thomas Kingsley	
LVIS	9781970302202	Don't trust the nacho hamster. Too cheesy	Thomas, Ryan	
LVIS	9798999815064	Double trouble	Alber, Diane	
LVIS	9781250360021	Double Trouble	Santat, Dan	
LVIS	9781459843318	Down in the blue ocean : journey from the ocean's surface to its deepest depths	Accinelli, Gianumberto	School Library Journal Xpress (March 27, 2026) Gr 5-8-This journey to the deepest part of the ocean begins with instructions from a giant squid spread across the opening end page: "Turn the book 90 degrees clockwise so the spine is at the top and you are flipping the pages up." The long, vertical pages take readers down 36,070 feet through five ocean zones: epipelagic, mesopelagic, bathypelagic, abyssopelagic, and hadopelagic. Large and small creatures dwell in each level of the ocean, and a selected variety are sketched on ever darkening pages. Five pages in each zone focus on a particular creature described in brief text, providing interesting highlights rather than detailed description. Before each zone, an introductory page describes the long history of the world's evolution and emphasizes the interconnectedness of all living things. As the pages darken from lighter blue to black in the darker depths, the typeface changes from black to white. An economical, well-chosen variety of labeled creatures simply sketched in black, white, and gray tones are at home in each sea level. Set horizontally on white pages, the index alphabetically lines up each labeled species with a small sketch. Author and illustrator backgrounds appear on the end pages. VERDICT Though younger children may find the long, large format awkward to handle and to read, middle graders will find it fun. The sea creatures are fascinating, and the emphasis on caring for the earth is timely.-Margaret Bush © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781098299521	Dragon Delights	Anderberg, Juliette	
LVIS	9781960643896	Dragon diaries	Alber, Diane	
LVIS	9798348043353	Dragon Vs. Griffin A Legendary Smackdown	Troupe, Thomas Kingsley	
LVIS	9798217113248	Dragonborn The Twilight Child	Murray, Sauan	Kirkus Reviews starred (July 15, 2026) The dragons of Skralla return in this follow-up to a bestselling series opener by Scottish author Murray. After her best friend’s betrayal, 12-year-old Alex experiences bullying at Skralla. Meanwhile, Drak Midna, a vengeful dragon who wishes to kill all humans, possesses the Phylactery, a magical object of great power. To stop him from using it, Alex and her friends travel to Dundarrak, the home of Ferox, her strongest opponent on Skralla. There, she uncovers Ferox’s tragic family secrets, and their friendship develops into a resilient one based on trust. On Dundarrak, humans bond with dragons and become riders known as Dornadair in order to fight against demons; Ferox, in his human form, is matched with Alex, in her dragon form, as a Dornadair team. Through snippets of ancient texts interspersed throughout the storyline, a long history of complex relationships among humans, dragons, and demons emerges, challenging extremist groups that would violently eliminate other groups as a form of peacemaking. The Twilight Child, part of an ancient myth, features as a key figure in Murray’s complex narrative of war and violence. Meanwhile, both Alex and Ferox attempt to make up for their parents’ failures. A coming-of-age story steeped in generational family trauma, this sequel delves into questions of peaceful coexistence, allegorically confronting our own human histories and the consequences of war. It simultaneously offers a hopeful glimpse into the next generation’s future. A heartbreaking yet inspiring window into a war-torn world. (map) (Fantasy. 8-12)
LVIS	9781645828310	Dragons	Terp, Gail	
LVIS	9798225052331	Dragonships: The Rise of Neptune	Scott Reintgen	Lunar Jones and the Dread Knights have brought hope to Mars. Between Dread's power and a newly formed alliance with Earth, the once-dying planet is headed for prosperity at last. The only shadow is the one cast by Dav Robinson's warning: Neptune is coming. As predicted, Neptune's ships arrive in Martian space-and they're not interested in talking. The ships launch an immediate attack. Lunar was prepared for hostilities, but the way the attack happens is unexpected. Neptune's dragons seem divided, and its ships, while countless in number, are almost too easy to defeat. It's clear there's more to Neptune's story than meets the eye, and Lunar and his Dread Knights must figure out the mystery behind their looming foe quickly...before those secrets doom Mars for good.
LVIS	9798887353746	Drawing helps	Earley, Christina	
LVIS	9781250843104	Dream Big	Hale, Shannon	School Library Journal starred (July 1, 2026) Gr 3-8-Cassie, Vali, and Stesha are back, and the trio continues navigating shifting friendships. Vali remains loyal to Cassie, ensuring her inclusion, but Cassie can't help but feel Stesha fighting to pull Vali away from her. When their town becomes a film set for an upcoming horror movie, Cassie offers her services as an extra and lands her and Vali roles as the "ugly kids," much to Stesha's surprise and disdain. Vali quits after one day on set, but Cassie sticks with it, despite her fear, and the director selects her for a close-up, building her confidence. This opportunity brings her closer to the movie's star, whom she befriends for the duration of her time on set. Hale puts the spotlight on fears and anxiety in this stand-out installment of the "Dream On" series. Cassie's experiences with friendship, jealousy, and shame offer middle-grade readers relatable situations and helpful opportunities for reflection. Her growth demonstrates how friendships can shift and evolve, providing a grounded and reassuring model for readers navigating similar social challenges. Cespedes's cartoon-style illustrations, paired with varied panel layouts, enhance pacing and reinforce emotional tone throughout the story. Cassie and Stesha are white, Vali has brown skin. VERDICT A timely and highly relatable addition to any middle grade collection, this will resonate with readers navigating friendship changes, self-confidence, and social anxiety, making it an essential purchase for school libraries.-Angie Jameson © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781250843074	Dream On	Shannon Hale	Mega-bestselling graphic novel author Shannon Hale (Real Friends, Best Friends, and Friends Forever) is back with a new middle grade graphic novel about hope, friendship, and heartfelt wishes, perfect for fans of Invisible Emmie and Click.Something is missing from Cassie's life. Her parents don't have much money, she has to share her bedroom (and bed!) with her sisters, and her family never seem to have time for her. To make matters worse, her best friend Vali is always busy with a new friend. When Cassie gets a letter from a magazine sweepstakes with the words "YOU'RE THE WINNER" stamped on the front, she thinks it's the answer to all her problems. She could buy new furniture to replace their shabby old sofa. Or maybe a car so her family doesn't have to take two trips to go places. Or maybe she can make Vali her best friend forever by taking her on a fabulous vacation. The possibilities are endless, like an all-you-can-eat buffet! But will prizes really solve Cassie's problems? And what will she lose if she doesn't win anything at all? With bright and charming illustrations by Marcela Cespedes and Lark Pien, Dream On is a joyful story filled with imagination, big dreams, and wonder. This book is perfect for readers who want to enjoy a gentle and accessible friendship story, as well as anyone looking for SEL themes about empathy, kindness, compassion, and forgiveness. This story also features children experiencing high sensitivity, big emotions, and feelings of sadness, making it a helpful tool to spark conversations and connections with young readers.
LVIS	9781534113558	Dreams take flight : the story of deaf pilot Nellie Zabel Willhite	Richman, Brittany	School Library Journal (October 1, 2025) K-Gr 3-There's more behind the idea of "own voices" writing than just minority voices describing lived hardships. Own voices can widen the scope of stories, from inspirational to mundane. These two books demonstrate that contrast. On the one hand is Dreams Take Flight, the story of Nellie Zabel Willhite. She was not just a woman pilot, but also the first ever Deaf person with a pilot's license. It's an ideal bridge book, more nuanced writing with substantial paragraphs, accompanied by richly rendered illustrations. On the other hand, This Sunday My Daddy Came to Church is a faith-based tale of a little boy learning about hope springing eternal, and the many forms Christ-like worship can take. VERDICT This series covers a wide range of stories, with Dream Take Flight serving as a historical touchstone for older readers, while This Sunday My Daddy Came to Church gears more towards early elementary readers. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798893041729	DreamWorks	Olson, Elsie	

LVIS	9781665980968	Dumpster dive and dine	Higgins, Cam	
LVIS	9798893044089	Dungeons & Dragons	Lao-se, Joy	
LVIS	9781684057474	Dungeons & Dragons: Evil at Baldur's Gate	Jim Zub	Follow the adventures of Minsc, Krydle, Shandie, Delina, Nerys, and Boo as the Baldur's Gate heroes adventure in Ravenloft and the far reaches of the realm in this graphic novel.
LVIS	9781541975453	Earth's neighbors : inner, outer and outermost planets.		
LVIS	9781338068559	El Nino	Ryan, Pam Munoz	School Library Journal Xpress starred (May 30, 2025) Gr 3-7-This is a stirring and emotionally rich story that dives deep into grief, healing, and the powerful connection between memory and the sea. The story follows Kai Sosa, a young swimmer burdened by the emotional weight of his family's legacy, and unresolved feelings when it comes to the loss of his sister, Cali. As he pushes forward, trying to stay focused on competition and performance, Kai's dreams and visions begin to pull him into something deeper-a mystical world where love and sorrow intertwine. Ryan's storytelling is beautifully atmospheric, layering magical realism with very real grief and longing; vivid descriptions connect readers to what Kai goes through. The ocean becomes both mystery and metaphor, a space where Kai begins to unravel not only the secrets of the past but also the emotions he's tried to keep buried. As Kai connects with an otherworldly sea creature and discovers pieces of Cali's past, the novel shines, connecting themes of the heart and showing us how it is to go through a journey to find meaning. El Niño is more than a coming-of-age story, it's a tribute to the unspoken bonds that remain after loss, and a moving reminder that sometimes, letting go is the bravest act of love. VERDICT Emotionally powerful and quietly magical, this is a story that lingers and one that readers will find themselves drawn to from the start.-Aurora Dominguez © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798893041736	Electronic arts	Olson, Elsie	
LVIS	9781665948067	Elvis & Romeo	Soman, David	Booklist (May 1, 2025 (Vol. 121, No. 17)) Preschool-Grade 2. Elvis, a pudgy bulldog, and Romeo, a mutt of mixed heritage, are each visiting the dog park for the first time. Elvis is reluctant to take part in the new venture, while Romeo is enthusiastically looking forward to making a friend. Upon entering the park, they are met by a large group of various breeds, and Romeo begins his search for a buddy. He, of course, zeroes in on grumpy Elvis, though it's clear from the start that the two don't enjoy the same things. Romeo eagerly attempts to engage Elvis in play, but the disgruntled bulldog will not participate. By way of a misguided Frisbee, the dogs discover they do have something in common that is near and dear to their hearts (and stomachs), and the rest is history. Much of the story is delivered through color-coded speech bubbles that indicate which dog is communicating. The multicultural group of pet owners and wide variety of dogs fill the park with color and movement in the charming, digitally created artwork, which is a joy to peruse.
LVIS	9780763660185	Emily Windsnap and the monster from the deep	Kessler, Liz	School Library Journal (July 1, 2006) Gr 4-6-Emily is ecstatic. In The Tail of Emily Windsnap (Candlewick, 2004), she learns that she is a mermaid and reunites her human mother with her merman father. Now, the happy family is going to live together on an island smack dab in the center of the Bermuda Triangle. King Neptune himself has designated Allpoints Island as a safe place where humans and merfolk can coexist in peace. Even better, Emily's mermaid buddy Shona is moving to the island as well. Unfortunately, Emily is still feeling a little different as she is the only half-human/half-mermaid hybrid she knows. In an attempt to impress the others, she unwittingly unleashes a monster sleeping at the heart of the island. To put it to rest, she must now face not only her fears but also her old rival from middle school, Mandy Rushton. Constantly shying away from taking responsibility for her actions, Emily opts for the path of least resistance time and again, only stopping the murderous kraken when forced to do so. The book comes across as overly simplistic much of the time and relies too heavily on coincidence and some unbelievably cheery endings. Just the same, mermaid lovers everywhere will undoubtedly enjoy this story. Consider purchase if the first book is popular.-Elizabeth Bird, New York Public Library Copyright 2006 Reed Business Information.
LVIS	9781665971287	Emily's cupcake chaos!	Simon, Coco	
LVIS	9781523525713	Emma Mckenna, full out	Messner, Kate	School Library Journal Xpress (May 10, 2024) Gr 1-4-Mrs. Z's third grade classroom is filled with excited first-day learners. Curiosity Academy has just opened in Peppermint Falls and Emma McKenna, who is white, is thrilled to be part of everything new-new school, new year, new start, and new friends. Having left behind her ex-best friend, Lucy, who gave her the nickname Bongo Butt, Emma is overjoyed that no one will ever call her that again. But to Emma's dismay, Lucy has also joined Mrs. Z's class. At least Emma will be able to choose an instrument to play in music class this year, right? Wrong. The music teacher has decided that playing the recorder will be a great springboard into learning to play an actual instrument the following year. The squeaks of the recorders and lack of acumen has the music teacher creating a contest to see who can get in the most practice. Another contest pops up too, choosing a new school mascot. To get votes for their mascot of choice, students must be willing to talk in front of the whole school, a task Emma isn't sure she has the courage for. This introduction to the world of Mrs. Z's classroom is filled with relatable stories; Fajardo's art, peppered throughout, includes a picture directory of the diverse students in this class. A sneak peek at Messner's second book in the series is also offered at the end of the book. VERDICT Messner has crafted a lovely beginning chapter book series that is sure to delight young readers. A perfect addition to libraries where realistic early chapter reader books are sought.-Tracy Cronce © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780063481411	Emmie & Friends Seriously, Celia?	Libenson, Terri	School Library Journal (August 1, 2026) Gr 4-8-Can a bully truly reform? In the ever-popular "Emmie & Friends" series, Libenson examines friends and frenemies from the bully's point of view. During the summer before eighth grade, Celia is determined to win her friends Maya and Jaime back at all costs. But in trying to reunite her former friend group, she alienates her long-time, consistent friend, Grace, and risks losing everything. Celia is a complex character with a less-than-smooth home life and feelings that are buried deep-if only she can access them. Grace is her constant ally, until Celia takes things too far. Sweet illustrations pepper the book with humor and depth, with Celia's chapters being more text-heavy and Grace's featuring more of a traditional comic style, creating a perfect hybrid novel for readers who enjoy a bridge between comics and prose. Celia is white, and Grace has brown skin. VERDICT A perfect addition to libraries where the series is already popular or where hybrid novels fly off the shelf.-Esther Keller © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781499479959	Encyclopedia of Animals	Karen McGhee; George McKay	This meticulously researched, highly readable, and vividly illustrated family reference volume is a who's who of the animal kingdom.
LVIS	9798384924456	Enemy Base	Corrigan, Jim	
LVIS	9781949078893	Enzo the red dragon	Luzzader, Amanda	
LVIS	9781098288846	Erling Haaland	Abdo, Kenny	School Library Journal (November 1, 2025) Gr 1-3-Each book in this photo-rich series profiles a professional soccer player from their early life through their professional career and highlights their accomplishments, including major awards and game wins. While it does not offer play-by-play accounts of matches, it gives readers a solid sense of each player's journey and achievements. The writing is simple enough for emerging readers while still offering detail to hold kids' interest and build their knowledge. The books are filled with colorful action photos that bring the players and their stories to life, with images that emphasize key points in the text. Each book includes a table of contents, a glossary, online resources, and an index. VERDICT A fine series for soccer fans who enjoy lots of photos and accessible information. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780593484869	Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's library, the graphic novel	Grabenstein, Chris	School Library Journal (November 1, 2023) Gr 3-7-In honor of the 10th anniversary of the beloved novel, this graphic version does not disappoint. Holgate, of "The Last Kids on Earth" fame, is the perfect choice for this homage to libraries, books, and reading. The town of Alexandriaville has been without a library for 12 years. A new library is opening with a contest for 12-year-olds where 12 will be selected to spend the night in the library. Mr. Lemoncello, a famous game inventor and the library's benefactor, chooses the contestants. Five boys and seven girls of different races and backgrounds are each given a unique library card. The puzzles and games begin immediately, with no technology allowed except the library computers. A fun-filled night ends seemingly without a hitch. The next morning, however, across the street, the parents are being informed that their children can voluntarily participate in another more elaborate game where they must find an alternate exit from the library within 24 hours. The winners will become the stars of Mr. Lemoncello's holiday promotions. Competitors drop out, and alliances change. Literary references abound. Great use of the comics format to adeptly mimic time, space, and mood. VERDICT A first purchase whether or not you have the original. A crowd pleaser across grade levels and reading ability.-Elisabeth LeBris © Copyright 2023. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798212538398	Escape from the Dungeons of Snerbville	Carman, Patrick	Kirkus Reviews (September 15, 2024) A boy who is prepared for anything, a doll-size girl, and a scientist save the world from an experiment gone wrong. After a thorough-enough recap for brand-new series readers, the 40-foot chicken that Barker McMifflin rode into a giant hole in the ground leads him to another encounter with the disgustingly troublesome creatures from Jenny's armpit known as Snerbs. Still determined to get to the bottom of the strangeness clearly connected to the scientific research facility in their town, Barker takes off into Snerbville, an underground network of tunnels full of secrets and hungry Snerbs. Lucky for him, nine-inch-tall Tilda Huxley, daughter of the founder of Colossal Chemistry, is right behind him, her quest to un-shrink herself having turned into a rescue mission. Unfortunately for them all, blundering scientist Maverick McFadden's ineptitude has allowed the Snerbs to run rampant, and the kids, along with Dr. Vernsy von Vexler, must save the earth from being consumed entirely. Some readers may find the shifting perspectives among series hero Barker, Tilda, and Dr. Vexler challenging, though chapter titles add context to assist in determining narrator shifts. There is no shortage of witty repartee or inventive descriptions; it's perhaps the silliest and most entertaining series entry yet. Illustrations show Barker with brown skin, while Tilda describes herself as a "mix of [B]lack, brown, and white," and Dr. Vexler presents as white. Ridiculous and hilarious. (Paranormal. 8-12)
LVIS	9781546123200	Escape from the USS Indianapolis	Andy Marino	The end of World War II is finally in sight. The Nazis have been defeated in Europe, and Albie hopes that means he and his brother, Joe, can get back to normal life. Or as normal as life can be following the death of their parents. But the war against Imperial Japan still rages, and when Joe's given a new assignment on the USS Indianapolis, Albie refuses to be left behind. Even if that means sneaking aboard and heading out to sea with the crew.The voyage is cramped and hot, and Joe's furious when he discovers Albie. But then torpedoes slam through the hull, and suddenly the brothers have much bigger problems: The Indianapolis is sinking. As the chaos and horror unfold, Joe and Albie manage to get off the ship before it goes under. Then the real nightmare begins. There's not enough food or water or supplies, and the days are long with the sun beating down on them, and the nights are longer, with no escape from the cold. All Albie, Joe, and the others can do is float—and hope that help gets to them before the Japanese navy returns to finish them off.But another enemy is coming, drawn by the blood in the water: sharks. And with their arrival, every moment becomes a relentless battle to survive.
LVIS	9781546123224	Escape from Vietnam	Andy Marino	"Nonstop action, real history, serious danger. You gotta read these books!" —Alan Gratz, #1 New York Times bestselling author of RefugeeApril 29, 1975In the early morning hours, Malcolm and Violet are woken by their dad and told to pack up and be ready to leave in three minutes. Their dad works for the United States Embassy in Vietnam and the North Vietnamese Army, alongside Viet Cong guerrilla fighters, have attacked. The Vietnam War isn't over.Malcolm and Violet scramble to pack their things and rush to the embassy with their dad. There is an evacuation plan to get Americans and their allies out of the country—as long as your name is on the official list. The twins and their dad are on the list, but the siblings realize their best friend Bao isn't.Determined to help Bao and his family, Malcolm and Violet sneak out of the embassy to find their friend and convince officials to put his family on the list. But the streets have become a battleground, and Malcolm and Violet don't have much time. If they don't make it back to the embassy before the last helicopter leaves, they'll be trapped behind enemy lines forever.
LVIS	9798225026868	Escaping the Holocaust: A True Story	Julian Padowicz	When the Nazis invade Poland in 1939, Yulian and his mother flee their home. They find refuge in the Russian-occupied sector of their country. But as a Jewish family, they know they won't be safe for long. In desperation, they decide on a risky escape attempt, hiring a guide to take them secretly over the snow-covered Carpathian Mountains to a neighboring country. But a mother and child have never tried this dangerous route before. Readers will never forget their true story of courage and heroism.
LVIS	9781516046577	Escaping the liopleurodon	Stone, Rex	
LVIS	9781644660102	Eurofighter Typhoon	Peterson, Megan Cooley	Booklist (December 1, 2019 (Vol. 116, No. 7)) Grades 3-5. The high/low books in the Air Power series (6 new titles) rely on concise, clear sentences and, most effectively, bold infographics to detail the developmental history of different types of military aircrafts. Each aircraft in these volumes is still in use today, and the text discusses how technological advances have led to updates and improvements. Multiple European nations collaborated to develop the subject of Eurofighter Typhoon, a jet known for its speed. The books' tone tends, at times, toward military glorification, though for the most part the focus is on the technological features of the aircrafts, while the concentration on their usage throughout their lifespans keeps the text from becoming dated too quickly. In addition to stock photos, each volume contains a time line of development, a labeled diagram, and a final "By the Numbers" spread of statistics. For visual learners, numbers fans, and technology nuts, this is a sharply designed pick.
LVIS	9781546127109	Eva saves the day	Elliott, Rebecca	

LVIS	9780500653814	Explore the far side of the Moon	Jacoby, Jenny	School Library Journal starred (April 1, 2026) Gr 3-6-This friendly, fact-filled, abundantly illustrated book invites young readers to check out all the steps involved in being one of the astronauts selected for a mission to explore the far side of the moon-the side that cannot be seen from our location on Earth. In a note to readers, Jacoby offers an enthusiastic preview of what is to come and why it is so important. The main text has a great deal of information offered in an accessible way. The book proceeds sequentially by dealing with a part of the exploration process, from preparing for liftoff to splashdown. The illustrations enhance the text, enabling children to better understand what it involved, whether the question is what to pack or how to prepare for the moment of liftoff. Humorous comments along with fascinating facts and colorful illustrations also maintain interest. Readers will learn about the lunar space station, life in microgravity, stepping onto the surface of the moon, and much more. In classroom settings, groups of children could work together, dividing up sections among them and then presenting what they learned to one another. VERDICT Highly recommended for its interesting information and illustrations, this is a book to read on repeat to build a strong understanding.-Myra Zarnowski © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781537954578	Explorers, presidents, and toilets	Gutman, Dan	Horn Book Guide (Spring 2018) Andrea and Arlo (A.J.) relate bite-size chunks of history from the exploration of North America through WWII. Although the book covers a decent swath of American history, the brief sections don't go beyond surface-level facts. Still, young readers will enjoy the quirky information (including a brief history of toilets) as the kids trade jokes and barbs along the way. Black-and-white cartoons and tiny photos are included.
LVIS	9781338745306	Extreme animal rumble	Pallotta, Jerry	
LVIS	9781482480788	F-22 Raptor	Kingsley Troupe, Thomas	
LVIS	9781644662304	F-22 Raptor	Peterson, Megan Cooley	
LVIS	9781482480818	F-35 Lightning Ii	Kingsley Troupe, Thomas	
LVIS	9781644662311	F-35 Lightning Ii	Peterson, Megan Cooley	
LVIS	9781482480757	F/A-18 Hornet	Kingsley Troupe, Thomas	
LVIS	9781644660119	F/A-18 Super Hornet	Peterson, Megan Cooley	
LVIS	9781645199021	Fair shot : a basketball story	Jones, Jordan	
LVIS	9781645828327	Fairies	Terp, Gail	
LVIS	9781098299538	Fairy Flights	Anderberg, Juliette	
LVIS	9781546145431	Faker	Gordon Korman	From #1 bestselling author Gordon Korman, the story of a family of liars... and the son who wants to break the family tradition. Trey knows the drill: His dad gets him into a school full of kids with rich parents. Trey makes friends, and his dad makes connections. Soon, there's the con, where Trey's dad suckers the other parents into investing in one of his schemes. Once the money's in the bank, Trey, his sister, and their dad are on the run... until they set up somewhere else and start again. Trey believes his father when he says no one's getting hurt. After all, these parents have money to spare. But Trey's starting to get tired of running... and lying... and never having a friend for longer than a few months. But how do you get your family to stop lying when your lives depend on it?
LVIS	9781960643872	Far from Genius Invitation	Alber, Diane	
LVIS	9780593434345	Fart Boy and Reeky Dog. 2,Dino doom!	Holub, Joan	Kirkus Reviews (April 15, 2026) Farts reanimate extinct species in this free-for-all of a sequel. When a book gets this wild, readers should consider an opening recap a mercy. The story still focuses on Phartolomew Normal (who saves the world as his alter ego Fart Boy, accompanied by his pooch, Reeky), and the villainous Professor Groovypants (nicknamed Gravypants) is still scheming to exploit Earth's flatulence. Those foundations serve as a launchpad for the chaos to come, trading superhero tropes for more of a sci-fi adventure. Chapters are lettered instead of numbered, pungent farts reawaken dinosaurs during Phartolomew's school trip to the Stinksonian Museum, paintings of historical paleontologists speak to the students, and time travel leads to a lesson about Earth's development. To anyone seeking logical explanations, the book implores, "Fart power. Just roll with it." The unpredictability is an entertaining feature, not a bug, especially when Rosado's art so seamlessly transitions across different formats. For instance, a diorama of the museum and a quiz about "Which dinosaur are you" keep readers anticipating what unpredictable turn awaits them. Counting on an explanation, as Phartolomew's plucky but overlooked friend Liz does, is a moot point on a ride that swerves so dramatically. The finale may tease a third book, but readers would need their own time machine to guess at the plot, and that's to its credit. Most characters are pale-skinned. A colorful and chuckle-worthy exploration of the past—but beware of passed gas. (Graphic fiction. 7-10)
LVIS	9798225049423	Fast Cars		Buckle up! This book is your ultimate guide to the coolest, fastest, most powerful cars on the planet. Learn the history of cars, race with Nascar and F1, and admire the most gorgeous commercial supercars in the world in this unique collectible book featuring a shiny metal car on the cover!
LVIS	9798899132520	Fearless Freewheeling --A BMX Story	Jones, Jordan	
LVIS	9781250903075	Feelings are like farts	Willard, Christopher	School Library Journal (May 1, 2025) K-Gr 4-"Have you ever noticed? Feelings are a lot like farts." Well, then. Clinical psychologist Willard and artist/educator Wosiski reveal the endless similarities feelings and farts share. Versatile veteran Campbell narrates thoughtfully, though never judgmentally, and with just a hint of humor because "We all have them. They can linger, but they usually don't last too long." Sometimes they're embarrassing: "You might wish they were private, but they don't always come out that way." Sometimes unpredictable: "They might be fast and fiery, other times loud and long." Stifling isn't recommended: "It's not so healthy to hold them in too long. You usually feel better if you just let them out." Protecting yourself? "If yours or someone else's are too overwhelming, you might want to take some space until they clear up." VERDICT This clever, funny approach to feelings (and farts) makes an excellent guide for the youngest children in navigating emotional challenges. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798886879544	Fender	Green, Sara	Booklist (August 2024 (Vol. 120, No. 22)) Grades 3-8. The Behind the Brand series (4 new titles) shares the history of popular brands in the U.S. through visually appealing hi/lo readers through short paragraphs and plenty of large, colorful photos and infographics. Each entry opens by showing young people interacting with the brand and continues with a brief overview of the brand's products, earnings, headquarters, and founder. The bulk of the books covers the creation of the brand and its rise to fame. Fender tells how Leo Fender invented his signature electric guitars, like the Stratocaster, and how the company he founded later developed electric amps and other musical instruments. This title is especially notable for its sleek, up-close photos of these beautiful guitars. The volumes conclude with a look at each brand's charitable efforts.
LVIS	9798893047394	Fennec fox vs. sand cat	Sommer, Nathan	
LVIS	9780063417717	FGTeeV Blasts Off!	FGTeeV	The FGTee V family hijinks are about to get totally out of this world in Blasts Off!, the fifth graphic novel in the awesome, action-packed, New York Times bestselling series by You Tube's favorite gamer family! When the FGTee V family goes on a trip to the National Space Center, the kids can't wait to see the inside of a next-generation space rocket. But when Shawn accidentally pushes a button he shouldn't have pushed—BUT IT WAS SO RED!—the family soon finds themselves blasted off into space. To survive in the outer reaches of the universe, they're going to use their smarts, wits, and skills to defeat angry space plants, escape interstellar circuses, and make their way home. But when the family learns that their accidental trip might not have been an accident at all, will they be able to save themselves and the universe before it's too late? Blast off into the fun-filled fifth graphic novel adventure from You Tube sensation FGTee V, with more than 45 MILLION subscribers and over 50 BILLION views!
LVIS	9780063340466	FGTeeV: Out of Time!	FGTeeV	It's a race against time! Press play on Out of Time!, the fourth graphic novel in the awesome action-packed, New York Times bestselling series by You Tube's favorite family of gamers, FGTee V! The FGTee V family gamers have survived their fair share of glitchy gaming consoles and weird goings-on. But when Duddz can't stop gaming on his fancy new e Watch, the whole family winds up sucked into the watch and on a perilous adventure across space and time! To find their way home, Duddz, Moomy, Lexi, Mike, Chase, and Shawn are going to have to avoid being eaten by a T-Rex, win a joust against a brave knight, and fight angry space invaders! But when they meet a familiar face (ANOTHER Duddz?!), will they be able to return everyone to the right timeline before it's too late? Game like you've never gamed before in the fun-filled fourth graphic novel adventure from You Tube sensation FGTee V, with more than 41 MILLION subscribers and over 50 BILLION views!
LVIS	9780063349407	FGTeeV: The Official Guidebook	FGTeeV	Level up your FGTee V knowledge! Join You Tube sensations FGTee V as they show off what happens behind-the-scenes at one of You Tube's most popular channels! Featuring 128 pages of inside jokes, crazy character backstories, song lyrics, awards show shenanigans, zany vacation pics, and much, much more, The Official Guidebook is the ultimate insider edition for any FGTee V fan. This full-color paperback is the only official, definitive, behind-the-scenes guidebook that'll give you the inside vibe on everyone's favorite online channel, FGTee V!
LVIS	9781955657983	Fiasco in Florida	Kenney, Daniel	
LVIS	9781338841558	Fiercest feuds	Pallotta, Jerry	Kirkus Reviews (October 15, 2022) Some of nature's toughest animals battle one-on-one in a set of five death matches. When animals go into battle with each other, lots of factors can determine who will win, from a creature's tough skin to its ability to inject poison in its foe. This work collects five books that detail what might happen in to-the-death fights between a Komodo dragon and a king cobra; a tarantula and a scorpion; a whale and a giant squid; a hyena and a honey badger; and a falcon and a hawk. Before the result is played out as a what-if mini-story with photorealistic illustrations, readers will find pages and pages of facts. For anyone who likes trivia about animals, each fight contains volumes of factoids and bite-sized lessons in biology. So much so that small sections, each labeled "Fact," are piled with "Bonus Facts," "Fun Facts," "Interesting Facts," "Gross Facts," "Yummy Facts," and "Sharp Facts" (in relation to teeth) in addition to "Dangerous Definitions," warnings for humans, and "Did You Know?" sections. It's quite a lot, enough to make one exhausted from information overload before the final verdict. The fights pull no punches, with animals getting bones broken and poisoned to death. Sometimes the logic doesn't exactly follow. After a snake kills a Komodo dragon, the next line in the text reads, "Maybe next time, the Komodo dragon will bite first." Seems unlikely. Occasional humorous asides ("The Tarantulas would be a great name for a football team") keep the book from being a totally dry undertaking. An overly fact-packed science book that's not written for the squeamish. (who has the advantage checklists) (Nonfiction. 6-9)
LVIS	9798225028237	Fifth grade top dogs	Spinelli, Jerry	School Library Journal (May 1, 2026) Gr 3-6-Offering a humorous yet meaningful look at the social hierarchy of elementary school, this quick read features George "Suds" Morton as he enters fifth grade eager to embrace his status as one of the school's "Top Dogs." Suds tries to act cool and impress his peers, especially his best friend Joey, who has a knack for making poor choices. Unfortunately, he often lands in trouble simply by following Joey's lead. Family plays a central role in this book. Suds's relationship with his younger sister Amy is complicated, especially when his crush, the popular Judy Billings, targets Amy with bullying behavior. Suds's decision to defend his sister marks an important turning point, reinforcing themes of family loyalty and moral courage. One of the book's most powerful moments occurs when Suds and Joey step up to help a first-grade teacher in distress, realizing that true leadership comes from responsibility and courage. The story thoughtfully explores peer pressure, bullying, leadership, and creative problem solving as Suds and Joey learn that being a "Top Dog" means more than just acting detached and indifferent. While the story's adults occasionally appear overly wise and somewhat forced and there is a lack of diversity in the featured characters, the book's humor, short chapters, and appealing black-and-white illustrations make it relevant to upper elementary students. Most characters are cued white. VERDICT With accessible language, engaging illustrations, and clear themes of leadership and integrity, this book is especially appealing to reluctant readers. A good addition to classroom and school library collections.-Lynne Stover © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781419782701	Fight or flight	Kinney, Jeff	
LVIS	9781482479126	Finding Andromeda	Carroll, Brynn	
LVIS	9781482479157	Finding Gemini	Carroll, Brynn	
LVIS	9781482479188	Finding Orion	Carroll, Brynn	
LVIS	9781482479218	Finding Pisces	Carroll, Brynn	
LVIS	9781482479249	Finding the Big Dipper	Carroll, Brynn	

LVIS	9781482479270	Finding the Little Dipper	Carroll, Brynn	
LVIS	9780823459568	Finn the floaty	Hatch, Leanne	School Library Journal Xpress (April 17, 2026) PreS-Gr 3-Finn, a pool floaty resembling an orca, spends his summer in a backyard pool playing with the children and his fellow floaties. Finn has a good life, but sometimes at night, he wonders what is on the other side of the backyard fence. One night, some intense gusts of wind blow Finn high into the air and into an adventure. Finn encounters many exciting experiences, but he misses home and the children he loves. The wind keeps blowing Finn until he gets stuck, deflated in a tree in the yard beside his old house. The family next door patch Finn up and return him home to their very excited neighbors. While Hatch's illustrations provide a vibrant setting and an adorable protagonist, Finn's story falls flat, relying on a weakly communicated "there's no place like home" theme that doesn't differentiate this from others like it. A note reveals this book is based loosely on the author's real-life missing-and-found floaty, which is arguably the most interesting aspect of this story. A secondary purchase for large collections. VERDICT While the illustrations charm, this "no place like home" tale about a wayward pool float lacks the narrative depth to make it a priority purchase.-Kasey Swords © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781524883447	Finnik the furious	Ulrich, Josh	School Library Journal Xpress starred (May 15, 2026) Gr 4-6-Ten-year-old Finnik is annoyed when he is left home to babysit his infant sister, Tina, while his parents go out monster hunting. However, boredom-relieving chaos quickly ensues when he straps Tina into her front-facing baby carrier and the pair take off into the wilds, where they meet dinosaur monsters and a gnomish guy, fall into a rapidly flowing torrent, and encounter sticky vines. Fast-paced and filled with tongue-in-cheek text and visual humor, this delightful tale is just right for both adventure-loving and more careful kids. The story delivers a subtle feminist message, with mom and Tina overcoming dangers by use of their daring brawn and brains. The palette is loudly bold, the world building is strewn with bugs and bones, and the facial expressions quickly convey personalities of the kids and the parents. The family, who appear dressed in costumes melding prehistoric stereotypes with superhero trappings, is white and read Nordic. VERDICT Action-packed, smartly written, and undeniably fun. This is highly recommended for all collections supplying elementary school aged readers with graphic novels.-Francisca Goldsmith © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781534475410	Firebird Waltz	Copeland, Misty	Kirkus Reviews (August 15, 2026) Ballet, magic, and the performance of a lifetime come together in this series opener by groundbreaking former American Ballet Theatre principal dancer Copeland. Twelve-year-old Josie Davis and her best friend, Patrick Vallejo, have been dancing together for years. After they're both accepted to the Star Fire Academy for the Performing Arts, a 100-year-old school that's said to be "infused with magic," the friends leave San Pedro, California, for New York City. While Josie and Patrick are used to dancing with other Black and Puerto Rican kids, their new classmates are largely white. Josie is mentored by strict but caring instructors, including Martine Baptiste, a legendary founding member of the Dance Theatre of Harlem who's Black like her. This year, students will perform one of Josie's favorite ballets, Igor Stravinsky's Russian folklore–infused Firebird, and the competition for principal roles will be fierce. One night—in what was probably just a dream—Josie is visited by the Firebird herself, leading her to suspect the school's magic is real. Short chapters and carefully revealed hints about Star Fire's secrets immerse readers in the enchanted boarding school, with its secret passageway, studio that transforms into a forest, and reclusive owner who has an icy presence. Consistently entertaining, this first installment lays the groundwork for a promising series with appeal for young dancers and ballet fans. Myth comes to life in this fast-paced fantasy. (Fantasy. 8-12)
LVIS	9781665931847	Firefly song : Lynn Frierson Faust and the Great Smoky Mountain discovery	Paeff, Colleen	School Library Journal Xpress (April 18, 2025) Gr 1-4-This lovely picture book is the true story of Lynn Frierson Faust, a citizen scientist who helped prove that synchronous fireflies exist in both North and South Carolina and in Tennessee, even though scientists at the time believed the species only existed in Asia. Faust grew up spending summers at a remote family cabin in the Great Smoky Mountains. When the cabin and its land became part of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Lynn and her family lost access to it, but she never forgot the magic of watching fireflies from its porch. Through her own research, she found out that the synchronous fireflies were quite unusual and set out to prove that what she had witnessed was real. This is a story of persistence and patience as well as the inspiration to explain a natural phenomenon. The artwork is beautiful, particularly the images of the fireflies, which are hard to capture and even more difficult to try to explain to someone who's never seen them. VERDICT This is an excellent book to share with students who are thinking about their own future scientific explorations as scientists or entomologists.-Debbie Tanner © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781970302189	First haircut	Alber, Diane	
LVIS	9798899132322	Fishing Zine	Burns, Jason M	
LVIS	9781966995029	Fix-It and Forget-It® Budget Meals	Hope Comerford	127 Instant Pot and slow cooker meals to drastically cut your grocery bill!
LVIS	9780063095038	Flat Stanley: The 100th day	Egan, Kate	
LVIS	9798225063191	Flight : a story of seeking refuge	Gratz, Alan	School Library Journal Xpress starred (July 10, 2026) Gr 5-8-This newest companion to Two Degrees is a realistic flight to El Norte that demonstrates the enormous domino effects of climate change. It turns into a horrific reality when 13-year-old Dani's family becomes separated after escaping Honduras when the coffee farm they worked at was devastated by global warming and subsequent disasters. Dani and her nine-year-old brother Carlos brave extreme temperature fluctuations; question when to trust strangers; and acquire the skills to bypass spies, gangs, and thieves as they board an enormous and terrifying freight train in hopes of reuniting with their family at the United States-Mexico border. Social studies teachers can make connections to the struggles of migrant asylum seekers while science instructors can pair Gratz's text with factual discussions on the climate crisis's impact on people, land, and animals such as Carlos's monarch butterfly. Social workers could use this title in discussions about gender disparities in traveling. The book ends on a hopeful cliff-hanger, merging political crises simply. VERDICT Gratz's popular appeal and prowess for writing home runs cannot be underestimated. A gripping story based on real-life journeys, ideal for striving readers and fans of Gratz's Resist.-Laura Dooley-Taylor © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780062393920	Floozombies!	Carman, Patrick	Kirkus Reviews (August 1, 2016) Following the events of The Trouble with Fuzzwonker Fizz (2016), gassy antics ensue in subterranean Fizzopolis after a batch of salubrious Fuzzwonker Fizz is contaminated by a sample of a rival junk-food manufacturer's disgusting goop.Logic plays at best a minor role in this return to the secret factory and research lab where the world's burpiest and most popular soft drink is produced. The principle of "garbage in, garbage out" definitely comes into play when a disgruntled Fizzy (think Oompa Loompa) chucks a glob of Snood's Flooze into Fizzopolis' Fizzomatic machine. Out oozes a squad of outsized Floozombies, who escape into unsuspecting Pflugerville—leaving behind a trail of green goo that looks just like "fart putty," which young Harold, son of Fizzopolis' owner/inventor Dr. Fuzzwonker, of course follows. Fortunately, the white lad discovers that massive quantities of pure Fuzzwonker Fizz will dissolve the Floozombies. Unfortunately, that means finding a way to deliver 1,400 gallons of Fizz to the Snood Candy Factory, where the monsters are engaged in a world class sugar rush, without revealing Fizzopolis' location. This is all accomplished to the accompaniment of thunderous belches in the narrative and lots of frenetic cartoons by Sheesley featuring popeyed characters, human and decidedly otherwise, with wide-open mouths. Mind-, if not tooth-, rotting…but the premise is already turning a little flat. (Adventure. 8-10)
LVIS	9781503878617	Florida Gators	Sveda, Emily	
LVIS	9781800660649	Flush it down : the story of sewers through time	Flowers, Rob	
LVIS	9780593712047	Forbidden mountain	Mull, Brandon	School Library Journal Xpress (May 2, 2026) Gr 4-8-Mull's fantasy series opener introduces two teenagers-a boy, Mako, who yearns to emulate his homeland of Anora's battle hero, and a girl, Arden, whose friend Kita disappeared after joining the local Cat's Paw gang. Their desires lead both to commit terrible errors. Mako chooses as his spirit guardian one of the Accursed, a forbidden act and a death sentence if discovered. Arden's ability to discern people's intentions gets her into Kita's gang, where she faces theft and murder. Her rapid exit puts her family in danger and forces her to travel to Rojan, an Anoran war master, in whose camp she meets Mako. Arden and Mako learn from Rojan that the spirits of the Accursed may be sowing corruption in the Tinvali empire, and their opposition will be perilous. Mull clearly delineates the alternating chapters by using third-person limited perspective for both teens, allowing readers to learn about the gifted Anorans and the lowland citizens from their perspectives. Dialogue, as well as battles and chases, move the story forward, although in typical Mull tradition, the page count is significant. Where Mull triumphs is in writing characters who speak and act their age within a rich story that remains faithful to an upper middle grade audience. Both teens have done horrible things in the heedless manner of children, and they carry those burdens as they move forward as best they can. Physical descriptions of characters are minimal. VERDICT Mull threads guilt and redemption through what will certainly be an epic high fantasy series recommended for all libraries.-Caitlin Augusta © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798318962462	Forever Ripley	Hoyle, McCall	School Library Journal Xpress starred (October 3, 2025) Gr 4-6-The beauty of this novel and what sets it apart from other dog stories is that Ripley, a devoted German Shepherd, is the narrator and protagonist. Readers see the action through Ripley's loyal eyes. A working dog in her younger years, Ripley worked with Max watching over the swamp and land and keeping danger out. When Max dies in an accident, he asks Ripley to watch over his girls, and Ripley takes her job seriously. Ripley does her best as she ages. Eventually, it becomes a bit harder for Riley to walk, and she experiences aches and pains she didn't have as a pup. Fortunately, Ripley is surrounded by love and community as they begin to process saying goodbye, taking the dog on favorite outings to share what she's always loved. Ripley knows she's leaving them stronger; she kept her promise to Max, and she is proud. Heartbreakingly poignant, this tender middle grade book about grief, dying, love, friendship and pride truly stands apart in its exploration of these tough topics from a wise dog's perspective. Tears will be shed, and tissues are needed. Back matter includes discussion questions that explore plot and character relationships and will inspire dialogue. VERDICT A tearjerking realistic fiction read about love and loss that should be added to all middle grade collections.-P. Thompson McLeod © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780593691465	Forty the fortune teller	Daywalt, Drew	School Library Journal Xpress starred (October 17, 2025) K-Gr 6-A riotous romp across a school playground will have readers howling with laughter and folding fortune tellers as soon as they can find a piece of paper. From Daywalt (The Day the Crayons Quit and its many sequels) comes the story of Forty, a mostly finished fortune teller that has been discarded on the school yard as the end-of-recess bell rang. Forty finds herself at a loss for her purpose in life until she meets Chip, a potato chip with a bite out of her head. Chip is hoping to make it to safety in Canada but when Forty sees that the playground slide is missing a bolt the dynamic duo decide they must set things right before the impending doom of the next recess. Together they go on a quest facing numerous obstacles, such as a basketball who believes himself king of the court. Forty tells his fortune (which is scatalogically hilarious and perfectly illustrated) and the basketball runs off in disgrace. With Forty's fortune-telling prowess and Chip's confidence they are able to defeat their adversaries and save the day with the help of a gang of wads of gum. The laughs are plentiful, with graphic novel-style dialogue; Cornell (illustrator of the "Terrible Two" series) adds to the delight and fun in this tour de force recess tale. VERDICT A must-have for all collections serving young people, this tale pairs a brilliant sense of humor with great comedic timing. This instant classic will have children pondering their own fortunes as well as those of their friends.-John Scott © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781536235074	Fourteen ways of looking at jellyfish	Weatherford, Carole Boston	School Library Journal starred (February 1, 2026) PreS Up-Weatherford uses her prodigious poetic talents to inspire wonder and to teach readers about jellyfish. The facts she shares are fascinating (no heart, no brain, no blood, and no bones), but her poems also capture how people feel around jellyfish (from calm contemplation to fear). No narrative connects the 14 poems. Rather, every one appears as a spread, with the poem on one side of the page and acrylic gouache artwork across both pages. The artwork changes to capture the mood and subject of the specific poem: sometimes the art is whimsical, sometimes wholly scientific, and sometimes it pays homage to earlier artist styles or children's books. For example, when text reveals the unusual common names of jellyfish, detailed, colorful drawings appear on graph paper, but when there are facts about Japanese folklore relating to jellyfish, the artwork is reminiscent of Hokusai. In one spread, readers will feel as if they are safely enclosed underwater looking out at the glowing jellyfish gliding by, confirming that writing and art are beautifully in sync. The end papers contain an extensive bibliography and websites for curious readers to explore further. VERDICT A necessary purchase, this glorious collaboration between author and illustrator brings the world of jellyfish to unforgettable life.-Sally James © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798225064785	Foxed In	Downing, Erin Soderberg	
LVIS	9781665980623	Framed in Paris!	Yaccarino, Dan	School Library Journal Xpress (June 26, 2026) K-Gr 4-This fast-paced illustrated novel in the "Star Chapter Books" line introduces young readers to the sights and art of Paris, France. Betsy and Bones, two goofy dog siblings on a quest to see the French sights including the Mona Lisa, are thrust into an adventure when they discover a fox attempting to steal it at the Louvre. Unaware that the fox has just stolen the famous painting, they unwittingly help the fox get away, placing them on the radar of Inspector Fronch of the French police. As they make their way around the city looking for fox so that they can clear their names, they visit well-known places in Paris, such as the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Tuileries Garden, and Musée Rodin. This book is aesthetically pleasing with Long's black-and-white illustrations layered over washed-out photographs in purple hues of places and sights in Paris. VERDICT This enjoyable and accessible book is recommended as a first purchase for all chapter book and juvenile hybrid novel collections.-Misty Schattle © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798318956553	Frankenstein --A Graphic Novel	Coltellacci, Lorenzo	

LVIS	9781534463509	Freedom to Read	Cline-Ransome, Lesa	School Library Journal starred (July 1, 2026) Gr 2-7-An important picture book biography about an unsung figure in Black history. This chronological account starts with Mary Peake's birth in southern Virginia as a free Black woman in 1823. She was a star student who found joy in learning. But the racist fears of what educated Black people could accomplish and the freedom that they could gain led to the closure of all schools for Black people. "Mary returned to Norfolk a young woman of 16 years, still hungry for education, now starved by law." Peake started a secret school; eventually, enrollment increased so drastically that she began holding classes under a large oak tree. Named the Emancipation Oak, the tree still stands on the grounds of Hampton University, and its story is interwoven with Peake's. The masterly watercolor and pencil illustrations are rich in yellows, greens, and browns, adding depth to the stunning nature scenes. Though the flow is a bit choppy, readers will be inspired by the story. Back matter includes an author's note that connects her family to Peake's lasting legacy through historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs). VERDICT A recommended purchase, offering accessible prose for younger readers and strong social studies connections for older ones.-Monisha Blair © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798318942471	Friend group	Greenwald, Lisa	School Library Journal Xpress (March 27, 2026) Gr 5-8-When Sadie Zankel gets accidentally added to a group chat, suddenly she has a secret view of everything the most popular friend group is talking about. She can't look away, and can't make herself leave the chat. Her best friend Olive Horowitz-Yang is already anxious enough about middle school, and Sadie is struggling to expand their friend circle-there's no way she can tell Olive about the gossip she is now privy to. However, when the drama heats up even more surrounding a crush, and Olive realizes that Sadie is obsessed with the popular girls, tensions mount and friendships are in danger. Books written in text message are a major trend with tweens and early teens, and Greenwald has delivered a story composed partially in this format that not only serves up all the drama but is also written so closely to a contemporary middle school voice and experience that it's uncanny. Crushes are a major focus of the story, but there is no physical contact, and while there is a bit of cattiness in the group chat and among the girls, there is no traumatic bullying on the page. Sadie and Olive are Jewish, and Olive is implied to have Asian heritage. VERDICT A much-needed addition to middle school realistic fiction collections, written in a pitch-perfect tone for the drama of the middle years.-Kate Olson © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798899132506	Fright of the Felines	Troupe, Thomas Kingsley	
LVIS	9798875272455	Fright Shift	Scott, Steven	School Library Journal (June 1, 2026) Gr 4 Up-Sawyer must hide his shape-shifting talent most days of the year, but on Halloween, he can change his appearance over and over again, especially when visiting houses that are giving out full-size candy bars! When one of Sawyer's friends is scared away from what appears to be a haunted house, it is up to Sawyer to use his shape-shifting skill to help solve the mystery and uncover the truth. This book is part of an ongoing series, but a short introduction at the beginning quickly gets new readers up to speed. Brandizi's illustrations are cute and colorful and are filled with energy and humor. The text and artwork work well together to engage kids with this sweet and funny story. The story opens with a "words to know" list of vocabulary terms. The end of the book includes directions for making an origami Halloween cat and a "Think About the Story" page with a list of questions about what happened in the book. VERDICT For fans of the series, and for readers who enjoy stories where kids use their imaginations to solve problems.-Andrea Lipinski © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781623544461	From bam! To burp! : a carbon atom's never-ending journey through space, time, and YOU	Stewart, Melissa	School Library Journal starred (October 1, 2025) Gr 1-4-Using a friendly tone and speaking directly to readers, this book explains how a carbon atom that is now in a human might once have been in the body of a dinosaur. That's a story young readers will want to know. The work opens as a small planet called Theia, containing carbon and other elements, crashes into the Earth. Over time, the carbon atom was released when a volcano erupted, and that started its voyage from Earth to tree to dinosaur to another tree to a person. It took billions of years. The book is infused with the author's friendly and humorous tone. For example, after stating that atoms never disappear, they just move from one object or creature to another, she asks, "Want to know more? Then fasten your seat belt." To explain how pieces of the planet Theia formed the Moon, she tells us they "thumped-bumped-clumped together." A "Wonder Wall" raises and answers questions like these: "How much of my body is made of carbon?" and "How much of the air I exhale is carbon dioxide?" Back matter gives even more information about the carbon cycle. An author's note explains what sparked the idea for the book. The illustrations provide color and humor and make facts about carbon atoms and their trip truly memorable. An illustrator's note describes the delight and the challenges she faced. VERDICT Highly recommended for science and literacy programs.-Myra Zarnowski © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781338856446	Front Desk --A Graphic Novel	Yang, Kelly	School Library Journal starred (August 1, 2026) Gr 5-8-This meaningful, entertaining graphic adaptation of Yang's acclaimed novel, set in the early 1990s, is full of themes that remain sharply relevant today. Mia's parents, Chinese immigrants to California, manage a cheap motel. They staff the desk, clean rooms, manage problem clients, and are paid quite poorly, but they can live at the motel free of charge. Fifth grader Mia often helps, sharpening her math skills at the front desk and interacting positively with folks who live at the motel full-time. At school, Mia makes friends with kids from different backgrounds and discovers a new passion for writing in English. But hard times are ahead: Mr. Yao, the motel owner, financially exploits the family's labor; racial profiling affects a resident; and Mia's parents take a risk by creating a safe place for undocumented immigrants. Mia thinks she can fix things, and her youthful optimism gets her quite far. But she also possesses youthful bluntness about how little American reality resembles the American dream. Sober, cogent discussions of how money affects opportunity are uncommon in children's literature, and Yang raises the issue brilliantly while telling a great story. Obata's illustrations are deliberate yet lively, portraying a complex, diverse cast of characters easy to differentiate in appearance and attitude. VERDICT An excellent graphic adaptation of a compelling American story. A must-buy.-Emilia Packard © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798899132551	Frozen in Place --A Snowboarding Story	Jones, Jordan	
LVIS	9798899133206	Fugitive Friends	Mather, Charis	
LVIS	9798225077341	Fútbol Is Life! / ¡Fútbol es vida!	Cristo Fernández	An inspirational bilingual picture book from Cristo Fernández, the actor and filmmaker best known for his role as Dani Rojas on the Emmy Award-winning show Ted Lasso. Cristobalito and his soccer ball go everywhere together in his Mexican hometown of Guadalajara, Jalisco . . . until an injury leaves him sidelined. Without the ball at his feet, Cristo looks around. Could his grandmother teach him the art of making tamales? Could his sister show him a whole new way of moving, like ballet? What else has he been missing? Inspired by Fernández's own life, this English-Spanish bilingual book celebrates growth, culture, and courage, exploring themes of being open to change and discovering new passions. Fútbol is Life! is a joyful story about resilience and heart, reminding readers that life has many ways to score . . . and every one of them is worth celebrating.
LVIS	9781250901361	Gabby Torres Gets a Billion Followers	Angela Dominguez	Join Gabby as she navigates the inevitable disasters of fourth grade and social media, perfect for fans of Katie the Catsitter and Allergic. Gabby Torres is nine years old and ready to conquer the world. She's already joined the Sea Musketeers, the environmental protection club founded by her idol, Stella Diaz, and plans to be their best (and youngest) member ever. Gabby's latest and greatest idea: start a social media page for her club. But her parents think she's too young! Nothing stops Gabby though... until some online meanies get her in some serious trouble! But she's totally got everything under control all on her own. Right?
LVIS	9798318942099	Gabby Torres Knows What You Did	Dominguez, Angela	School Library Journal (May 1, 2026) Gr 2-4-Gabby Torres is a fourth grader with an active imagination who has been reading a lot of mystery novels and thinks she has found a mystery of her own! When a new couple moves in next door, Gabby thinks they are hiding something. She starts to spy on them with her binoculars, writing down all the clues in her notebook in case she needs them as evidence. This third installment in the series by Dominguez is a fun story for kids who enjoy mysteries. It is a hybrid graphic novel and chapter book, and the prose format is told from Gabby's point of view. Color illustrations have speech balloons for dialogue. The drawings are simple, but the characters' expressions and emotions are clear, especially Gabby's. Gabby is mixed race: her dad is Mexican, her mom is white, and her friends and classmates are of different ethnicities. There is some Spanish dialogue that is translated into English throughout. VERDICT This graphic novel will appeal to both mystery and comedy fans and is a recommended purchase for kids graphic novel sections.-Margaret Puentes © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780593566244	Game On	Grace, Sina	School Library Journal starred (August 1, 2026) Gr 4-8-Middle schooler Sasan has it pretty good: he has friends, he does well at school, and his mother allows him lots of freedom. When the newest handheld gaming console is released, his mother is willing to get it for him, but there's a catch: he must take Farsi lessons. Sasan needs that gaming console to keep up with his friends, so he agrees to his mother's terms, though he can't understand why she places so much importance on their Persian heritage. Meanwhile, a school assignment titled "Who Am I?" requires him to delve into his Persian ancestry, something he doesn't see as relevant to his identity. To uncover the truth of who he is, Sasan must learn to prioritize family over video games and, in the process, come to appreciate the cultural qualities that make him unique. Grace strongly captures the dilemma faced by many children of immigrants: the tension between the pressure to fit in by minimizing one's ethnic identity versus the pull of cultural heritage. Sasan's love of video games and spending time with his friends makes him an immediately relatable protagonist, and the path to acceptance of his dual cultures will resonate with many readers. The diverse backgrounds of his classmates further enrich the story, providing a look at how other tweens celebrate their cultures and adding depth to Sasan's character as he gains understanding. VERDICT With its universal themes of identity, belonging, and self-acceptance, Sasan's story will appeal to tweens regardless of cultural background. A highly recommended first purchase.-Rosemary Kiladitis © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781518128820	Geography	Gutman, Dan	School Library Journal (April 1, 2016) Gr 2-5-Gutman's familiar characters A.J. (Arlo) and Andrea are here to entertain and to inform young readers about geography and sports. Taking turns, A.J., the comedian, and Andrea, the straight man, relate odd and interesting tidbits. Geography includes chapters on the continents, water, and natural disasters with fun facts, such as that Antarctica is the world's largest desert, the Grand Canyon existed before the dinosaurs, and in 1928 a tornado pulled the feathers off of chickens. In Sports, which divides chapters according to individual pastimes, readers discover that a 14-year-old girl struck out Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig, Tom Dempsey kicked a 63-yard field goal despite a disability, and Detroit Red Wings fans throw an octopus on the ice during playoff games. Gutman certainly knows his audience as the jokes, puns, and interactions between A.J. and Andrea are solid. Paillot's hilarious illustrations make both books even more engaging. VERDICT Gutman's witty presentation and comfortable, familiar characters will appeal to all, especially fans of the series.-Margaret Nunes, Gwinnett County Public Library, GA © Copyright 2016. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798893041552	Gharial vs. sloth bear	Sommer, Nathan	
LVIS	9780593691717	Ghost army : the troop of artists who helped win WWII	Marsh, Sarah Glenn	Booklist starred (June 1, 2026 (Vol. 122, No. 19)) Grades 1-3. This enthralling piece of military nonfiction spotlights a WWII mission to convince Hitler’s troops in Europe that American soldiers were far greater in number than they actually were and that they were massed in places they actually weren’t. The members of this 1,100-man unit known as “The Ghost Army” were visual artists, set designers, actors, musicians, engineers, and inventors, and their weapons were paints, brushes, chalk, inflatable rubber tanks, sound effects, and fake radio transmissions. Though the mission to fool the Nazis in France is rooted in reality (as the back matter makes clear), Marsh centers the story on a fictional character, keeping the focus tight on a young aspiring artist named Charlie, who enlisted in the Army while in college. Charlie’s unit was able to fool the Nazis into thinking they were much larger than they were, using bulldozers to make tracks around the rubber tanks, which could be seen from the air. The watercolor illustrations emphasize the cost of war by contrasting the bright colors of the U.S. with the browns, grays, and blacks of bombed-out French villages. A fascinating and inspiring read.
LVIS	9781510784581	Ghost Food: 25 Spooky, Fun, and Frightening Halloween-Inspired Sweet Treats	Cayla Gallagher	Are you brave enough . . . . . to bake? Sneak into a haunted house to hunt for Marshmallow Ghosts and cast some spells to create a S'mores Marshmallow Ghost Tart. Stop by the Pumpkin Patch for some Pumpkin Spice Hot Chocolate while on the way to the Creepy Carnival to win a Zombie Candy Apple and Monster Fudge. This cookbook is packed with spooky, Halloween-y treats that are perfect for parties, scary movie nights, and for counting down to the most frightful holiday of the year! Turn your kitchen into a spooky, haunted coven with Ghost Food!
LVIS	9798348043360	Ghost Vs. Banshee A Legendary Smackdown	Troupe, Thomas Kingsley	
LVIS	9781546122517	Ghost-Spider: Broken Chords: A Spider-Verse Graphic Novel	Roseanne A. Brown	Spider-Verse fan-favorite Ghost-Spider takes on a multi-dimensional conspiracy in this thrilling graphic novel from New York Times bestselling author Roseanne A. Brown!Gwen Stacy does her best to balance being a student, playing in her punk band, and fighting crime as the super hero Ghost-Spider. But when Arachnid, a super villain from a different dimension with similar spider powers, attacks her world, Ghost-Spider will have to team up with a new ally—Spider-Punk! Can these two get to the truth behind Arachnid's attacks? And just how did Gwen's family history get webbed into this?
LVIS	9781549041297	Ghosts don't ride bikes, do they?	Miedoso, Andres	
LVIS	9798765628119	Giannis Antetokounmpo vs. Tim Duncan : who would win?	Kelley, K. C	

LVIS	9781648346873	Giant otter vs. caiman	Downs, Kieran	School Library Journal (April 1, 2022) Gr 3-7-From insects to fish to reptiles, "Animal Battles" envisions what would happen if two predators went head to head. Before the battle, an overview is provided of the competitors, including their physical characteristics, "secret weapon" adaptations and features, and common attack moves. Graphs and charts bring the animals to life with important information like their size, habitat, range, and speed. Fun facts about these formidable opponents are sprinkled throughout, and the books include a notable amount of animal facts on top of the high-action concept. The end of each book features a short fight scene imagining the brawl, though this could be expanded upon for maximum impact. The page layouts, which include bold, colorful graphics and full-page photographs of the animals, emphasize the exciting subject matter. This will entice both upper-elementary audiences and striving readers at the middle school level. VERDICT Written at a third grade reading level, this series winningly combines a fun, high-octane concept with readable text and in-depth information. © Copyright 2022. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781482480085	Giant Squid and Octopuses	Patrick, Devon	
LVIS	9781098299415	Giant Stick Insects	Dreher, Emily	
LVIS	9781955657662	Glacier vanishing	Fulton, C. R	
LVIS	9798875287046	Gladiators Vs. Vikings : an Ancient Warrior Smackdown	Sautter, Aaron	
LVIS	9781536225839	Glass : looking in, looking out	Theule, Larissa	School Library Journal starred (January 1, 2026) Gr 1-3-This fascinating nonfiction picture book is all about glass. Theule opens with all the ways people use glass today and then goes back in history to how glass was made and how people figured out different applications for it. Readers learn that three ingredients go into glass: sand, soda ash, and limestone. Minerals in sands sourced from different places make the glass turn different colors: gold chloride is behind cranberry red and lead makes the glass sparkle, which is why leaded crystal is highly valued for chandeliers and beautiful glasses. People started out trying to shape glass much the ways they had shaped rocks-tapping it to break small pieces off-but eventually found that they could mold and blow glass into any shape they wanted. The artwork adds interesting details to the facts and will help young readers make connections to the ideas presented. This book would be a terrific read-aloud for an art class or a science class about states of matter, or in a social studies lesson about how things have changed over time. VERDICT An excellent addition to any nonfiction collection.-Debbie Tanner © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781546101116	Glitch	Wu, Ash J	
LVIS	9780593693858	Gloam	Mackay, Jack	School Library Journal Xpress starred (October 17, 2025) Gr 3-7-A chilling tale where monsters and nightmares are no match for bravery and family connection. After the death of her mother, 13-year-old Gwen moves to quiet Gloam Island with her well-meaning yet bumbling stepfather and three younger siblings. There they settle into "the House," the eccentrically decorated residence they inherited from Gwen's late grandmother. When Gwen's stepfather takes a job on the mainland, he insists that Gwen and her siblings need a babysitter while he's away and hires Esme, whose sweet looks and saccharine smiles might fool everyone else but give Gwen a sense of foreboding. When Gwen receives a message portending that danger has come for her, she must find a way to stop Esme and fight her nightmares. Thanks to the House, with its rotting walls, strange decor, and dark corridors, the book has a strong sense of place. Spooky imagery and gruesome monsters make this a genuinely frightening story, yet the bravery and loving connections of Gwen's family bring a lot of heart. The scares are delightful and age appropriate, perfect for fans of Coraline. VERDICT Highly recommended, especially for collections where horror is often requested by young readers.-Nicolette Pavain © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781098299545	Gnome Gizmos	Anderberg, Juliette	
LVIS	9798348043377	Goblin Vs. Troll A Legendary Smackdown	Troupe, Thomas Kingsley	
LVIS	9798899132414	Goes on a Quest	Twiddy, Robin	
LVIS	9781482482553	Going Duck Hunting	Peters, Felix	
LVIS	9798886877670	Golf	Downs, Kieran	
LVIS	9798368744100	Good boy	Hirsch, Andy	School Library Journal (April 1, 2025) Gr 3 Up-Middle school student Charlie Blocher's worries often send him doom-spiraling until he vomits. Thinking a dog might help, his mom brings Ralph home. Charlie loves the idea, but the dog causes more worries: what if his parents decide it's not working out and want to give Ralph back? "We're going to be friends," Charlie determines. Luckily, Ms. Patty from school teaches dog agility training at a local park and invites Charlie and Ralph to come along. In learning to communicate with Ralph, Charlie comes to trust the dog and himself. Ms. Patty even lends Charlie her training notes; as he reads from the notebook, a blue-lined paper version of Ms. Patty appears beside him in the panel. Lively illustrations throughout show Ralph's expressive body language, from a fearful huddle to joyful zoomies, as well as Charlie's "gurgles" and his worries in black thought bubbles with a green background-and sometimes a green face as well. Charlie's parents are supportive, but readers may wonder why he doesn't get professional help for his anxiety. Nevertheless, he takes Ms. Patty's lessons to heart, learning to be calm so Ralph can be calm, and to focus on connection rather than competition. He makes friends with other teams at the Bark Park and even passes along his new knowledge of agility to his parents and interested classmates. VERDICT Guts meets PAWS in a graphic novel about anxiety and agility that will be popular in all graphic novel collections.-Jenny Arch © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780593858080	Goodbye, French Fry	Yu, Rin-rin	School Library Journal Xpress (January 16, 2026) Gr 3-5-A young girl tackles the everyday stressors of growing up in Yu's debut novel. Fifth-grader Ping-Ping is constantly bullied by her classmate Lee, who teases her for her Chinese identity. Meanwhile, her father, a New York City-based United Nations employee, is up for a promotion, and the family may have to move to Kenya. In addition to these worries, Ping-Ping experiences more minor bumps, such as needing new glasses and preparing for a piano recital. She tries to solve her problems on her own, with varying levels of success. Fortunately, her strict yet loving parents, admiring younger brother Xy, and affirming best friend Ana are always nearby to support her. Ping-Ping learns many lessons, such as being proud of her background and taking responsibility for her mistakes. These are presented in a gentle, realistic way. Each chapter describes a small problem Ping-Ping is experiencing, although the bullying and relocation plots color the whole storyline. Both central conflicts are neatly resolved by the end of the narrative. Ping-Ping is a relatable character, and her relationship with her tight-knit family is comforting to read. Their Chinese heritage is lovingly portrayed, with brief explanations of customs that may be unfamiliar to some audiences. The dialogue feels a bit stiff at times, and there may not be enough action for some readers, but those who enjoy leisurely paced stories will be satisfied. VERDICT A mildly didactic sequence of slice-of-life vignettes. Purchase where realistic fiction featuring culturally diverse characters is needed.-Hannah Grasse © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781338830996	Goodbye, Koi	Wong, Jack	Kirkus Reviews starred (June 15, 2026) Father and child complete final moving preparations, which include parting with their pet fish. Like this story’s young narrator, the koi are getting a new home, released into a park pond. “I wonder what they’ll think of it,” the child muses as they drive away. As Wong’s empathetic text echoes his protagonist’s caring ponderances, his gorgeous illustrations cleverly capture a different intertwined narrative, revealing the many other tasks necessary before the family’s departure—father and child donating old clothes, buying the youngster a winter coat, picking up fruit for an extended family gathering, and grabbing their suitcases at their old home filled with boxes awaiting transport. Saying goodbye to the now empty fishtank helps the pair realize “we’re ready”: “It’s our turn to see our new home.” In a poignant author’s note, complete with photographs, Wong informs readers that when he was 6, he and his family relocated from Hong Kong to Canada. He memorably sprinkles autobiographical details onto the pages: traditional park architecture, the car’s right-side driver’s seat, recurring Chinese characters, market scenes. Wong shares the book’s starting point—a vivid memory of his father netting the family’s koi, though he never discovered what became of them. To imagine their story, Wong diligently, and impressively, learned ancient Chinese brush painting techniques. All characters are cued East Asian until the final airplane interior scene. A brilliant, sensitively wrought tale of potentially overwhelming change made manageable. (koi facts) (Picture book. 4-8)
LVIS	9781546120117	Grand slam!	Maraniss, Andrew	School Library Journal (June 1, 2026) Gr 1-3-Award-winning nonfiction writer Maraniss's third book in the "Sports Zone" series features three friends who play a different sport in each installment, perfect for early readers clamoring for uncomplicated stories and baseball facts. Third-grade best friends Jasper, Mo, and Ruby try out for coed travel baseball and trade cards over lunch. Mo has brown skin and speaks Spanish; Jasper is white; and Ruby is Black. Illustrations and graphic panels are interspersed throughout, including insets with rules, facts, sayings about the game, and player positions. Open-ended discussion prompts are attached at the end, and side boxes share info on baseball topics, including Glenn Burke's high five, Yogi Berra, and Cool Papa Bell of the Negro Leagues. Baseball-specific expressions like pinch hit and tagging up signals and rules for youth baseball are explained. Ruby's worries and her teammates' willingness to listen provide valuable lessons in social-emotional learning. Math teachers will appreciate the connection with calculating RBIs. Parents are portrayed positively, watching their kids have fun as a team. There is light coverage of the rapid turnover from multiple games in travel tournaments. VERDICT Appealing graphics and nonfiction facts make this title enticing for sports fiction fans who are emergent readers.-Laura Dooley-Taylor © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798898801182	Great Pyramid Secrets	Baumann, Kristoffer	
LVIS	9781645198994	Gridiron game-changers : a football story	Jones, Jordan	
LVIS	9781368109123	Griffin speaker	Flynn, Jan M	
LVIS	9781645828334	Griffins	Terp, Gail	
LVIS	9798899132544	Grind Through It --A Skateboarding Story	Jones, Jordan	
LVIS	9798881605612	Groucho the grouchy groundhog. 2,The terrifying turnip takeover!	Lukidis, Lydia	
LVIS	9781524898397	Groucho the grouchy groundhog. Pancake panic!	Lukidis, Lydia	
LVIS	9780316584487	Groundhog vs. Cupid	Tarpley, Todd	
LVIS	9781913484774	Guinness World Records: Soccer Edition 2026		Count down the 100 most significant records from the beautiful game, showcasing the greatest teams, the most prolific goal scorers, the fastest strikes, the highest-scoring matches and much more. Whether you're new to Soccer or an expert in XG, satisfy your need for trivia, facts and stats with an all-new edition from the ultimate authority on record breaking.
LVIS	9781806500253	Guinness World Records® 2027		The must-have book for curious minds is back and brimming with the most recent record-breaking feats across eight action-packed chapters.Perfect for the whole family with chapters including the natural world, humans, science and sportsThis edition goes green! From the dazzling neon-green cover, to a spotlight on GWR's biggest green stars including frogs, emeralds, Yoda, the Incredible Hulk and Wicked's ElphabaMarvel at extreme records out of context like the largest dinosaur stomping through New York's Times Square and the tallest iceberg drifting by the Sydney Opera House in the Snapshot featuresMeet eight more incredible young achievers -under 16s that are defying their age to break remarkable recordsThe newly selected GWR ICONS are unveiled -record holders who embody the spirit of record breaking who are rewriting the rulebook in their respective fields
LVIS	9781464233630	Gunnar the Viking's great pizza adventure	Vaisberg, Diego	School Library Journal (February 1, 2026) PreS-Gr 2-Gunnar the Conqueror and his trusty sidekick Munnin the raven are on a quest to fill the empty hole in their hearts-or stomachs. Tired of living battle to battle, Gunnar goes on a journey to find something that will make him feel whole again. Finally, Gunnar stumbles across something peculiar: a pizza pie. Amazed by its deliciousness, Gunnar decides to dedicate his time to creating the perfect pizza, and the result is this heartwarming and amusing tale of one stubborn Viking's quest to perfect the art of making pizza. Although the illustrations only use shades of red, green, white, and black, emotions and scenery are thoughtfully done; all characters are white or pink; Gunnar's beard is white, and there are redheads in some scenes. VERDICT In a nice change of pace from more serious storylines, Gunnar's hardships in the quest for a delicious pizza for himself and for his community are wonderfully presented and entertaining.-Sarah Nashak © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798217140855	Gus and Elliot go big	Powell, Corey	

LVIS	9780593711859	Harper Sharp. Volume 1,Kid detective	Williams, Jarrett	School Library Journal Xpress (February 13, 2026) Gr 3-6-As Starview Elementary prepares for its annual Inventor's Fair, fifth grader Harper Sharp is focused on debuting his own clever creation: a monster-themed rock, paper, scissors card game packed with strategy and personality. Trouble strikes, however, when ominous "Beware the Fair" signs start appearing around the school, and the gym is toilet-papered in an apparent attempt to sabotage the event. Harper, already known as the school's go-to detective, takes on the case armed with advice from his favorite sleuth, Detective Kim, specialized investigative tools, and sharp observational skills. The mystery unfolds at a brisk pace, offering readers a satisfying number of clues and red herrings that invite them to solve the case alongside Harper, with plenty of twists to keep the tension high. Vibrant art and energetic paneling enhance the storytelling, with clear directional flow, expressive speech balloons, and creative uses of color and callouts to establish setting and tone. The cast reflects a celebration of individuality, showcasing varied interests, appearances, and talents. Packed with humor, intrigue, and visual appeal, this promising first installment delivers all the elements of middle grade mystery that will resonate with young readers and graphic novel fans alike. VERDICT A solid purchase for all graphic novel collections serving middle grade readers.-Louie Lauer © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798886875515	Harpy eagle vs. ocelot	Sommer, Nathan	
LVIS	9781339053028	Harry Potter™: Bake, Create, and Decorate!	Joanna Farrow	Create delicious cakes, cupcakes, cookies, and other decorative desserts inspired by the Harry Potter films! A companion to the #1 New York Times bestseller The Official Harry Potter Baking Book and The Official Harry Potter Cookbook! Decorate your own magical creations in this official dessert book that's perfect for the youngest fans of the Harry Potter films! This gorgeous book is packed with full-color photography and kid-friendly instructions for how to create 30 cake, cupcake, and cookie designs. Build your own Acromantula out of cupcakes. Design Hogwarts house crest cookies. Frost a cake that looks just like the Knight Bus—and many more! Each design in the book can be created using simple store-bought cake or cookie mixes. Or whip up your own treats from scratch using the provided basic cake, cookie, and frosting recipes. Plus, assembling cakes and frosting complex designs are made easy for bakers of all ages thanks to the handy templates included at the back of the book. The delicious Wizarding World-themed desserts found in this book are perfect for parties, holidays, movie nights, and more! The perfect book for any beginning baker, aspiring decorator, and Harry Potter fan!
LVIS	9798894883335	Haunted Comic Club	Tierney, Josh	Publishers Weekly (July 20, 2026) Tweens bond over their love for creating and offer each other support in this earnest, lightly speculative graphic novel, a series launch from Tierney (the World Piece series) and debut illustrator Soliman. Hoping to spend more time with a classmate and crush, pale-skinned middle schooler Will, a writer, joins the Tween Zone, an after-school social club. There, Will stumbles across an art room and encounters Anita, portrayed with light brown skin, who attends another school. Anita takes comfort in drawing as she grieves her grandmother's recent death; recognizing her talent, Will suggests they create a comic book together. They base their story on a local urban legend about a Tween Zone volunteer who once drowned in the club's pool and is rumored to haunt the establishment. Between visits to the Tween Zone, the duo separately research the drowning, and as their creation takes shape, their deepening friendship helps them tackle friction outside the club, including bullies, family obligations, and a school dance. Saturated full-color artwork rendered using crisp, tactile lines maintains readers' attention across a low-conflict plot, peppered with ambiguous supernatural elements, that emphasizes the power of collaboration and creative expression. The result is a satisfying portrait of connection. Ages 8-12. (Oct.) © Copyright PWxyz, LLC. All rights reserved.
LVIS	9781682637234	Hazel Helps Out	Butler, Dori Hillestad	Booklist (February 1, 2026 (Vol. 122, No. 11)) Grades 2-4. This first in a new King & Kayla spin-off series introduces readers to nine-year-old Hazel. Hazel is eager for her creative-writing camp to start, but her summer plans are scuttled after her curmudgeonly grandmother has a heart attack. Hazel, her mom, and their senior dog, Spot, travel from Chicago to Minnesota to help operate Dog Days, her grandmother's doggy day care. Grandma is not thrilled with the assistance, which also includes Hazel's mom's childhood friend Mallory and her kids. As Hazel's relationship with her grandmother begins to thaw, trouble brews when a sneaky dog gets loose and some secrets are uncovered. Kote's grayscale illustrations contain lots of charm and personality, and their frequency helps break up blocks of text for independent readers still getting comfortable with longer books. Fans of the original series will be happy to see a cameo by Kayla and King, while new characters bring fresh perspectives to the familiar world. A list of the dog characters and their breeds is also included. A definite purchase for collections where Butler's previous works are appreciated.
LVIS	9781546193210	Hazy the Cloud Dragon	West, Tracey	
LVIS	9798225003326	Heart of the Ruby Dragon	West, Tracey	
LVIS	9780316580052	Heartland	Hoffmann, Jilanne	School Library Journal starred (April 1, 2026) Gr 5 Up-Xyla Alkorn, 12, does not like living on her family's sixth-generation farm. Her mother gives her too many lists of chores, and she has no friends. She longs to move in with her absent father, but Xyla's mother won't even tell her his name. When Xyla finds her mother's childhood diary, she hopes there will be answers about her father in the pages. Then Alegría and her family move into the house on the farm, and she soon becomes Xyla's first friend. Alegría is determined and ambitious, and the two hatch plans to support each other: Xyla will find her father, and Alegría will convince her own father that she should have a quinceañera. When they stumble across an environmental disaster brought on by the CAFO (concentrated animal feeding operation) next door they must trust each other-and Xyla's mother-to stop it. Told in alternating timelines in verse from her mother's diary, letters from the weather, and prose from Xyla's life in 2023, this book weaves together the story of Iowa farming in the late 1980s with contemporary issues. Hoffman beautifully blends the stories of Xyla, a character readers will fall in love with, and her mother's diary. The focus on rural farming, the farm crisis of the late 1980s, and the impact of factory farming today highlights an important environmental justice concern as well. Xyla is cued white; Alegría is described with dark braids, and her family speaks Spanish. VERDICT This novel will captivate readers interested in alternating timelines, environmental issues, and complicated parent dynamics. Highly recommended for all middle grade collections.-Rebekah Buchanan © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	978-1442435650	Heidi Hecklebeck series	Coven, Wanda	Heidi Heckelbeck seems like any other eight-year-old, but she has a secret: She's a witch in disguise. Careful to keep her powers hidden (but excited to use them all the same), Heidi's learning to live like any other kid—who just happens to be witch. And with easy-to-read language and illustrations on almost every page, Heidi Heckelbeck chapter books are perfect for beginning readers.
LVIS	9798318950032	Helping Hounds	Downing, Erin Soderberg	
LVIS	9781534461161	Henry Heckelbeck and the haunted hideout	Coven, Wanda	School Library Journal (May 1, 2025) Gr 1-4-Henry Heckelbeck goes to school, loves spying, plays soccer, and has a magical sister and mother. But he isn't magic...or is he? Join Henry on his exciting adventures as he uncovers his own Book of Spells, plays on the school soccer team, builds a secret hideout, and stirs up plenty of magical mischief. Each book features ten short chapters, large text, and grayscale illustrations on every page, making it an excellent choice for readers transitioning to chapter books. Everyday challenges are tackled with a touch of magic, offering both entertainment and valuable life lessons. VERDICT A fast-paced and engaging series that's a great addition to any collection. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781534461031	Henry Heckelbeck gets a dragon	Coven, Wanda	School Library Journal (May 1, 2025) Gr 1-4-Henry Heckelbeck goes to school, loves spying, plays soccer, and has a magical sister and mother. But he isn't magic...or is he? Join Henry on his exciting adventures as he uncovers his own Book of Spells, plays on the school soccer team, builds a secret hideout, and stirs up plenty of magical mischief. Each book features ten short chapters, large text, and grayscale illustrations on every page, making it an excellent choice for readers transitioning to chapter books. Everyday challenges are tackled with a touch of magic, offering both entertainment and valuable life lessons. VERDICT A fast-paced and engaging series that's a great addition to any collection. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781534461062	Henry Heckelbeck never cheats	Coven, Wanda	School Library Journal (May 1, 2025) Gr 1-4-Henry Heckelbeck goes to school, loves spying, plays soccer, and has a magical sister and mother. But he isn't magic...or is he? Join Henry on his exciting adventures as he uncovers his own Book of Spells, plays on the school soccer team, builds a secret hideout, and stirs up plenty of magical mischief. Each book features ten short chapters, large text, and grayscale illustrations on every page, making it an excellent choice for readers transitioning to chapter books. Everyday challenges are tackled with a touch of magic, offering both entertainment and valuable life lessons. VERDICT A fast-paced and engaging series that's a great addition to any collection. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781534461192	Henry Heckelbeck spells trouble	Coven, Wanda	School Library Journal (May 1, 2025) Gr 1-4-Henry Heckelbeck goes to school, loves spying, plays soccer, and has a magical sister and mother. But he isn't magic...or is he? Join Henry on his exciting adventures as he uncovers his own Book of Spells, plays on the school soccer team, builds a secret hideout, and stirs up plenty of magical mischief. Each book features ten short chapters, large text, and grayscale illustrations on every page, making it an excellent choice for readers transitioning to chapter books. Everyday challenges are tackled with a touch of magic, offering both entertainment and valuable life lessons. VERDICT A fast-paced and engaging series that's a great addition to any collection. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781662641305	Her Muddy Majesty of Muck	Alemagna, Beatrice	Booklist starred (March 1, 2026 (Vol. 122, No. 13)) Grades K-2. Sulking on the walk home with resentful older brother Shen, Yuki admits she has a terrible temper. After angrily feeding her house keys to a manhole that she sees as a toothy mouth, she climbs down to retrieve them, where she encounters an enormous mud-daubed being who benevolently introduces herself as "Her Muddy Majesty of Muck." As chubby little blobs cheerfully hurl insults, the monarch reassures a worried Yuki that in this unabashedly unpleasant underworld place, being bad means belonging. An exploration of the kingdom includes an immersive tour of the marvelous underwater creatures of Lake Youbegone and a visit to the Museum of Cast-Away Things, a repository for lost objects damaged by anger, where Yuki's surprised to discover Shen's missing, beloved stuffed dog. Finding a drink of bottled anger to be unexpectedly delicious, Yuki finally realizes she's not the only one who struggles with big feelings. When a concerned Shen appears, Yuki knows her path leads back home, but she reassures her muddy new buddy that she'll return for more mud pies. Exceptional creator Alemagna again brings glorious mixed-media art to enliven this marvelously imagined emotional journey: washy color fields, expressive daubs, and exuberant marks filling textured patterns evoke a delightfully detailed subversive underworld any kid would happily visit, where unpleasantness reigns with cheerful acceptance. A truly inventive, empathetic tale acknowledging that all big feelings—even the mucky ones—have their place.
LVIS	9781098299439	Hercules Beetles	Himmer, Lauri	
LVIS	9780063473973	Heroes of 1776 : the story of the Declaration of Independence	Gorsuch, Neil M	Kirkus Reviews (May 15, 2026) U.S. Supreme Court Justice Gorsuch and his former clerk Nitze look at the primary signers of the Declaration of Independence and what happened after their famous act of defiance. Rather than stopping at the signature page, the co-authors follow the tense build-up and the dramatic fallout. Descriptions of imprisonment, financial ruin, and other consequences bring a sobering depth to what can often feel like a distant historical milestone. The book's strength lies in this focused deep dive, illuminating what happened after the ink dried. But that narrow lens also limits it. While the text celebrates the notion that "all men are created equal," it only briefly (and insufficiently) acknowledges those who were excluded, relegating this critical context to a small aside. Women, children, and people of color are mentioned as revolutionary participants but largely glossed over, their stories sidelined rather than deeply explored. Ellison's illustrations have a softly polished, painterly realism that gives the book a stately feel, matching the idealistic tone. And while the artwork depicts one notably Black figure, the book offers little context for who she is or what her presence represents. With advanced vocabulary, dense text, and historical assumptions that may go over younger readers' heads, this work is best suited for those already equipped to question the story it tells—as well as what's left out. A compelling chapter of history—but not the full declaration. (Informational picture book. 7-9)
LVIS	9781804539941	Heroes of the World Cup rule	Mugford, Simon	
LVIS	9798898801038	Hersheypark	Davies, Monika	
LVIS	9781482478228	High in the Sky	Singer, Warren	
LVIS	9781419779404	History's greatest games. Lionel Messi's World Cup triumph	Barish, Chris	School Library Journal starred (January 1, 2026) Gr 3-7-In this graphic novel series opener, Barish celebrates Messi's role in capturing the 2022 World Cup from France and superstar Kylian Mbappé in Qatar. Though he had won more trophies than any other player, Messi had never played on a cup-winning team and lived forever in the shadow of his countryman, soccer giant Diego Maradona. An outline history of the Great Depression sets up FIFA president Jules Rimet's establishment of the first World Cup in Montevideo in 1930. Eventually the narrative tightens to focus on Messi and the details of the thrilling final, Messi's go-ahead goal in the second period of extra time, Mbappé's equalizer penalty kick, and the thrilling PK shootout that tipped the scale for Argentina. Images and text are cleverly organized to pack information and perspective in a generous format. Recurring sidebars feature highlight soccer trivia and complementary stories, such as Pelé's 1969 exhibition match in the middle of the Nigeria-Biafra War. VERDICT Packed with world history and soccer lore, this is a promising and visually fertile series starter. Highly recommended for middle and high school libraries. © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798384924463	Home Invasion	Corrigan, Jim	
LVIS	9798347107025	Home is where the cupcake is	Simon, Coco	
LVIS	9798887353753	Hoops	Earley, Christina	
LVIS	9798893047400	Horned lizard Vs. diamondback rattlesnake	Sommer, Nathan	
LVIS	9798347102082	Hot dog days	Higgins, Cam	
LVIS	9798765684542	Hot Wheels An Unofficial Kids' Guide	Murray, Tamika M	

LVIS	9780593570135	Houdini's library : how books created the world's greatest magician	Rosenstock, Barb	School Library Journal starred (January 1, 2026) Gr 2-5-This biography of Harry Houdini (1874-1926), born Erik Weisz, covers the basics of his life and rise to fame framed by his love of books, including where it originated and the vast collection he acquired. Houdini is the modern definition of grit, determination, ambition, and showmanship, but this bookish aspect of his life isn't nearly as well known. From his immigrant father's beloved library sold to pay the rent to learning his first magic trick from a book bought from a discount bin, Houdini's life was intertwined with books. In his desire to master magic, he bought every book on magic he could find and kept every single one. As his fame grew, so did his reputation with booksellers as he visited bookshops everywhere he went. He even had a special folding bookcase that held hundreds of books he took with him everywhere he traveled, and his home had bookcases in nearly all its 26 rooms. The more famous he became the more books he collected, to the point that he hired his own personal librarian to catalog it all. After his death it was estimated that his collection contained "fifteen thousand books, fifty thousand prints, half a million cuttings and four tons of theatrical bills." Conversational text is clear, informative, and occasionally poetic. Each of Delmar's amazing illustrations is essentially a layered 3D diorama that was photographed. Not only do they bring a very successful and unusual visual element to the story but they also adeptly support, expand, and enliven the text. Back matter includes an author's note, sources, online resources, and illustrator's note. VERDICT A visual delight and excellent take on Houdini's life through his love of books and learning. Sure to be popular with book and magic lovers plus those interested in unusual illustration styles. A must-have for most libraries.-Catherine Callegari © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798881603410	Hour of enchantment	Cube Kid	School Library Journal (October 1, 2025) Gr 3 Up-Going into debt to the tune of 15,000 emeralds to buy an incredible sword with the potential for loads of enchantments, Runt shows his true character and burning desire to become a Minecraft Warrior. A classic struggle of good vs. evil, this story will have readers rooting for Runt and his friends to succeed in their quests and efforts to protect Herobrine. In between waffle-eating contests and sipping glowberry tea, Runt manages to level up to copper in this action-packed adventure sure to be a hit with gamers. Alternating font sizes and boldness capture readers' attention and enhance interest. Illustrations are true to game graphics and will keep readers flying through the pages. Adding to the adventure's appeal are the fanciful character names and imaginative, evocative place names. Searching for ways to defend Herobrine against slimes and creeper chickens, Runt encounters gnomes, elves, zombies, and even fancy dresses made of enchanted spidersilk. Loaded with understated lessons about friendship and teamwork, this title is destined to please fans of this genre. VERDICT For parents and teachers looking for ways to connect tweens' love of gaming with reading, this series is a perfect bridge. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781665984973	House of Horrors	McGee, Joe	
LVIS	9781250358448	How a bear became a book : the collaboration that created Winnie-the-Pooh	Pimentel, Annette Bay	School Library Journal starred (November 1, 2025) PreS-Gr 2-This picture book with its provocative title is as much a celebration of collaboration as the story it tells-how A.A. Milne and Ernest Shepard created Winnie-the-Pooh. Pray's soft, luminous illustrations echo the familiar style of the Hundred Acre Wood, with Pooh emerging from faintly lettered shadows until, as his voice grows, he becomes fully formed on the page. Words and images shift across the spreads, reflecting the innovative pairing of text and art that made the original book so memorable. Back matter expands on the history of the book, highlighting the editors, designers, and printers who shaped its publication. Readers learn that When We Were Very Young sold out on its first day of release and that the publisher pioneered the use of offset printing-allowing words and pictures to appear together on the same page. The many contributors of this book are introduced, reminding readers a book's creation is rarely the work of just two people. VERDICT A thoughtful, beautifully crafted title that honors a literary classic on the eve of its centennial and introduces "The Best Bear in All the World" to a new generation.-Heidi Dechief © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780802856388	How do you eat color?	David, Mabi	Booklist starred (March 1, 2025 (Vol. 121, No. 13)) Preschool-Grade 2. This cheerful picture book manages to be truly engaging while effortlessly packing in all kinds of information spanning multiple topics. A pair of young children and their color-changing chameleon companion work their way through a day's worth of fruits and vegetables, with each edible sample compared to a color. Readers are encouraged to "Sample sunshine in YELLOW, / in a bite of pineapple." By lunchtime, the children are told, "You brown / like a yellow banana / and run into the shade to rest." The day ends with "Taste ORANGE at sunset . . . while the moon hangs / like a melon in the sky." Lush oil illustrations swirl across pages, creating appropriately vivid backgrounds for the characters' everyday activities. Most of the food references will be familiar, with a few outliers, such as "Hibiscus looks like flames, / but did you know it can become / an icy dessert?" A concluding glossary profiles each food and explains how it helps human bodies, with suggested ways to enjoy it. There are health and ecological rationales, along with suggestions for incorporating more color into family meals. Whether used to reinforce colors and increase vocabulary for very young audiences or as an introduction to units on nutrition, this lyrical and vibrant offering will add fresh perspectives to school and library collections.
LVIS	9781482478495	How Do You Go to the Bathroom in Space?	Gifford, Clive	
LVIS	9781541997110	How much space is in space? : the universe explained for second graders.		
LVIS	9781338877090	How not to make a jelly sandwich	Burach, Ross	School Library Journal Xpress (April 17, 2026) K-Gr 3-The creator of The Very Impatient Caterpillar returns with another wildly funny, over-the-top adventure told in deceptively straightforward procedural language. The earnest narrator explains how to make a jelly sandwich-but after each "simple" step, the plan spirals into glorious absurdity. Need two slices of bread? That apparently requires a trip to the grocery store for an orange traffic cone, scuba flippers, and a yellow inner tube to disguise oneself as a duck and retrieve bread from a well-meaning pond visitor. Each step grows increasingly elaborate, even as it's introduced as "super simple" or "the least complicated step of all." Burach's signature energetic, neon-bright illustrations are packed with comedic details, such as the protagonist strolling past the bread aisle to gather her "essential" materials. The contrast between the increasingly complex tasks, which include bathing a dog and training a hamster, and the supposed least complicated step will delight young audiences and invite read-aloud dramatics. The back matter extends the fun with additional ridiculous sandwich-making methods and space for readers to invent their own delightfully convoluted processes. VERDICT This riotous celebration of imagination is a perfect mentor text for "how-to" writing units, providing a much-needed dose of levity to the genre. A must-have for fans of outrageous humor and interactive read-alouds.-Heidi Dechief © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781536222043	How to apologize	LaRochelle, David	
LVIS	9798887772172	How to Be a Soccer Star and Other Jobs on and Off the Field	Yankey, Rachel	School Library Journal (May 1, 2026) Gr 4 Up-This book from former Arsenal and England women's team player Yankey offers comprehensive information about soccer and all the jobs that go into operating the industry. The title explores the sport's history with a timeline that runs up to 2023 and expands on the positions and rules in men's, women's, and Paralympic teams. Chapter headings take the form of questions that thoughtful young readers would ask ("What Do Soccer Players Do When They're Not Playing?" and "Are There Any More Unusual Soccer Jobs?"). Brief paragraphs explain lesser-considered jobs surrounding soccer, from coaches, groundskeepers, and officials to commentators and talent scouts. Linero's bold, geometric art resembles cut paper in style and depicts diverse figures doing soccer jobs while drawing the eye to the various text blocks around each page. Readers will learn that one does not have to play the sport to be an important part of it. VERDICT This is a perfect, well-designed selection for those who want to learn all the ins and outs of soccer both as a sport and an industry. © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781492632917	How to catch a leprechaun	Wallace, Adam	School Library Journal (April 1, 2017) K-Gr 2-The best-selling creators of the holiday classic How To Catch an Elf are back with another adorable book to enthrall children and families. Perfect for Saint Patrick's Day or just general laughs, it will inspire children to get creative and build the best "leprechaun traps" they can invent. A leprechaun taunts listeners, saying that the traps set out by other children aren't clever enough to catch him or his pot of gold. Since the leprechaun can't be caught, he wreaks havoc on the house, dyes the toilets green, and commits other mischievous pranks. Narrated with British joviality by Qarie Marshall, this hilarious telling of the naughty leprechaun who can't be caught will enchant children. Marshall uses inflections, twinkling laughter, and deviously delightful snickering to provide an enjoyable listen. Also included are a page-turn track and special effect noises. VERDICT A story the whole family can share.-Erin Cataldi, Johnson County Public Library, Franklin, IN © Copyright 2017. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780063140585	How to fool your parents : 25 brain-breaking magic tricks	Kwong, David	Kirkus Reviews (August 1, 2024) Aspiring magicians, gather round! Despite the title's hint at transgression, the tricks covered here are all in good fun, though the first one involves getting parents to promise (in writing) something they'd otherwise probably not endorse. But Kwong assures us that "parents want to be fooled." (And none of the tricks requires a rabbit, at least.) The author clearly explains plenty of illusions, from making your cellphone disappear to flattening a quarter to identifying a crayon by color without looking at it. He specifies what supplies are needed, describes the setup, and lays out steps. Korfhage's drawings offer both careful depictions of the sequence and casual decorative vignettes. Kwong also suggests a backup plan in case readers flub a trick. A glossary defines specific terms, such as ditch and load. Sidebars provide tidbits about famous tricks and magicians of the past, such as Talma, known for an illusion called "Asrah the Floating Princess." Kwong also covers disabled magicians, including Richard Turner, a blind card mechanic. After the first section, devoted to sleight of hand, Kwong branches out to explore technology-based magic, mentalism, and tricks based on codes. Math and chemistry play a role in some tricks; an understanding of psychology is essential. The author urges readers to "practice, practice, practice" before performing, and he warns them "to use your new powers for good, not evil!" Final art not seen. An irresistible chance for kids to get the inside track on knowledge and power for a change. (Nonfiction. 8-12)
LVIS	9780593811061	How to hatch : a gosling's guide to breaking free	Ackerman, Sara Holly	School Library Journal starred (January 1, 2026) K-Gr 3-Bernstein's delightful illustrations open Ackerman's narrative with two geese building a nest and then follow a baby goose's growth inside the egg in close-up detail. Minimal main text guides readers through each step, while side panels provide fascinating explanations of the hatching process, including the air cell, egg tooth, and pipping muscles. Ending pages show the proud parents with their newly hatched goslings, including the one readers have watched develop. Ackerman draws on her own experience observing a goose hatch in kindergarten and from her many hatching projects as a librarian. A glossary rounds out the book, defining key terms encountered in the text. VERDICT A charming and informative look at life inside an egg that will work beautifully for read-alouds and is essential for all collections.-Heidi Dechief © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780823458509	How to have a thought : a walk with Charles Darwin	Day, Nicholas	School Library Journal (October 1, 2025) Gr 2-5-An uneven offering from Day (A World Without Summer), wherein readers are invited to take a walk with Charles Darwin. Using the potentially confusing phrase "trace a loop" to mean walking around a chosen route, Day invites readers to use walking to have space to think. The simple prose at the start uses repetition to introduce the needed materials for the walk, along with the items Darwin used. However, the text then shifts to a more complicated style, discussing Darwin's life, his travels, and then how he came up with the theory of evolution while walking. The change in style makes the intended audience unclear: the simple start may rebuff older readers; the biographical section raises the reading level. Lengthy back matter further muddies the waters, written at an even higher level, as the author muses about Darwin's life and walks before launching indulgently into an anecdote about returning from a walk and writing this book himself. Excellent mixed-media illustrations depict the different materials and details, keeping readers engaged through the contrast of realistic photos and rougher sketches. Hooper is the real star here and provides the most cohesive element. VERDICT Potentially confusing for many readers and without an anchoring demographic, this is an additional purchase for most libraries.-Kelcy Davis © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798318949906	How to Impress a Sea Monster	Stuart, Scott	
LVIS	9781771475167	How to make a peanut butter sandwich in 17 easy steps	Edlund, Bambi	Booklist (January 1, 2024 (Online)) Preschool-Grade 2. It's surprisingly easy to make a peanut butter sandwich. Just follow a few simple steps, such as making sure you have a donkey wearing wooden clogs do a polka on top of the just-shelled peanuts to a lively accordion tune played by a raccoon until the desired consistency is achieved. Or having a synchronized teams of squirrels and mice assembling the sandwiches by spreading the peanut butter with a knife that a beaver whittled with his teeth out of a freshly felled log. This delightful treat of a book uses 17 overly complicated steps to imagine the most bizarre and unlikely way for a group of woodland (and woodland-adjacent) animals to construct peanut butter and banana sandwiches for their park picnic. Edlund does a masterful job of grounding her over-the-top story by using a gentle pastel palate of orange sherbets and pistachio greens, and her peanut-loving animals are round, friendly, and eager. Preschoolers and younger elementary students will love how nonsensically silly the process is. In fact, they just might eat it up.
LVIS	9781547616497	How to save a tortoise	Messner, Kate	School Library Journal Xpress starred (February 27, 2026) Gr 1-4-Twins Ana and Sofia are spending the summer with their cousins Ivy and Ezra in Florida, where they help rehabilitate injured and sick gopher tortoises. This third installment in Messner's "Wildlife Rescue" series does not disappoint. After an adult tortoise is struck by a car and taken to the rescue center, the group witnesses her laying eggs. Eager to see them hatch before returning to California, the kids assist other tortoises by taking them for wagon rides, feeding them, and helping with center chores. Proactive and determined, they petition the city council to lower speed limits and educate construction workers on checking for turtles prior to starting their vehicles. A secondary plot follows Ana, who uses her engineering skills to build a custom scooter for a disabled tortoise, finding the courage to tell her twin she wants to join the Makers Club rather than play volleyball. This early chapter book crafts an exciting plot while providing information about conservation, community engagement, and going outside of one's comfort zone. Included are black-and-white illustrations and an author's note detailing the ecological importance of gopher tortoise burrows. The twins are depicted with light brown skin and dark hair; Sofia is shown with pale skin and light brown hair. VERDICT Highly recommended for animal lovers; this chapter book's focus on environmental advocacy is truly inspiring.-Tracy Cronce © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781547616428	How to save an otter	Messner, Kate	School Library Journal (October 1, 2025) Gr 2-4-Ivy and Ezra are part of a family that rescues animals. As "critter couriers," they transfer injured and abandoned animals to wildlife hospitals. In these two volumes, the siblings rescue an otter with an injured leg and two baby screech owls who have fallen from their nests. In addition to the irresistible, heart tugging storylines of injured animals, veteran author Messner weaves in relatable social and emotional issues faced by the tween main characters. This combo makes for an uncommonly well written series that stands out among the many other rescue animal series out there. Evocative black and white portraits are sprinkled throughout the text and back matter includes an author's note, sources and tips for being a wildlife hero. VERDICT Recommended for all collections. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

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LVIS	9781684494477	How to survive on the Moon : lunar lessons from a rocket scientist	Morancy, Joalda	Booklist (February 1, 2025 (Vol. 121, No. 11)) Grades 2-5. Author and real-life aerospace engineer Morancy is also a narrating character in this guide to living on the moon. In thematic double-page spreads, they explore such topics as astronaut training, the moon's geography, and landing on the moon's surface. Amusing, loosely rendered illustrations match the chunked text, made more accessible in the author's chatty style. This book goes beyond others on the topic, as it demonstrates such considerations as how astronauts might live in lava tubes, mine and use the moon's resources, grow food, and create a power grid. Other issues include ethical matters (e.g., moon citizenship and society) and what the future might hold for the moon, such as serving as a training ground for astronauts prepping to visit Mars. In some cases, the double-page spread becomes an infographic in which readers match numbered illustrations to brief descriptions (for instance, "How Not to Die on the Moon" depicts an astronaut turning purple as a visual clue about the lack of atmosphere and breathable air). A fun, creative way to ponder the moon's possibilities.
LVIS	9780763663070	How to train a train	Eaton, Jason Carter	School Library Journal (August 1, 2013) PreS-Gr 1-From Thomas the Tank Engine to The Little Engine That Could, kids love personified trains, so it's not such a huge chug forward to imagine one as a pet. But how do you select, train, and care for your pet engine? Written as a guidebook for new owners, this amusing title incorporates language usually associated with pet ownership and child rearing. "It's only natural that you'll want to take home all the trains, but don't just grab the first one you see. Take your time and choose one that's right for you." Juxtaposing sensible tips with the absurdity of a huge pet locomotive creates a text that is at once believable and preposterous. "A warm bath can help calm a nervous train.and few trains can resist a good read-aloud." But what really makes this concept roar down the track are the entrancing digitally colored illustrations that perfectly capture the expressiveness and playfulness of the pet trains. Whether illustrating the new pet going for a "walk," performing a trick, or enjoying a playdate with other pet vehicles, the artist has so cleverly incorporated facial features onto the various engines that their distinct personalities shine through, as does the obvious affection children feel for their new pets. Additionally, the large-scale, saturated colors, and comic details of these pictures give young readers a boxcar full to look at and appreciate. From the appealing cover to the final moonlit scene of a boy and his pet steam engine happily chugging down the track, this book is sure to be popular with train and pet lovers alike.-Teri Markson, Los Angeles Public Library (c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781546166054	How to Train Your Dummy	Stine, R. L	
LVIS	9781452156668	How to write a story	Messner, Kate	Booklist (May 15, 2020 (Vol. 116, No. 18)) Grades K-3. In this complement to How to Read a Story (2015), Messner offers an easy 10-step guide to writing a story. As in the first book, Siegel's cartoon-like watercolors not only provide examples for each step but also create a story line of their own. In "Step 1: Search for an Idea," for example, a girl with brown skin walks through the park, looking for ideas, which appear in thought bubbles. Her story takes off after she chooses an aquarium setting, a mermaid main character, and a sea monster hatching in a city aquarium as a problem. The girl's idea possibilities and accompanying illustrations become more elaborate and adventurous as she plans, adds more details to, illustrates, and revises the story, and finally shares it with others. More visuals, in the form of childish artwork and written text, simulate the girl's efforts alongside the guide's ongoing steps and illustrations. These writing basics will be a welcome addition to literacy centers and for students who struggle with the question of what to write about.
LVIS	9798887353791	How?	Earley, Christina	
LVIS	9781546137597	Hulk teach!	Brown, Jeffrey	School Library Journal Xpress (August 8, 2025) Gr 4 Up-After a quick introduction and superhero origin story for the titular character, Bruce Banner, aka Hulk, is court-ordered to do community service in the form of teaching middle school as part of a plea deal for damages done while in Hulk form. On his first day, the students are disappointed to see Bruce Banner walk into class instead of Hulk, but it doesn't take long for them to strike a nerve and summon the big green guy. In fact, Bruce can't seem to get through a single day of teaching without Hulking out. But with an important standardized test on the horizon and the school's funding hanging in the balance, Bruce is going to have to get his lesson plans in order. The setup is absurd in the best way, and Brown leans into the chaos with humor and heart, landing a laugh on every page and even sneaking in a lesson or two, such as the science behind why the sky is blue. His signature slice-of-life tone works surprisingly well in a superhero setting, grounding the outrageous premise through relatable human moments. Fans of Brown's Star Wars books will find much to love here and those familiar with the Marvel Universe will be delighted to see cameos from the Avengers and She-Hulk. Cozy black-and-white art is accented with splashes of green whenever Hulk or She-Hulk makes an appearance. Hand-lettering brings a charm to the book, and keen-eyed readers will spot the clever visual cue of the balloons changing to green whenever Hulk speaks. VERDICT This slice-of-superhero-life comic delivers laughs and lessons, making it a standout for Marvel fans and middle grade readers.-Jasmine Amiri © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781546137627	Hulk teach. 2,A tale of 2 teachers!	Brown, Jeffrey	School Library Journal (July 1, 2026) Gr 4-8-Dr. Bruce Banner once helped save the world alongside the Avengers, but his transformations into the Hulk left a trail of destruction. As part of a plea deal arranged by his lawyer, She-Hulk, Banner must now teach middle school as himself. The pressures of the classroom, however, often trigger his Hulk outbursts, much to the delight of his students. After winter break, Ben Grimm of the Fantastic Four joins the faculty as Banner's co-teacher, adding humor and heart to the classroom dynamic. When the school faces possible closure, Banner and Grimm rally their students to compete in the Academic Decathalon. Together, they prepare through Robotics Club challenges, art museum visits, and focused academic study, emphasizing both skill building and teamwork. Brown delivers a humorous and engaging graphic novel that brings beloved Marvel characters into a relatable school setting for middle grade readers. Narrated by the Watchers, an "ultrapowerful race of celestial beings tasked with observing everything that happens on Earth," the story provides helpful context about Hulk's past while maintaining a playful tone. The comic-style artwork stays true to the characters, appealing to longtime Marvel fans while remaining accessible to newcomers. Brown underscores the value of collaboration and perseverance throughout. VERDICT A strong addition to school libraries; this installment in the "Hulk Teach" series will especially resonate with superhero fans.-Angie Jameson © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798898802721	Hummingbird Vs. Moth	Sommer, Nathan	
LVIS	9798899132339	Hunting Zine	Burns, Jason M	
LVIS	9798765671160	Huxley Higgins, Dragon Knight	Moore, Jenny	
LVIS	9780063429291	Hypergifted	Korman, Gordon	School Library Journal Xpress starred (December 12, 2025) Gr 3-5-This stunning middle-grade novel delivers a funny, heartfelt summer adventure told through multiple character perspectives. Twelve-year-old super-genius Noah Youkilis has been accepted into a summer term at the prestigious Wilderton University, but the last thing he wants is to start college early. His best friend, Donovan, is hoping for a summer of total relaxation, but when Wilderton says Noah can bring a companion to school, Donovan's parents immediately sign him up; he soon finds himself working as a camp counselor for professors' kids instead of relaxing at home. The story unfolds in alternating chapters from several viewpoints, giving readers a clear sense of each character's priorities. Multiple plotlines run at once, including Noah's ambitious AI project, Donovan's growing friendship with his fellow counselor Raina, two frat boys chasing an unforgettable summer, and a missing pig mascot. Korman also highlights the complementary traits that make Noah and Donovan such strong friends: Noah's academic brilliance paired with Donovan's street smarts, with each boy relying on and admiring the other. Even with so much happening, the narrative remains easy to follow because the structure makes the story rich rather than complicated, and every thread builds toward a satisfying conclusion. Korman's writing style is thoroughly engaging and speaks directly to middle-grade readers with its sharp dialogue, brisk pacing, and situations that feel both over the top and completely relatable. VERDICT Korman's latest adventure is must-purchase for all middle-grade collections.-Katherine Rao © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781250423535	I Am a Good Dog	Applegate, Katherine	
LVIS	9781546147558	I am Ingrid : the adventures of the world's greatest guide dog	Loberti, Aria Mia	School Library Journal Xpress (October 10, 2025) K-Gr 3-Ingrid, a black lab puppy who becomes a guide dog for the visually impaired, narrates the book. Readers may be puzzled as to why Ingrid repeatedly claims to be the "smartest and most important dog ever," because although all guide dogs are undoubtedly special, there's nothing particularly so about Ingrid compared to others. She is written without weakness. The book features a human character named Aria, whom readers learn in a note at the end is also the author. The note explains that she has low vision, which is why she needed Ingrid. However, the story gives no clear indication that the child has low vision. She dances, reads, and appears capable of doing everything that a fully sighted person can do, though it is noted that she sometimes gets headaches in bright sunlight. Without the note at the end, children will likely be confused as to why there is a need for a guide dog. Additionally, the note explains that the author starred in a Netflix miniseries. Pictures of her walking on a red carpet suggest that she only wrote the book for the purpose of promoting her career. The book seems to be little more than a poorly veiled attempt at branding. VERDICT Appealing only to children who want to understand the process of preparing a guide dog, this book creates considerable confusion around an important issue.-Benjamin Ludwig © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781250424280	I Am Murphy and I Am Waiting	Yaccarino, Dan	School Library Journal Xpress (July 10, 2026) PreS-Gr 2-Murphy is a delectably cute dog and he is waiting... and waiting... and scratching and waiting...for his boy to come home. Some "big yellow thing" picks up Murphy's boy each morning (hint: it's a school bus) and Murphy is left to fill the day. Murphy narrates his doggie activities with "I am" statements: "I am hungry," "I am growling at the dog who lives in the mirror," "I am so lonesome without my boy." The repetition is ideal for read-alouds or emerging readers; the style also captures the single-minded brain of a dog. Yaccarino's art, created digitally, features a small palette of saturated colors that create visually stimulating images. Humor arises when the images and text mismatch-"I am thirsty," Murphy states, but the image captures the silly pup choosing the toilet as his preferred water vessel. After a day of distraction, Murphy's boy finally comes home and Murphy is happy. Back and front cover art bracket the simple story: on the front, bug-eyed Murphy looks at readers through the window, waiting, but on the back cover the perspective shifts to see Murphy's backside as the bus arrives. VERDICT Don't miss this high-energy peek into the mind of a dog. A must-have for storytimes, early readers, and dog lovers.-Sarah Clarke © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781665984195	I Am Not Grumpy!	Perry, Caroline L	Kirkus Reviews (July 1, 2026) The story of a smile turned upside down, if only on the outside. Readers may be surprised to learn that our protagonist, a rain frog, is having a great day: Her downward-curved mouth says otherwise. Her perpetual frown leads to countless misunderstandings: Onlookers assume she's scowling after even after winning a soak 'n' slide competition or going ziplining—both among her favorite activities. And though our narrator is thrilled when her "super-loud, fly-stealing neighbor" announces she'll be moving, the neighbor in question (a dung beetle) assumes that the frog is bereft at the thought of losing a dear friend and decides to stay. Hanson puts the frog front and center, with her small but mighty face staring right out on nearly every page. Her scrutinizing gaze (her RFF: "Resting Frog Face!") invites youngsters to look beyond a furrowed brow and curled lip to seriously consider others' internal lives. The parting punchline—a somewhat sophisticated joke in which the frog finally expresses genuine frustration upon realizing her irritating neighbor is here to stay—may confound younger readers (given that she's spent most of the book arguing that she does in fact love her community), though older ones will enjoy the joke. Sure to brighten any mood. (rain frog facts) (Picture book. 4-8)
LVIS	9781536246803	I am rebel	Montgomery, Ross	Booklist (September 1, 2025 (Online)) Grades 4-6. Canine narrator Rebel follows his 12-year-old owner, Tom, everywhere on his parents' sheep farm. Though the setting is unspecified, the story seems to unfold in seventeenth-century civil war–torn Britain, where Rebel loves the routine of life on the farm, but young Tom is disillusioned. While the King's guardsmen conduct patrols, there is a resistance group, the Reds, hiding in plain sight among the common folk. After a dastardly encounter with the guardsmen, Tom runs off to join the Reds. Distraught over Tom leaving, Rebel realizes Tom is more than his master, he is his friend, and the pup sets off to bring Tom home. A donkey, a dormouse, kind humans, and even a curmudgeonly wild dog all help Rebel along on his journey. Montgomery writes Rebel as the quintessential canine: aloof at times, but dedicated. Humor is found in Rebel's enduring optimism, both of the world and of his situation, in comparison to the worldview of other animals. This is an easy pitch to readers who enjoy animal adventure stories. Recommend to dog lovers and fans of Pax (2016), by Sara Pennypacker.
LVIS	9798893960020	I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day An Illustrated Keepsake Book	Wadsworth Longfellow, Henry	School Library Journal Xpress (June 20, 2025) Gr 2-4-Longfellow's 1864 poem is set against rosy-hued scenes of a town on Christmas. The refrain of "peace on earth, good-will to men!" is juxtaposed with references to global and interpersonal conflict that are as relevant today as they were to the author's original Civil War-era setting. The digital illustrations are similar in style to the work of Christian Robinson, with flat coloring in warm, inviting tones. Like the text, they have a timeless quality, reflecting the poem's message of hope in images of street scenes and the cozy interiors of homes and churches. The intended audience is unclear, as the old-fashioned poetic phrasing is likely to go over the heads of children, while those old enough to understand it may not visit the picture book shelves. For those who can untangle the archaic language, the overall package is lovely. VERDICT Comforting illustrations and an uplifting message, but it may be too sophisticated for the younger picture book crowd.-Amy Reimann © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

LVIS	9781546142973	I Know You Started It	Daphne Benedis-Grab	Someone started a fire at the local middle school. Until they're caught, no one is safe. From the author of I Know Your Secret, this is a thrilling middle-grade mystery that's sure to keep you guessing.There's a fire in a school locker!Was it an accident? A prank gone wrong? Arson? Someone looking for revenge? . . .Eva, Dani, Liam, and Gabe are determined to figure out who started the fire, and why. And they each have their own reasons for wanting to be the first ones to figure out what really happened.The administration says they're looking into it, but evidence is scarce. It will take four students who can tap into the rumors, gossip, and hidden secrets of their school to uncover what really happened on the day of the fire. And if they don't figure it out in time? Well, one of them could be accused of the crime.But all their potential leads turn out to be dead ends. It's as if the arsonist is somehow tracking their every move . . .A high-stakes whodunit, I Know You Started It is perfect for readers interested in: Kid-friendly mysteriesEdge-of-your-seat thrillsPlot twistsUnreliable narratorsFast-paced actionQuick readsThemes of bullying and social media
LVIS	979-8225066772	I Survived #26 the Night of the Lions, 2025	Lauren Tarshis	Eleven-year-old Dylan is still reeling from the injury that shattered his all-star Little League dreams back home in Boston. His film-maker older sister offers him the trip of a lifetime: to travel with her as she films a world-famous lion expert in the heart of southern Africa. Dylan's days in the wilds of Botswana are filled with awe and wonder — elephants splashing in lagoons, leopards growling under star-lit skies, herds of zebras racing through golden grasslands, glittering snakes basking on tree branches — until disaster strikes. A plane crash hurls Dylan into the unforgiving wilderness, where deadly creatures are on the prowl. Alone, injured, and terrified, Dylan must summon every ounce of strength and as he faces the deadliest predator of all: the African lion.
LVIS	9781546137757	I Survived the Bombing of Pearl Harbor, 1941: Graphic	Lauren Tarshis	A vividly rendered graphic novel adaptation of Lauren Tarshis's bestselling I Survived the Bombing of Pearl Harbor, 1941 with text adapted by Georgia Ball and art by Peter Wartman.A day no one will ever forget... Danny Crane and his mom moved from New York City to Pearl City, Hawaii two months ago. Every day since, Danny has been making a plan to get back to NYC. He's not afraid of the crime or dark alleys there. And he's not afraid to stow away on the next ship out of Pearl Harbor.But that morning, the skies fill with fighter planes. Bombs pound the harbor. Bullets rain down on the beaches. Danny is shocked—and, for the first time, truly afraid. He's a tough city kid. But can Danny survive the day that will live in infamy?Lauren Tarshis's New York Times bestselling I Survived series comes to vivid life in this pulse-pounding graphic novel edition. Perfect for readers who prefer the graphic novel format, or for existing fans of the I Survived chapter book series, these graphic novels combine historical facts with high-action storytelling that's sure to keep readers turning the pages. Includes a nonfiction section at the back with facts and photos about the real-life event.
LVIS	9780062890313	I used to be a dinosaur	Lyall, Casey	School Library Journal starred (May 1, 2026) K-Gr 3-A riotous exploration of avian evolution through the eyes of one very determined hen. The comedy begins in the front matter with a "reverse evolution" chart-dinosaur to chicken-that sends the protagonist into a spiral of righteous fury. After printing out the evidence from her computer, the hen gathers her eggs to explain their formidable heritage, insisting she once possessed a "mighty roar." While the main text utilizes a bouncy, rhythmic rhyme, Lyall expertly uses prose breaks for comedic timing, particularly as the hen laments the "teeny-tiny arms" she inherited from her T. rex ancestors. With sparse text and high-energy illustrations, this is an ideal read-aloud for younger students. Keller's signature style is on full display, and her clever visual subplots are just as vital to the storytelling as the text. Observant readers will delight in the small, humorous details tucked into the margins-like the chicken hanging a "Back in 10 Minutes" sign on her coop while she steps outside to throw a tantrum over her evolutionary discovery. The story concludes on a high note of "reclaimed birthright" as the newly hatched chicks trade their expected "cheeps" for full-throated roars. Back matter includes a clever interview between the author and the chicken, providing scientific context on the link between theropods and modern birds. VERDICT A hilarious, surprisingly informative standout. Fans of Douglas Rees's Tyrannosaurus Rex vs. Edna the Very First Chicken will find this an equally funny companion.-Heidi Dechief © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781525314391	I will not walk to school	Hrab, Naseem	School Library Journal starred (March 1, 2026) PreS-Gr 3-It's Monday morning, but Monster refuses to walk to school. His encouraging feathered friend, Bird, reminds him that it's Pancake Day. "Will there be pepperoni on those pancakes? Pineapple? Double cheese? Maple syrup on the side?" The promise of his favorite fluffy cakes provides the shaggy gray monster with just enough motivation to fumble through his morning routine. However, Monster remains resolute: "I told you already-I will not WALK to school today." While stories depicting characters reluctant to go to school risk predictability, Hrab and Collier break all conventions, serving up an exceptional, quirky addition to the burgeoning school story genre. Told mostly in humorous vignettes, this dialogue-driven story follows Monster and Bird on their romp to school, arriving through a combination of eccentric movements: hops, ginormous jumps, skips at lightning speed, and eventually by scooter. A smattering of silly conversation transpires, diverting Monster, Bird, and readers from what could have otherwise been a routine commute to school. Collier's dynamic, digitally rendered illustrations walk in step with the comical dialogue between Monster and Bird, incorporating playful visual details, such as the silent character, Captain Donut Face, Monster's treasured lovey. VERDICT In this giggle-inducing story for readers across a solid grade range, Monster's unique conundrum offers an amusing, unexpected adventure down a familiar path.-Emily Brush © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781665963541	I'm no scaredy-rat	Higgins, Cam	
LVIS	9798318954450	Ice cream fundraiser	Alber, Diane	
LVIS	9781797226514	If you went to the bottom of the ocean	McIntyre, Brooke A	School Library Journal (February 1, 2026) K-Gr 4-McIntyre guides readers on an imaginative journey to the Challenger Deep, the deepest point on Earth, posed as the hypothetical lead-in of the title. The nonfiction text plunges readers through the ocean's layers, starting with the Sunlight Zone (0-660 ft.), where whales and sea turtles glide, down to the Twilight Zone (660-3,300 ft.), where light fades and emperor penguins dive. The book continues through the pitch-dark Midnight and Abyssal Zones, explaining how creatures, such as the Dumbo Octopus and Greenland shark, survive crushing pressure and scarce food using adaptations like bioluminescence and specialized body structures. McIntyre clearly explains complex topics like marine snow (scraps of food descending from above), the intense pressure (like holding "ten humpbacks on your head"), and the reason more than 90 percent of the ocean remains unexplored. The writing is imaginative and uses vivid sensory details, describing the sea floor as vast as a desert and creatures creating "fireworks" in the darkness. The illustrations, rendered in gouache, ink, and acrylic, are highly successful in portraying the strange and wondrous life found in each zone. The back matter provides robust information on ocean exploration, including sonar, submersibles, and the deepest points in each ocean. VERDICT An evocative and engaging book that turns deep-sea science into a thrilling exploration. This is an excellent, educational addition to any library and perfect for readers fascinated by the natural world's greatest mysteries.-Richard Winters © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781482478648	In a Desert	Ridley, Sarah	
LVIS	9781482478679	In a Pond	Ridley, Sarah	
LVIS	9781482478709	In a Rainforest	Ridley, Sarah	
LVIS	9781482478730	In a Tree	Ridley, Sarah	
LVIS	9781482478761	In an Ocean	Ridley, Sarah	
LVIS	9798899132452	In the Heart of the Maze	Mather, Charis	
LVIS	9781665980999	In the pet house	Higgins, Cam	
LVIS	9781925089790	Included : a book for ALL children about inclusion, diversity, disability, equality and empathy	Sanders, Jayneen	
LVIS	9780063027107	Ink girls	Nijkamp, Marieke	School Library Journal Xpress (February 23, 2024) Gr 4-6-It doesn't take long for the titular Ink Girls to assemble into a mystery-cracking, government-changing force to be reckoned with in Nijkamp's and Bi's middle grade fantasy graphic novel. Set in the fictional town of Siannarra, Ink Girls tackles the modern, real world problems of corruption and censorship across a dreamy cityscape with a cast of engaging characters. When the town's printer, Mestra Aronne, publishes an exposé of a royal family member, she and her tween apprentice Cinzia are taken into custody by the royal guard. Cinzia escapes from the guards and happens upon Elena, Siannarra's unconventional princess, who wants to prove her worthiness as a leader. The two girls procure Mestra Aronne's article notes and jump into finding the sources used for the scandalous article. Carlotta, a young pirate, soon joins the gang and adventures abound as the girls seek to uncover the truth and stop those that wish to control and scare Siannarra's citizens. Nijkamp's main characters are well thought out, with each girl playing a critical role in the adventure and overcoming her own challenges to achieve growth. Maybe most importantly, Ink Girls doesn't spend a moment convincing readers that these girls are capable of solving the mystery and saving their village. It trusts the capability, tenacity, and determination of its main characters. Bi creates a world that will delight every fairy-tale lover with endless nooks and crannies; warm, jewel-toned vistas, and fancifully romantic fashions for every character. VERDICT A beautiful book about the beauty of friendship, determination, and speaking ones' truth. For fans of Amanda Castillo's and Cameron Chittock's "Mapmakers and the Lost Magic" series and Wendy Xu's Tidesong.-Jennie Law © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781536207798	Interrupting chicken saves the Nutcracker	Stein, David Ezra	School Library Journal Xpress (August 29, 2025) K-Gr 3-Chicken is so excited! She and Papa are going to the ballet to see The Nutcracker. She grabs her tutu and ballet slippers and is ready to go. Papa is a bit worried that she will interrupt the show, but Chicken promises to behave. Everyone takes their seats, the lights go down, and the narrator begins the story. The cast is having a good time at the Christmas party in the show, but the most exciting moment is when a special guest makes a grand appearance. It's a little red chicken from the third row, wearing a tutu and ballet shoes. This isn't the only time Chicken is unable to resist being a part of the program, and eventually, Chicken and Papa are asked to leave the theater. Chicken feels bad, and she and Papa realize they need to get back in the theater to help save the show. But how? There's never a dull moment with the Interrupting Chicken around. She isn't mean when she places herself in the program-she's very excited and wants to be a part of the fun. Although it frustrates Papa, he understands she's a clever little girl, and even makes her father part of the grand plan to save the ballet in the end. Chicken and Papa are painted with bold watercolors, while background characters are slightly muted. Because they stand out, eyes are immediately drawn to them. VERDICT Children who love other stories in the series, as well as those who are new to Interrupting Chicken, will enjoy this book.-Barbara Spiri © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798899132469	Into the Maze	Mather, Charis	
LVIS	9780063346024	Into the wild	Do, Anh	Publishers Weekly (December 16, 2024) Do (the Ninja Kid series) explores themes of bravery and resilience via Gwen, a girl forced to survive alone in the wild. In the middle of the night, Gwen is awoken by her mother, who says they must leave their home immediately. Gwen follows her parents' orders and runs, not looking back as promised, only to realize she's been separated from her family in the shuffle. Lost and alone in the woods, Gwen receives help from a stray dog. As she endeavors to reunite with her parents, more dogs come to her aid, and Gwen learns of the loyalty and survival skills necessary to become the "leader of pack animals who had become my family." Sketchy, movement-filled artwork by illustrators Ley and Ji accompany emotionally authentic prose and add humor to Gwen's journey through her relationships and interactions with her pack. This adrenaline-pumping story, the first in a series, vividly recounts a captivating tale of a girl whose resourcefulness and determination are the foundation for doing "whatever it took to keep my pack alive." Gwen's skin tone matches the hue of the page. Ages 8-12. (Mar.) © Copyright PWxyz, LLC. All rights reserved.
LVIS	9781536227697	Into the wild magic	Knudsen, Michelle	Horn Book Magazine (September/October, 2025) Eleven-year-old Bevvy, a quiet sixth grader more comfortable with kittens and fantasy novels than with her peers, finds herself drawn to a mysterious new girl, Cat. After Cat provokes a confrontation at school and disappears, Bevvy is left bewildered -- until Cat returns, pursued by shadowy forces. Fleeing through the woods, the girls leap through an opening in the air and into the kingdom of Lorelkey. The land is in chaos: the king is dead, and war looms between wielders of wild magic and a dangerous villain with dark powers. As Bevvy and Cat are reluctantly swept into the resistance, Bevvy discovers she has a gift that connects her to Lorelkey's natural forces. She begins to understand why she was brought to Lorelkey -- and what's at stake. Knudsen successfully weaves elements of classic fantasy -- portal travel, hidden royalty, a heroine who must grow into her unexpected destiny -- with themes of friendship and bravery and an emphasis on moral complexity and emotional intelligence. Her world-building is immersive, and the story balances action and magic with deeply felt emotional stakes. Bevvy and Cat's friendship is tested and strengthened through their adventures, and the novel's ensemble of magical characters adds warmth and nuance to the plot. Recommended for readers who dream of other worlds -- and wonder if they could be brave enough to face what lies within them. Alicia Rogers September/October 2025 p.68
LVIS	9798225098070	InvestiGators	John Patrick Green	Join super spy alligator duo MANGO and BRASH as they surf the sewers and fight the forces of evil. With their Very Exciting Spy Technology and their tried-and-true, toilet-based travel techniques, the InvestiGators are undercover and on the case! And on their first mission together, they have not one but two mysteries to solve! Can Mango and Brash uncover the clues, crack their cases, and corral the crooks—or will the criminals wriggle out of their grasp?
LVIS	9781250357915	InvestiGators. Weather or not	Green, John Patrick	
LVIS	9781482480207	Is Bigfoot Real?	Carroll, Brynn	

LVIS	9781482480238	Is the Chupacabra Real?	Carroll, Brynn	
LVIS	9781482480269	Is the Loch Ness Monster Real?	Carroll, Brynn	
LVIS	9781482480320	Is the Windigo Real?	Carroll, Brynn	
LVIS	9781482480351	Is the Yeti Real?	Carroll, Brynn	
LVIS	9781665984881	It's Alive! : Ready-To-Read Level 3	McGee, Joe	School Library Journal Xpress (July 10, 2026) Gr 2-4-Siblings Max and Raven, who have light brown skin and dark brown hair, are thrilled to spend their allowance at the toy store. The mysterious shop owner persuades them to purchase a set of vibrant sidewalk chalk. The colors are incredible and inspire their imaginations; Max draws a huge, smiling robot while Raven crafts a beautiful butterfly. But this chalk isn't regular chalk, and suddenly the kids' drawings come horrifically to life. They mutate into evil versions of themselves and chase the children throughout Wolver Hollow, leaving everything they touch chalk-ifed in their wake. This debut in the Ready-to-Read "Night Frights" series is an exciting chapter book with advanced vocabulary and eye-catching illustrations. The plot leans more into science fiction than truly scary horror, with plenty of action and suspense packed into the relatively short page count. Skaffa's angular artwork perfectly captures the wild plot in a colorful mixture of spot art and spreads reminiscent of comic art. This title will be a hit for independent readers and storytimes alike. VERDICT A fun, age-appropriate spin on the "it's alive!" trope; strongly recommended for chapter book collections.-Ashleigh Williams © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781454999621	It's my bird-day!	Willems, Mo	School Library Journal Xpress starred (May 2, 2026) PreS-K-It's Pigeon's birthday, and Pigeon can't wait to celebrate! He's all dressed up in his fancy plumage and is excited about his birthday hot dog. But wait. Someone blew out the candle and ate half the hotdog!? Oh. It's the duckling's special day, too. Pigeon throws a magnificent tantrum, and as he calms down and realizes they can share, several more ducklings hatch. Rendered in the author's classic style, this book is bright and colorful and has dynamic movement in the illustrations, especially in the scenes with Pigeon's tantrums. The perennial topics of sharing and birthdays along with the expected humor and art of the series will have kids wanting to read to it again and again. VERDICT Any Pigeon book is a must-have for all children's collections.-Kristin Anderson © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780358417460	Ivan : a gorilla's true story	Applegate, Katherine	
LVIS	9781665989251	Izzy vs. cheerleading	McCullough, Joy	School Library Journal Xpress (May 2, 2026) Gr 3-6-"Team Awkward" returns in this third entry by McCullough and Bybee with more awkward middle school stories, following up on the friends' disastrous first day of sixth grade. Izzy is separated from her twin sister at school for the first time, with Ari going to a performing arts school while Izzy gets better support for her dyslexia at the local middle school. Izzy's dads can't seem to understand how hard it is to be separated from her twin. Trying to find her own interests, Izzy tries out for the cheer squad, but her anxiety gets the best of her skills. The coach offers her the role of team mascot, but for fear of embarrassment, Izzy will only do it if her identity remains a secret. This installment can be read as a standalone. It has great cover appeal and is a super accessible read with generous spacing and a larger font that will be perfect for both reluctant readers and those who read above their level. Powerful themes of friendship and finding your space ring true and will be relatable to middle grade readers. There is mention of Izzy's dads observing Catholic and Jewish traditions, and Izzy's friends are biracial, with Jojo having Guatemalan heritage and Leah having Thai heritage. VERDICT Give this to tween fans of Terri Libenson's "Emmie & Friends" series, Lisa Greenwald, and the Scholastic "Wish" books.-Taylor Skorski © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798893041569	Jackrabbit vs. sidewinder	Sommer, Nathan	
LVIS	9798348042561	Jalen Brunson vs. Isiah Thomas : who would win?	Burns, Jason M	
LVIS	9798217133819	Jamie Smart's Max & Chaffy. Hunt for the pirate's gold!	Smart, Jamie	
LVIS	9780593965528	Jamie Smart's Max & Chaffy. The great cupcake mystery!	Smart, Jamie	
LVIS	9780593965290	Jamie Smart's Max & Chaffy. Welcome to Animal Island!	Smart, Jamie	School Library Journal starred (May 1, 2025) PreS-Gr 4-In this whimsical book, the Boggle family moves to Animal Island, and are immediatley greeted by Chief Constable Moose and Crumbles the Baker, a duck. Before his family heads off to be the lighthouse keepers, curious and explorative Max gets into some adventures, including finding Chaffy, a kind of bunny ball, and the rest of the story has the title characters running all over the island in an attempt to find where Chaffy truly belongs. The book encourages readers to pore over the vibrant illustrations with a challenging "Find Chaffy" hidden object game. A slight cultural word choice may confuse American children; a "bandage" is referred to as a "plaster." The pacing and tone of these adventures will delight young readers. VERDICT This new series starts strong, providing the hope of new friends and adventures to early readers. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781665922357	Jazzy the witch in Friend fiasco	Bagley, Jessixa	Horn Book Magazine (July/August, 2026) Protagonist Jazzy (Jazzy the Witch in Broom Doom, rev. 9/25) is now well-established as a bicycling expert, unusual though that is for a witch in her world. In rides new student Estrella, who also happens to know all about bikes and about mushrooms, which are Jazzy□s best friend Aggie□s special interest. Estrella is eager to let everyone know all about her expertise, which doesn□t sit well with Jazzy and Aggie. A rivalry and then a prank war ensue. But could the new girl□s motivations be more positive than they seem? Bagley returns to the appealing setting of the first installment of this graphic-novel series, where witchcraft is cheerily the norm and bat familiars spout puns (in a subplot involving corn: □Hey! I make the jokes around EAR!□). This time, the central conflict is a relatable story of friendship missteps and of comparing oneself to others, with helpful insights from Jazzy□s casually diverse family. The visually engaging digital illustrations are again full of swooping motion lines and colorful sound effects (some final art unseen). Appended comics-format material includes a □Witch-tionary,□ information on moon bathing, and a cartoon starring bat Fiona and cat Cassie, whose antics also feature throughout. Shoshana Flax July/August 2026 p.86
LVIS	9781302966942	Jeff the Land Shark: Friends and Rivals	Kelly Thompson	Hot off his star-making appearance in MARVEL RIVALS, everyone's favorite walking fish boy stars in his first series! Join Jeff the Land Shark as he teams up with many of the friends he's made over the years and outsmarts more than a few rivals along the way. And this time, he's got some all-new abilities on his side! But a malevolent force has been set upon the world—a being of pure darkness who wants nothing more than dismay and destruction. Beware the evil known as...Shadow Jeff! Plus: Our selachian sensation stalks the dangerous corridors of Madripoor alongside Wolverine and Psylocke! Jeff co-creator Kelly Thompson and artist Tokitokoro sharpen the teeth of the undeniable star of the entire Marvel Universe!
LVIS	9781623545819	Jellyfish scientist : Maude Delap and her mesmerizing medusas	Cusolito, Michelle	School Library Journal Xpress (May 2, 2025) Gr 1-4-Maude Delap was an amazing scientist in a time when women were discouraged from participating in scientific study. Her determination to learn about jellyfish and tackle adversity make her an admirable topic for a picture book biography. The illustrations that accompany the informative text not only capture the scientific detail and the Irish setting but also provide an ephemeral quality that is mesmerizing as the delicacy of the jellyfish is explored throughout its life cycle. Late in the 19th century and into the early 20th century Delap collected, studied, and learned about jellyfish in her island home of Valentia, Ireland. Prior to Delap no one had succeeded in nurturing a jellyfish through a complete life cycle. Present-tense narration takes readers into Delap's lab, the "Department" as she called it, and through the arduous task of learning how to care for and maintain jellyfish so they could be studied throughout their life cycle. The text is broken into journal entries documenting her learning and perseverance in a scientifically measured way. Back matter adds to the biography of this amazing scientist and provides further information on sea jellies as these creatures are now called by many modern scientists. VERDICT Informative and evocative illustrations capture a pioneering woman of science and her meticulous, revelatory work. Recommended for most collections.-John Scott © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798765628126	Joe Burrow vs. Dan Marino : who would win?	Gigliotti, Jim	
LVIS	9781665950725	Jojo vs. middle school	McCullough, Joy	Booklist (February 1, 2025 (Vol. 121, No. 11)) Grades 4-7. Jojo's first day of middle school is comically terrible: oversleeping, perfect first-day outfit ruined by cat puke, twisted ankle, phone confiscated, hole-y pants displaying her kitten-themed underwear. When facing the cafeteria is unimaginable, she sneaks to the forbidden wing of the school, housing the old gym and locker rooms. When three other awkward sixth graders find their way there, too, a friendship takes root. Unfortunately, a bobcat-induced school lockdown—while they're in the forbidden locker room on day two—complicates matters. Jojo's first-person narration nails the middle-school voice, capturing all the uncertainty that comes with big change as well as the roller coaster of emotions. The foursome's new, tenuous friendship is supported by realistic dialogue from well-developed characters. The lack of consequences from some bolder stunts may read as loose plot threads to some, though this could be addressed in book two. From a confiscated-phone heist to dealing with her mom's boyfriend being a famous cat-influencer, Jojo faces big changes via a series of hilarious high jinks with her new friends.
LVIS	9781949078855	Jory the orange dragon	Luzzader, Amanda	
LVIS	9781963915204	Joshua tree mirage	Fulton, C. R	
LVIS	9798318906251	Journey through the waterfall	Doshi, Payal	School Library Journal (March 1, 2026) Gr 2-5-An engaging series debut that follows Lily Willowjal as she rushes to help an injured baby otter in need. A Water Gem, Lily has magical powers to uphold her duty of protecting aquatic animals, including the ability to become a mermaid. Determined to save the otter, Lily sets off on a journey to find magical healing flowers, traveling through unfamiliar places alongside a mix of loyal friends and reluctant frenemies. Along the way, she must face her fears and learn that bravery doesn't mean being fearless-it means doing the right thing even when she's scared. The story centers themes that will strongly resonate with its intended age group-friendship, teamwork, kindness, and courage-as Lily navigates moments of doubt, conflict, and trust. The challenges she faces are meaningful without being overwhelming, making the story both comforting and exciting. One of the standout elements of this book is its artwork. The vibrant illustrations shimmer like gemstones and bring Lily's magical world to life. When the story turns sad or tense, darker colors are used to represent pain, fear, or worry. This thoughtful use of color will help readers better understand the characters' emotions while deepening the overall atmosphere of the story. Lily is depicted with light brown skin, with friends and family of various skin tones. VERDICT With its warm message, appealing visuals, and relatable themes, the book is a strong choice for early chapter book readers who enjoy adventure with heart.-Jessica Calaway © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798887353777	Joy	Earley, Christina	
LVIS	9798875290602	Jump serve	Maddox, Jake	
LVIS	9780593645734	Junie B. Jones and Some Sneaky Peeky Spying The Graphic Novel	Park, Barbara	School Library Journal starred (July 1, 2026) PreS-Gr 3-Junie B. Jones discovers the excitement of spying, but her mother quickly bans it after Junie nearly scares her grandfather to death and repeatedly wakes up her baby brother. Curious about how her kindergarten teacher, who simply goes by Mrs., spends her time outside of school, Junie devises a plan to find her house and spy on her. Later that week, Junie spots Mrs. entering the grocery store and decides the spying can officially commence. She barely believes her eyes when Mrs. starts smooching a strange man and steals grapes right out of the bag. Keeping the secret consumes Junie B., and it becomes all she can think about at school. With dynamic panels, vibrant illustrations, and hysterical storytelling, this installment of the graphic novel series keeps pace with the first three releases and stands out as another exceptional adaptation. Readers will laugh out loud at Junie B.'s spunky personality, which is on full display throughout this hilarious adventure. The illustrations and dialogue work seamlessly together to create a delightful reading experience, while the panels featuring Junie B.'s inner thoughts are both wonderfully outrageous and absolutely brilliant. Junie and her family have tan skin; Mrs. has brown skin. VERDICT A remarkable rendition that stays true to the spirit of the original text; a must-have for elementary collections.-Angie Jameson © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781459840621	Just a minute : why humans tell time	Hudson, Kirstie	School Library Journal (November 1, 2025) Gr 4-7-This series explores big ideas and how they "have shaped humanity." One of this season's titles delves into why humans tell time and how people even try to manipulate it. Just a Minute readers will enjoy references to movies like "Back to the Future" and "Armageddon" that deal with time travel or the end of time. Cracking the Code starts with descriptions of the earliest codes and continues on to the scientists exploring the human genome. Sections on the Enigma Code and Navajo Code Talkers help connect the use of codes and encryption to pivotal historical events. Full-color illustrations and photos help to break up the text and support the narrative with images like code-breaking machines and an early atomic clock. Glossary terms appear in bold italicized font within the main body of the text. Resource lists include print and online suggestions. VERDICT A fascinating exploration that will answer the questions of enthusiasts on these topics. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

LVIS	9780063324633	Just one gift	Park, Linda Sue	School Library Journal (August 1, 2026) Gr 3-7-In Park's compelling companion to The One Thing You'd Save, audiences head back to school for another unique assignment: students must pick a "family," "friend," or "question mark" (meaning "someone who isn't / a family member or a friend, but is still part of your life") and answer, "If you could give that person just one gift, what would it be?" Gifts must "be something they've never asked for," "something real," and can't be money. Two youthfully convincing narrators divide Park's narrative across gender lines, with Nguyen also voicing encouraging Ms. Chang. Nguyen is consistently bright and energetic; Huynh often begins comparatively subdued but elevates quickly. Gifts are wondrous: a restaurant for abuela to make Honduran baleadas; an Arabic language subscription so a friend can talk to her visiting gran; a cure for diabetes; a bright green parakeet for a neighbor all alone; a front- and backyard garden for dad; a trip back to Nepal for a hardworking couple. Park's author's note reveals how she needs defined structure to create poetry; here, she's again inspired by the traditional Korean verse form, sijo. VERDICT Nguyen and Huynh poignantly, invitingly enliven Park's welcoming classroom. © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781665961042	Just one oak : what a single tree can be	Gianferrari, Maria	School Library Journal Xpress starred (March 20, 2026) PreS-Gr 3-Many readers think of animals when they hear the term keystone species, but this book spreads the word about how the hard-working oak tree also serves as a keystone in its environment. Lyrical descriptions of main points introduce each spread, such as how the oak tree shelters insects through the winter. Then more technical details, like "overwintering insects are food sources for predatory spiders and songbirds," appear in smaller font at the bottom of the scene. Paintings show the variety of life that depends on the oak, from white-tailed deer and black bears to field mice and fungi. Nearly everything is labeled for easy identification. Some images show the entire tree and its surroundings, while others zoom in for a closer look at leaf litter or the insects that create homes in acorns. Extensive back matter includes more information about oak leaves and acorns, how to grow oak trees, a diagram of the oak tree's life cycle, a source list, suggested further reading, and a list of additional sources and websites. VERDICT Highly recommended for the layered text and intricate illustrations that make this a wonderful read-aloud for younger grades, while offering plenty of information for budding botanists.-Suzanne Costner © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781665942638	Just try it!	Rosenthal, Phil	School Library Journal Xpress (October 18, 2024) K-Gr 3-This is pretty expected fare. Lil, a blond girl, and Phil, a grinning stand-in for the real Rosenthal, approach a food truck festival. They have wildly different sensibilities; Lil loves standard-issue kids' food, and her father is up for everything. "Just try it!" he admonishes. An everything bagel opens the journey, then linguine with clams, duck with plum sauce and scallions. "No way! No way! No way!" Lil pleads, finally landing on pizza, which she loves. Her father ruins that, too, with garlic and spinach. Stuck with the mustard-covered pretzel while Phil goes off to clean his shirt, Lil is intrigued enough to try it. And likes it. She leverages that brave moment into forcing her father on to the roller-coaster. This is all silly but meant in good fun, and every child will relate to it. The illustrations are cartoon-style, and bigger-than-life, but in the end, this is a charming father-daughter tale of overcoming fears. VERDICT High spirits will pull readers into the adventure, and aspiring foodies will love to see one of their heroes on display.-Ginnie Abbott © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781665942652	Just try it! Someplace new!	Rosenthal, Phil	
LVIS	9780593462942	Just what to do	Lukoff, Kyle	School Library Journal starred (May 1, 2024) PreS-Gr 3-Handling death and grief in a gentle and tender manner, Lukoff's newest picture book explores the innate need many of us have to fix the problems of the ones we love the most. The protagonist, a young child, tries many different things to cheer up those closest to them when they lose their beloved plant or pet. Over time they discover that grief isn't one-size-fits-all, and the thing that cheers up one loved one may not help another. When the protagonist's friend loses their grandma, they realize that simply being present and asking how they can be most helpful is the best they can do for a loved one experiencing grief. Combined with Tahboub's adorable and expressive illustrations, children will be newly tuned in to the many complexities of grief. Adults will also be charmed by this. VERDICT A beautiful story that should be sitting on the shelves of school counselors and child therapists everywhere.-Lauren White © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798765625897	Justin Jefferson vs. Randy Moss : who would win?	Gigliotti, Jim	
LVIS	9780063144101	Kaleidoscope of hope : how butterfly life cycles reflect our world	Paul, Miranda	School Library Journal starred (April 1, 2026) K-Gr 4-Butterflies and the butterfly life cycle are the big idea of this stunningly illustrated picture book. Paul uses the kaleidoscope to help readers understand the depth and breadth of the variety of butterflies as well as their importance to life on earth. The book is told in two ways-with simple descriptive text on vividly illustrated pages, and then a page with a definition and more in-depth text about a single idea from the more simple text. For example, one of the first pages talk about caterpillar eggs and the variety of caterpillars; colorful illustration shows some of the great variety in the form a kaleidoscope. On the following page, there is a definition of the word growth and deeper explanations of how the caterpillars grow and change and some of their adaptations. Readers can absorb this book on multiple levels by choosing which parts to read. The artwork is gorgeous, with images of butterflies, some of which appear almost three-dimensional. With many fascinating pages that explain how this work was created, readers are going to want to explore further. VERDICT For would-be scientists, environmentalists, and artists, this is a must for most collections.-Debbie Tanner © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781787746749	Kamen Rider Zero-One	Brandon Easton	The first western graphic novel adaptation of Kamen Rider Zero-One TV series, currently airing on Shout Factory in the US. Aruto Hiden is Kamen Rider Zero-One! Along with his trusty humagear companion Izu, he's saved the world many times as the insectile superhero! But when his company Hiden Intelligence is attacked by the mysterious Ragnorak, Arturo must not only face the volcanic cluster cell-powered villain but also his own past... The further adventures of the tokusatsu TV show, Kamen Rider Zero-One - currently airing on Shout Factory in the US! The first Western comic book adaptation of Kamen Rider - featuring a brand-new villain, Ragnorak, created exclusively for this graphic novel! Perfect for fans of Power Rangers, Ultraman and sci-fi/mecha manga!
LVIS	9781250334763	Kasparov vs. Deep Blue	Ashley, Maurice	School Library Journal starred (July 1, 2026) Gr 4-8-The epic chess showdown between world champion Garry Kasparov and the supercomputer Deep Blue becomes a captivating story in this graphic novel collaboration. Coauthor and Chess Grandmaster Ashley is a character in the book and narrates the story of that 1997 chess match to youngsters practicing their chess games with him in the park. As a commentator at the match, he shares firsthand insights about the motivations of Kasparov and the IBM team. His young audience is surprised that the same idea that concerns people now has been around since the Industrial Revolution. Sheinkin's masterful storytelling keeps the tension tight while also sharing information about early chess-playing automatons, a brief history of chess, and details of Kasparov's early years and the development of Deep Blue. Illustrations showing Kasparov imagining himself as a boxer in the ring fighting a gigantic machine, a dragon, or even a multiheaded hydra will pull readers in. Images of fans around the world watching the match emphasize the global appeal of the game. Authors' notes from both Sheinkin and Ashley round out the book. VERDICT This is sure to be popular with gaming, computer science, and chess enthusiasts as well as existing fans of the creators. Highly recommended for upper elementary and middle school collections.-Suzanne Costner © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780593570449	Katie the catsitter. #5,Villain con	Venable, Colleen A. F	
LVIS	9781459838383	Keep our world green : why humans need gardens, parks and public green spaces	Wishinsky, Frieda	
LVIS	9798318913877	Keeper of the lost cities, the graphic novel. Volume 1.Part 2	Frenn, Celina	
LVIS	9798765661406	Kevin Durant vs. Larry Bird : who would win?	Goldstein, Margaret J	
LVIS	9781546145103	Killer Harvest	Christopher Krovatin	It's harvest season... and in this town, that means corn mazes, sinister scarecrows, and plenty of horror. At the center of the corn maze lies... secrets and horror.
LVIS	9781610673600	Killer whale	D'Ath, Justin	
LVIS	9781984816399	Kindness makes us strong	Beer, Sophie	Kirkus Reviews starred (September 15, 2019) Kindness is a skill, and this book is the perfect way to practice it. Each double-page spread begins with the sentence stem “Kindness is...,” which is then followed by illustrated examples of children caring for the peers, adults, and animals around them. In this follow-up to Love Makes a Family (2018), Beer populates the pages with children who practice a range of skills, from simply saying hello to being patient. She masterfully pairs fairly abstract ideas, such as offering comfort and reaching out, with pictures that elucidate the term in child-friendly situations, such as a preschool musical performance or playing dress up. The rhythmic, repetitive text makes this book an excellent read-aloud as well as a fun and rewarding choice for children who are beginning to read independently. The vibrant illustrations blaze with movement and light and, perhaps most importantly, are peopled with diverse characters with varied skin colors, hair textures, ethnicities, and abilities (one child has a prosthetic leg, another uses a wheelchair, two wear glasses). The curated examples are empowering: Each example of kindness is an action that a child can take independently, without adult supervision, and regardless of ability status. Furthermore, because they all take place in child-friendly settings such as playgrounds or classrooms, they can be easily related—not to mention applied—to real life. A gorgeously illustrated, cleanly written introduction to the art of kindness. (Board book. 1-4)
LVIS	9798898801199	King Tut's Hidden Tomb	Baumann, Kristoffer	
LVIS	9798318923364	Kingdom Unraveled A Closely Knit Graphic Adventure	Dimercurio, Mariana	
LVIS	9780753481684	Kingfisher Extreme Nature Encyclopedia		Dive into our thrilling world where the forces of nature come alive. From rumbling earthquakes and violent storms to blazing wildfires and roaring volcanoes, discover how our planet's most extreme weather and natural events happen.
LVIS	9780753481455	Kingfisher Ocean Encyclopedia		Discover the amazing range of creatures and habitats that make up our world's seas. From the dark depths of the Mariana Trench, to the sparkling secrets of bioluminescence, learn all about life beneath the waves.
LVIS	9798899132490	Kitchen Chaos	Troupe, Thomas Kingsley	
LVIS	9798898800970	Kitesurfing	Grack, Rachel	
LVIS	9798318906404	Kitten delivery	Downing, Erin Soderberg	
LVIS	9798898801045	Knott's Berry Farm	Davies, Monika	
LVIS	9781546135586	Kristy and the Mother's Day Surprise --a Graphic Novel	Epstein, Gabriela	
LVIS	9781098288853	Kylian Mbappe	Abdo, Kenny	School Library Journal (November 1, 2025) Gr 1-3-Each book in this photo-rich series profiles a professional soccer player from their early life through their professional career and highlights their accomplishments, including major awards and game wins. While it does not offer play-by-play accounts of matches, it gives readers a solid sense of each player's journey and achievements. The writing is simple enough for emerging readers while still offering detail to hold kids' interest and build their knowledge. The books are filled with colorful action photos that bring the players and their stories to life, with images that emphasize key points in the text. Each book includes a table of contents, a glossary, online resources, and an index. VERDICT A fine series for soccer fans who enjoy lots of photos and accessible information. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798348028411	Kylian Mbappe vs. Thierry Henry : who would win?	Douglas, Peter	School Library Journal (April 1, 2026) Gr 2-4-The newest titles in this ongoing series continue the familiar format of comparing two high-profile athletes to examine whose career had the greater impact. Each book introduces both athletes, explores their early lives, highlights major accomplishments, and compares key statistics to support the discussion. This season's matchup Shohei Ohtani vs. David Ortiz is likely to be especially popular, driven by Ohtani's current visibility and appeal with young readers. Football, basketball, and soccer titles are also featured this season, maintaining the series' broad sports coverage. The writing is clear, direct, and fact-focused, making the content easy to follow. Bold layouts, full-page photographs, and strong graphics help sustain interest and make these books accessible to reluctant readers. VERDICT A strong addition for collections serving sports fans and students drawn to high-interest nonfiction. © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

LVIS	9798348028398	Lamar Jackson vs. Cam Newton : who would win?	Barth, Kelley	School Library Journal (April 1, 2026) Gr 2-4-The newest titles in this ongoing series continue the familiar format of comparing two high-profile athletes to examine whose career had the greater impact. Each book introduces both athletes, explores their early lives, highlights major accomplishments, and compares key statistics to support the discussion. This season's matchup Shohei Ohtani vs. David Ortiz is likely to be especially popular, driven by Ohtani's current visibility and appeal with young readers. Football, basketball, and soccer titles are also featured this season, maintaining the series' broad sports coverage. The writing is clear, direct, and fact-focused, making the content easy to follow. Bold layouts, full-page photographs, and strong graphics help sustain interest and make these books accessible to reluctant readers. VERDICT A strong addition for collections serving sports fans and students drawn to high-interest nonfiction. © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798898802738	Lamprey Vs. Catfish	Sommer, Nathan	
LVIS	9798347102020	Leader of the pack	Higgins, Cam	School Library Journal Xpress (January 16, 2026) Gr 2-5-Scrapper, a three-legged dog with an endless enthusiasm for fetch, stars in this approachable transitional chapter book series opener. His human brother, a white boy named Hank, understands exactly how to throw a ball so Scrapper can keep up, a detail that gently establishes both the dog's physical difference and the loving bond between him and Hank. When rumors surface of a monster in the nearby forest, Scrapper sets out to investigate, forming "Camp Monster-Finder" along the way. His best friend, Bo Davis, a hardworking sheepdog from a neighboring farm, can't join the expedition, so Scrapper must seek new animal companions as he ventures into the woods. The large text, short sentences, and brief chapters make this an inviting choice for newly independent readers. Charming grayscale illustrations effectively convey character motion and emotion, supporting reader comprehension. The story's light tension resolves with an emphasis on friendship rather than fear. VERDICT The tale from a dog's point of view is a solid pick for readers who enjoy animal-centered stories and for libraries seeking accessible early chapter books with heart.-Kirsten Caldwell © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781665950756	Leah vs. art	McCullough, Joy	Booklist (June 1, 2025 (Online)) Grades 4-7. The latest installment in the Team Awkward series follows sixth-grader Leah, whose military family has recently moved from South Korea. Though used to moving and leaving friends behind, Leah's hopeful that this move may stick, largely because her Team Awkward friends have helped her find a sense of belonging. A challenge rears its head when Leah's parents decide that she needs to balance her fiercely competitive academic streak—including in her extracurriculars—by joining the art club. Leah's middle school rebellion? Ditching the art club for QuizBowl. With the lie grating on her and high hopes to be team captain, Leah's actions slip past competitive and into harsh. When it really matters, can Leah look past winning to find what it takes to be a good leader and show her parents that QuizBowl is worth her time too? McCullough and Bybee bring another slice-of-life, middle-school tale to the table, and readers prone to overachievement will easily identify with Leah. Many will also appreciate seeing a military family centered, as this common lifestyle is not often portrayed in middle-grade novels.
LVIS	9781250413116	Leave me alone! : a good inside story about deeply feeling kids	Kennedy, Becky	School Library Journal Xpress (February 13, 2026) PreS-Gr 2-Kennedy, a.k.a. Dr. Becky, creator of the "Good Inside" parenting framework, translates her therapeutic approach into a picture book about intense emotions. Pia, a tan-skinned child with dark hair, notices everything around her and absorbs sensations with intensity. During an imaginative game with her brother, a fall triggers a surge of fear, sadness, and anger. As her emotions spill over, her mother gently carries her upstairs and sits nearby, offering calm presence while Pia rages and retreats. Stone's digital illustrations do essential work here, exposing the turmoil beneath Pia's prickly exterior. In one scene, where Pia hunches defensively, readers see what the text names but doesn't dwell on-the taut posture of a child in emotional distress. As a child-facing story, the narrative may not immediately resonate with all readers. The mother's quiet steadiness, while grounded in therapeutic modeling, lacks the explicit dialogue or dramatic action typical of story time favorites. However, children who experience intense emotions-whom Kennedy calls "deeply feeling kids"-may recognize themselves in Pia's reactions and find reassurance in a story that portrays big feelings without judgment. The closing "Parent Corner" clarifies the book's dual audience, offering caregivers concrete language for navigating charged moments. VERDICT An essential resource for collections serving families drawn to Kennedy's philosophy; recommended where parenting titles circulate well.-Rose Garrett © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798217308095	Lego City Game On! Donut Dash	Smiley, Tom	
LVIS	9798217308118	Lego City Game On! Duck Race	Smiley, Tom	
LVIS	9798217307586	Lego Nikolas Nurdblok and the Lost Brick	Brown, Jeffrey	
LVIS	9781464241079	Let's Play a Game	Schrefer, Eliot	Kirkus Reviews (August 1, 2026) The latest in Kelly and Schrefer's Black Mirror–esque series sees artificial intelligence wreaking havoc on an unsuspecting boy's life. Being the new kid at school is never easy, but Lewis is lucky to have met his popular neighbor Maia before the end of summer break. The Pandamonium his parents got him, an AI-powered stuffed panda, is less helpful—Panda Mo, as the toy calls himself, quickly begins pressuring Lewis into playing mean tricks on his elderly landlady/babysitter, Mrs. Bailey. The toy craze spreads to Maia and Lewis' friend group, with each kid (except one) getting one of the plush creatures; each bears a different name, but they all have similar goals. Outspoken Maia's resistance to the manipulative toys leads to her ostracization from the group; meanwhile, Panda Mo's controlling behavior intensifies, and all the Pandamoniums begin adding parts to themselves to grow bigger for terrifyingly malevolent reasons. The weight of manipulative influence and the perils of peer pressure slowly build as Lewis and his friends come face-to-face with an AI-driven nightmare of monster proportions. A smooth, swift pace combines with abundant illustrations that drive home the creepy-cute combination; very real social fears amplify the emotional context. Lewis presents white; diversity is cued in the artwork and characters' names. A fun, frightening, and unfortunately not-so-futuristic techno-horror. (Horror. 8-12)
LVIS	9781960643803	Level up	Alber, Diane	
LVIS	9798225065843	Level Up 2027		Load up the ultimate annual video game guide! From info on the best games to look out for, to tips, tricks, and trivia that will take your skills to the next level, Level Up 2027 has got everything you need! Prepare your loadout for this must-have annual guide to the best video games of this year and the next! Level Up 2027 has it all, including info on all the latest games, consoles, and even what you should be on the lookout for in the year to come! Whether it's modern juggernauts like Five Nights at Freddy's and Fortnite, or blasts from the past like Final Fantasy Tactics and Donkey Kong, this guide has it all!All games featured in Level Up 2027 are rated T for Teen or younger—perfect for young gamers.
LVIS	9780823462834	Library girl	Horvath, Polly	School Library Journal (July 1, 2024) Gr 3-6-Horvath's latest opens in a small-town public library, closed for the night. Four librarians encounter an abandoned baby in the children's department. To fulfill their individual dreams of motherhood, they decide to covertly raise the baby together in the library. As young Essie grows up, she can't imagine getting by without her four mothers. However, when she turns 11, she feels the urge to expand her horizons by venturing outside the library walls. She starts taking weekly trips to the local mall, slowly introducing herself to the real world. Then she meets G.E., an 11-year-old boy whose parental situation appears just as mysterious as hers. Does G.E. hold the key to her past? As her search for family deepens, bibliophile Essie discovers there is always more to the story. The plot has enough twists to keep readers guessing until the end. Horvath's rich descriptions of setting and quaint vocabulary draw readers in. Although Essie is naive in many ways, she is an astute observer of her surroundings. Secondary characters are (mostly) kind and supportive of Essie; tyrannical library administrator Ms. Matterhorn is an effective foil for Essie and her mothers. Most characters read white; librarian Taisha has "twilight" colored skin. VERDICT A love letter to books and the dreamers who read them. Hand this charming story to precocious readers and fans of Matilda.-Hannah Grasse © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780823454433	Light and air	Wendell, Mindy Nichols	School Library Journal (January 1, 2024) Gr 4-6-It's 1935, and Halle's life is nearly perfect. She has a best friend, Thelma, and they are perfectly matched. Her momma makes the best paper dolls and wants her to stay young, even though Papa believes Halle should help around the house more. The only not-perfect thing is her relationship with her father, who is always angry with her though they used to be so close. Then, momma falls ill. Momma, Halle's champion and protector from Papa's angry words, is taken to a treatment center to recover. Halle is left alone with her emotionally distant and demanding father who expects her to manage the home and care for him. Overcome with longing for her mother, Halle decides to walk to the treatment center to see her. She becomes quite ill en route and ends up convalescing in the same treatment center. During her recovery is when Halle learns the true meaning of friendship, family, and belonging. This historical fiction novel about the tuberculosis epidemic will resonate with today's readers. They will understand Halle's turmoil about growing up quickly, and in such a dramatic manner. The recent pandemic will connect readers to Halle's fears about community illness and her own battle. Many will also feel the pain Halle is as she misses her parent while worrying greatly about her health. VERDICT A coming-of-age story set in a historical time period that will appeal to many readers.-Jennifer Seebauer © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780823462551	Light as a feather : fifteen phenomenal North American birds	Hillenbrand, Will	School Library Journal starred (February 1, 2026) Gr 1-4-This amiable nonfiction picture book is filled with facts and interesting anecdotes designed to inspire readers to take a closer look at nature, beginning with some of the bird species with whom we share our world. Each segment is accompanied by vibrant watercolor collage illustrations of the birds themselves along with illustrated diagrams of bird anatomy, habits, habitats, and fun facts, all which serve to break up the text into easily digestible vignettes. The book also includes information about declining populations, migratory patterns, statistical data about each bird, including size, wingspan, and so much more. A list of additional resources for further study and an index round out the text. VERDICT This charming pictorial work will be devoured by budding ornithologists and nature lovers alike. Highly recommended for all nonfiction collections.-Jessica Marie © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781098288860	Lionel Messi	Abdo, Kenny	School Library Journal (November 1, 2025) Gr 1-3-Each book in this photo-rich series profiles a professional soccer player from their early life through their professional career and highlights their accomplishments, including major awards and game wins. While it does not offer play-by-play accounts of matches, it gives readers a solid sense of each player's journey and achievements. The writing is simple enough for emerging readers while still offering detail to hold kids' interest and build their knowledge. The books are filled with colorful action photos that bring the players and their stories to life, with images that emphasize key points in the text. Each book includes a table of contents, a glossary, online resources, and an index. VERDICT A fine series for soccer fans who enjoy lots of photos and accessible information. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781713726838	Lionel Messi	Wetzel, Dan	
LVIS	9780063494886	Lionel Messi : big goals : a biography	Wainer, Erica	School Library Journal (April 1, 2026) PreS-Gr 3-An opening image of children around the world wearing Lionel Messi's jersey immediately frames his identity as aspiration and shared affiliation. The narrative then returns to his childhood in Argentina, tracing the disciplined routines that shaped his growth as a player. His diagnosis of growth hormone deficiency and the financial strain of treatment are addressed with clarity, situating later success within perseverance and communal support rather than inevitability. Repetition, teamwork, and sustained practice are foregrounded; talent alone is never sufficient. Messi's athletic identity is constructed on training fields, in incremental gains, and through collective effort. Marianno's digital illustrations amplify that momentum. Bold swaths of saturated color and expressive figures convey movement and youthful intensity. The recurring motif of the iconic jersey reinforces global connection and cultural impact. While the aesthetic leans celebratory and streamlined, it mirrors the narrative's optimism and forward motion. The stylized rendering prioritizes kinetic energy over photographic realism. VERDICT A vibrant, engaging introduction that underscores athletic development and the shared imagination inspired by global sport. © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798765623541	Lionel Messi vs. Pele : who would win?	Anderson, Josh	School Library Journal (April 1, 2024) Gr 4-6-Sports fans endlessly debate which athletes and teams are the best, and this series entices young fans to consider and compare great athletes from past eras with current stars. Each title begins with a memorable moment, such as 14-year-old Nadia Comaneci becoming the first gymnast to score a perfect 10 in the 1976 Summer Olympics. Nadia is matched with Simone Biles, and subsequent chapters trace each athlete's development and career. Each book ends with a summation to determine which athlete was best, but allows readers to make their own decisions. The writing is straightforward, with colorful photos and factoids in sidebars. Soccer fans will relish the comparison of legends Pelé and Lionel Messi, both shorter than average in height. VERDICT The inclusion of four great female athletes is welcome, and this series will be a hit with sports fans. © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781665988643	Little monsters	Roche, Maire	School Library Journal (June 1, 2026) Gr 5-8-This modern middle grade retelling of Little Women is packed with monsters and mystery. Sisters Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy March live in Salem, MA, with their foster mother, Marmee. Salem, known as a "seam" city, is an interesting place to grow up. People there are just a little different, and their differences become more evident each year as Halloween approaches. Salem is a fitting home for the March girls as each possesses their own monstrosity: sharp teeth, wings, a mermaid's tail. As Halloween comes closer, the town is terrorized by attacks from a sharp-clawed monster. When a video surfaces of Meg in the area on the night of the attacks, she begins to believe that she may be the monster in question, prompting her, Jo, and their friends Laurie and Brooks to search for the beast and find the truth. Although this text greatly diverges from the iconic novel, it is an engaging story that will captivate the imaginations of youth interested in mystery and horror without having too much scare factor. The characters in this story cue white. VERDICT An age-appropriate spooky twist on Alcott's classic tale of sisterhood; a solid choice for all middle grade collections.-Misty Schattle © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

LVIS	9780063283985	Little Nobody	Merritt, Kory	Kirkus Reviews starred (August 1, 2024) In this third series entry, twin terrors rise to threaten the thoroughly haunted town of Cowslip Grove: the child-snatching Boojum and a school board that's hostile to progress and inclusivity. Tim Burton meets Edward Gorey in Merritt's extravagantly gothic figures and settings, infusing his latest eerie outing with equal measures of chill and charm. Drifting about town in search of its original name, Little Nobody, a small wight covered in tattered paper scraps becomes an enthralled witness to the activities of a group of schoolchildren. They're rehearsing a stage version of Tololwa M. Mollel's Rhinos for Lunch and Elephants for Supper! under the direction of beloved new teacher Ms. Padilla, whose expansive approach to culture and science has put the shorts of certain local parents in a twist. Meanwhile, the Boojum readers met in former episodes has returned, whispering that change of any sort threatens Little Nobody's survival and must be fought by burning down the school. In a measured, somber narrative that switches between ordinary text and neatly hand-lettered passages, the ghostly wanderer passes through realms mundane and supernatural, meeting other spirits and coming to understand the value and power of stories even as events culminate in hard choices and terrifying confrontations. Along with again proving that he's a dab hand at creating a compelling, spooky atmosphere and authentically terrifying monsters, Merritt leaves readers with both a satisfying ending and opportunities to reflect. The human cast is racially diverse. A creepy delight, with themes both timeless and topical. (Horror. 9-12)
LVIS	9780593571064	Little Rosetta and the talking guitar : the musical story of Sister Rosetta Tharpe, the woman who invented rock and roll	Pinkney Barlow, Charnelle	School Library Journal (January 1, 2023) Gr 2-6-This recounting of Rosetta Tharpe's life sets itself apart by focusing on the period in her early childhood when she learned to play guitar, and the close relationship she had with her mother, both of which greatly influenced her larger life story. Tharpe's mother gave her the gift of a guitar at age four, and so began her passion. With a goal of playing at the church anniversary, the young girl persevered through the sore fingers, broken strings, and ear-splitting sour notes all fledgling players endure in order to master their craft. And master it she did, with the support and love of her mother and community. The author's note picks up where the picture book story leaves off, briefly recounting the trajectory of Tharpe's career, and the influence she had on rock and roll and American music, in general. Spreads of cut-paper collage in muted earth tones are punctuated with musical notes and notations in blues and purples, a combination that gives great depth and interest to the illustrations. VERDICT An overdue narrative of one of early rock's most influential figures, and an additional purchase for most biography collections.-Jennifer Noonan © Copyright 2023. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781665905404	Look	Snyder, Gabi	School Library Journal (June 1, 2024) PreS-Gr 2-When a person is feeling overwhelmed, looking around and noticing patterns can be a calming action. Part math concept book, part coping technique, this gorgeously illustrated picture book shows a young child out and about with an adult in very busy places. The text points out a variety of patterns-light and dark, color, size, even patterns that can be created while moving. Some of the patterns are fairly obvious and others will need more careful analysis. The patterns are shown in a variety of settings: in a store, at home, with trees, in the ocean, in the stars. The conclusion reminds readers that searching for patterns can help make sense of a world that can be big and confusing. The back matter also includes a page describing different kinds of patterns, both mathematical and natural, as well as activities. The artwork is warm and beautifully rendered in compelling ways, using mixed media, three-dimensional sets; these were photographed and give the work an organic, even tactile, sense. Young readers will enjoy poring over the pages, searching for patterns and details with every rereading. VERDICT This beautiful book will be an excellent addition to both SEL shelves for coping strategies or STEM shelves for the math.-Debbie Tanner © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781970302172	Lost and found	Alber, Diane	
LVIS	9781665963459	Lost and found in the city	Higgins, Cam	School Library Journal (January 1, 2025) K-Gr 4-This series debut follows the adventures of a city-dwelling rat named Extra Cheese Scratchy Paws Sniffs-a-Lot-better known as Ratnip-who, along with his siblings Marsharita, Anchovy, Pepperoni, and Veggie, lives in a pizza shop. Ratnip enjoys scavenging for "treasures" like bubble wrap and shiny objects. During one of his dumpster dives, he finds a cell phone, which he dubs "The Thing." When the phone rings, displaying a photo of a human he recognizes, Ratnip enlists the help of some animal friends to locate the person and return the phone to its rightful owner. This leads him on an entertaining adventure that emphasizes the value of honesty and the joy of helping others. The book's large text and frequent illustrations make it ideal for early chapter book readers. The plot, while straightforward, is engaging and well paced, with expressive artwork that depicts humorous movement and sound effects, such as "Fwomp!" or "HAHAHA." Ratnip's journey underscores a positive message: sometimes, helping a stranger can be just as rewarding as keeping a treasure. VERDICT A delightful addition to early chapter book collections, especially for young readers who enjoy humorous animal tales.-Kirsten Caldwell © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781536253702	Lost Evangeline	Dicamillo, Kate	School Library Journal starred (March 1, 2026) Gr 2-5-In this charming tale, a shoemaker who has been hoping to grow his family finds a tiny baby in the toe of a boot he is repairing. The shoemaker names the baby Evangeline and raises her as his own. Though she ages, she does not grow in size and remains a miraculously tiny girl. While the shoemaker quickly embraces his role as her father, his wife rejects Evangeline and her magic. After tiring of the work it takes to hide the child from the world, she eventually sells her off. Narrator Corduner's delivery weaves a spell, enveloping listeners in magic and wonder. His perfectly executed voice brims with tenderness, drawing readers in and keeping them glued to the story of tiny Evangeline. The narration brings the characters to life just as the book's illustrations do. Listeners can experience the mesmerizing story without the book in hand, as Corduner's immersive storytelling keeps them on the edge of their seats, wondering whether the shoemaker will find his sweet Evangeline after she's been sold. VERDICT This lovely audiobook will delight readers of adventure and fairy tales. Fans of DiCamillo's other Norendy audiobooks, including The Hotel Balzaar and The Puppets of Spelhorst, will be enchanted.-Angie Jameson © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798318906268	Lost in the Crystal Caves	Doshi, Payal	School Library Journal (April 1, 2026) Gr 2-5-A warm and engaging book that follows Earth Gem Rio as he sets out on a mission to forage for important plants. Along the way, his journey takes an unexpected turn when he goes on a side quest to help his animal friends. Rio, who has light brown skin and dark hair, encounters new places and unfamiliar situations that make him feel nervous and unsure-emotions that will feel very familiar to readers in his age range. Instead of avoiding these challenges, Rio learns to face his fears with kindness, patience, and curiosity. The story adeptly shows that it's okay fear new things-and that bravery often means asking for help and trying anyway. Animals play an important role throughout, not just as companions but as sources of knowledge and support. This will especially appeal to young readers who love animals and enjoy learning about how they interact with the natural world. The inclusion of animals as helpful resources also encourages readers to think about cooperation and respect for all living things. The plot flows smoothly and clearly, making it easy to follow while still offering moments of excitement and reflection. Through Rio's interactions with friends old and new, the story highlights the importance of teamwork and friendship, showing how working together helps everyone achieve their goals. Occasional illustrations bring Rio's enchanted world to life. VERDICT This thoughtful, gentle series sequel is a strong choice for young readers who enjoy stories about friendship, nature, and personal growth.-Jessica Calaway © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781629794563	Louisa learns to write : Louisa May Alcott creates Little Women	Hannigan, Kate	School Library Journal Xpress starred (January 16, 2026) Gr 2-5-Though others have retraced Louisa May Alcott's journey from childhood to successful author, here Hannigan employs a checklist of "ten habits for becoming a writer" that offers younger readers with similar ambitions a particularly promising road map to follow. Beginning with Jo March's redoubtable line "I like good strong words that mean something," this short book first places Alcott "at the heart of her family," where "she stayed her whole life." It then goes on to highlight how reading, observing, and journaling in her "imagination book," as well as later experiences failing and persevering as a hack writer of cheap thrillers and a nurse during the Civil War, all prepared her to write Little Women. A closing timeline, resource list, and telling chart of parallels between the Alcott and March families enhance and enrich this stimulating biographical profile. So do Moore's painted scenes of the budding scribe looking mostly introspective, in both solitary and group settings, often holding a book or writing in one. VERDICT Over and above offering helpful guidelines for fledgling authors, this introduction to Alcott and Little Women will prime yet another generation of readers and listeners to fall in love with a perennial classic.-John Peters © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798318906398	Love rolls in	Downing, Erin Soderberg	School Library Journal Xpress (January 30, 2026) Gr 2-6-In this kickoff to a sweet and charming series, twin fifth graders Ruby and Henry live on a hobby farm with their parents and a menagerie of antic-laden animals: chickens, goats, a dog, a cat, a pig and a llama. Their veterinarian mother says, "No more animals!" However, when one very special animal arrives at the vet clinic, their family simply must answer the call. Arlo the puppy has a spinal injury and cannot use his back legs, and it is up to Ruby and Henry to help him get ready for a new adoptive home. This proves to be a big task, and the twins fall in love with Arlo along the way, and it is a struggle to come to terms with giving him up. Told in Ruby and Henry's alternating viewpoints, the storyline has a healthy mix of puppy content mixed with friendship and school troubles and covers Ruby's neurodivergence with care. Downing details her research process in the acknowledgements section, and the story is realistic in how it covers life with many pets. Character description is minimal. VERDICT Elementary library collections that see a large demand for "The Puppy Place" series by Ellen Miles and similar titles will want to add this title immediately.-Kate Olson © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780374314262	Love, Escargot	Slater, Dashka	School Library Journal (December 1, 2022) PreS-Gr 2-The charming Escargot is back for a Valentine's Day adventure. On his way to a "Snailentine's Day" party, the well-dressed and mannerly snail breaks the fourth wall and invites readers to participate through movement and dancing. A moment of gentle conflict arises when the party turns out to be hosted by a vole instead of a snail, but Escargot quickly overcomes his shyness and makes a new friend when the delightful Volerie invites him to dance. The snail's vivacious monologue naturally invites a French-accented read-aloud, and soft, gently textured illustrations add an endearing touch. Though the narrative could easily ride on the sheer cuteness of its protagonist, Slater elevates it by seamlessly incorporating important themes into the lighthearted text. Escargot models kindness, demonstrates how to cope with daunting circumstances, and even introduces healthy relationship standards in a way that feels just right for a young audience: "Your snailentine should be somebody who makes you feel magnifique." VERDICT Blending sweetness with substance, Escargot's third picture book is a surefire hit for Valentine's Day-themed story times.-Allison Tran © Copyright 2022. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781503850330	LSU Tigers	Kelley, K. C	
LVIS	9798348042585	Luka Doncic vs. Dirk Nowitzki : who would win?	Burns, Jason M	
LVIS	9798217140879	Lulu and Lupita Know Things #7	Powell, Corey	
LVIS	9780310176039	Ly-Lan and the missing Tooth Fairy	Dinh, Ha	
LVIS	9798368795737	Ly-Lan and the new class mix-up	Dinh, Ha	School Library Journal (May 1, 2025) Gr 1-4-Named for both of her Vietnamese grandmothers, Ly-Lan is eagerly anticipating the start of third grade, where she's sure she'll be in the same class as her best friend, Cece, and finally have the freedom to sit wherever she likes in the cafeteria. Tragically, the first day of school ends with Ly-Lan and Cece consigned to different classrooms and new cafeteria rules limiting where they can sit. It's the worst day ever for Ly-Lan, until a colorful cast of supportive adults, parents, and friends help her to see the good in a tough situation. Simple yet engaging sentence structure, short chapters, and a wholesome message about embracing change and making new friends are perfect for early readers, who may also learn a few words in Vietnamese along the way. Ly-Lan is also Christian, and a key plot point revolves around prayer. Although the final edition of this book appears to have illustrations, they were not available at the time of review. VERDICT A warm early chapter book series, recommended for readers who love the "Yasmin" books by Saadia Faruqi. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798368795720	Ly-Lan and the unfair book fair	Dinh, Ha	School Library Journal Xpress (December 12, 2025) Gr 1-2-Third grader Ly-Lan is excited! The book fair, one of her favorite events, will soon be at her school. She has the money she's earned in her pocket, and her shopping list is ready (the latest book in her favorite series, two posters, and some squishy-topped pencils). But when she finds out that some kids don't have money to buy books, Ly-Lan begins to think that maybe the book fair isn't so fair itself. Then she discovers that prices at the book fair have gone up since last time, and she doesn't have enough money for everything she wants to buy. But Ly-Lan is a good problem-solver and comes up with ideas that will turn the situation around. Like many of Dinh's books, this novel centers themes of cultural diversity, friendship, fairness, kindness, empathy, overcoming challenges, and consideration of others' circumstances. These themes can serve as good conversation starters between young readers and their parents or teachers. Short chapters will keep young readers engaged as they enjoy Bishop's grayscale illustrations of Ly-Lan, her family, and her friends on nearly every page. The book shares elements of Dinh's Vietnamese heritage with young readers, offering a guide to pronouncing the characters' names and a glossary of the Vietnamese words used throughout the text. The book also includes a handful of references to God and Sunday school. VERDICT This quiet story is perfect for reluctant readers and emerging readers who are just beginning to tackle chapter books on their own; a recommended purchase.-Cheryl Blevens © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781641708456	Lydia loves bugs	Stemple, Heidi E. Y	School Library Journal (December 1, 2025) PreS-Gr 2-You either love them or hate them, but you can't escape bugs. Luckily for Lydia, she loves them all-leggy, pinchy, bouncy, squiggly, singing, silent, and even stingy. While her dad and brother aren't so keen, her mom (an entomologist) shares her enthusiasm. All day Lydia collects creepy-crawlies, and readers don't learn why until the end: it's Show-and-Tell day! With Lydia's infectious enthusiasm, her classmates are soon buzzing with excitement, too. The lively, rhythmic text by Stemple (Janie Writes a Play) takes readers through a joyful celebration of curiosity and the wonders of the tiny world beneath our feet and in the air. The illustrations by Pankratova (The Chameleon's True Colors) are accurate, bringing each critter to life, while the back matter provides realistic sketches and fun facts for budding bug-watchers. Lydia and her family have brown skin, and a spread toward the end shows a diverse group of children. VERDICT Whether bug lovers or bug dodgers, they'll be drawn into Lydia's enthusiasm. Add this playful, fact-filled pick to the shelves.-Cassie Veselovsky © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

LVIS	9781546140764	Mac & Cheese : the origin story	Benner, Michael	School Library Journal Xpress (July 10, 2026) PreS-Gr 3-Mac is a lonely little Noodle living in Pastaland. Despite his efforts to fit in with his more creatively shaped peers, Mac continues to feel hollow inside. So, Mac sets sail across the Sea of Snacks to find a true friend. But his jokes don't find him any friends among the salty Snacks, his songs aren't welcome on the Isle of Candy, and his games cause a meltdown on the Desert of Dessert. Meanwhile, Cheese, the king of Quesoland, is also looking for a true friend ("I feel so provolonely," the king laments). As one might expect, Mac and Cheese hit it off immediately and live happily ever after as best friends. Anthropomorphized food citizens with expressive faces populate the delightful, digitally created scenes; half-page vignette illustrations with accompanying text appear throughout, keeping the pace brisk. Food dialogue, shown in speech bubbles, features many delectable puns. VERDICT Hand this to fans of Jory John's "Food Group" series.-Heidi Grange © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798225050337	Magic gifts	Avatar, Eliana	
LVIS	9780593711286	Magic girls. 2,Kira vs. the (not so) new rival	Brennan, Megan	Kirkus Reviews (June 15, 2026) This second series entry returns readers to Neo-Earth Junior High, where newly minted Magic Girl Kira and her best friend, Space Princess Catacorn, navigate changes both exciting and unexpected. Catacorn, a cat/unicorn hybrid, excitedly chats about joining the school band and convincing her mom, the Space Empress, that she must stay on Neo-Earth to gather sparkle energy. Now they've ironed out the bumps, Kira is excited to be part of a "magical girl duo." But her classmate Tulip has stopped wearing "pastel princess stuff" in favor of all black and inexplicably acts coldly towards them. Tulip also baffles Kira by warning her to be wary of Catacorn's motives. Kira's attention is drawn elsewhere when she develops a crush on sporty new student Leon. She even becomes the school mascot so she has an excuse to talk to him. The anime-inspired illustrations feature bright pastels and lively and engaging panels. The fun, whimsical energy of the busy artwork matches the layered challenges and twists of the intriguing plotlines, making way for a surprising and entertaining climax complete with a magic wand, cutesy outfits, and a flying saucer. Kira's haphazard attempts to balance her crush with her friendships are both humorous and relatable. The student body is made up of a diverse cast of humans and anthropomorphic plants and animals. Reading the first installment will help ease readers into this shimmering universe. A quirky and amusing sequel that's covered in sparkles. (character sketches and notes) (Graphic fantasy. 8-13)
LVIS	9781955657990	Magic in Michigan	Kenney, Daniel	
LVIS	9780593705933	Magic tree house fact trackers graphic novel. Titanic	Hashimoto, Meika	
LVIS	9780593174760	Magic tree house. 3,Mummies in the morning, the graphic novel	Laird, Jenny	Booklist (Vol. 90, No. 15 (April 1, 1994)) Gr. 1-4. In this sequel to Dinosaurs before Dark (1992) and The Knight at Dawn (1993), Jack and Annie return to the mysterious, book-filled tree house that transports them through time and space. For this adventure, they select a story on Ancient Egypt and travel back to the pyramid of Queen Hutepi, who needs help finding her copy of the Book of the Dead for a journey through the underworld. This story, like most series books, is heavy on suspense and light on character development, but is distinguished by the intriguing details of Ancient Egyptian life and burial customs. Even the overused theme of reading allowing one to travel anywhere works well here. Some foreshadowing (clues about the mysterious owner of the tree house, who leaves souvenirs marked with the letter M) and a hint about the pair's next destination add to the appeal. Illustrated with frequent black-and-white drawings, this will be welcomed by beginning readers making the transition to chapter books.
LVIS	9780449817902	Magic tricks from the tree house	Osborne, Mary Pope	Horn Book Guide (Fall 2014) This companion to Hurry Up, Houdini! gives step-by-step instructions for thirty-five basic magic tricks, including "The Disappearing Paper Clip," "The Missing Coin," and "The Balancing Egg." An introduction provides advice for aspiring magicians such as the importance of practice, the art of misdirection, and use of props. Tips and facts in the margins enrich the presentation; black-and-white illustrations clarify some directions. Reading list, websites.
LVIS	9781546166115	Magnitude	Nielsen, Jennifer A	School Library Journal (June 1, 2026) Gr 3-7-Twelve-year-old Cora thought her day couldn't get worse, but that was before a terrifying earthquake hit San Francisco on April 18, 1906. Cora, who lives in one of the city's poorer tenement neighborhoods, has no idea if her family is safe. They were already barely surviving: her father's gold mine was shut down, and he left in search of work; Cora steals to feed her younger brothers and is in debt for medicine to cure her mother's illness. As the disaster unfolds, she befriends Chi, a girl from San Francisco's marginalized Chinese community, and tentatively restarts a friendship with Oliver, whose father Cora's family blames for their predicament. This is a simple production, with no sound effects and a single narrator. Lawrence offers an empathetic narration, effectively portraying the hurt Cora feels when told to jettison her friends, and her panic when crises-both physical and emotional-strike. Cora's horror at the idea of martial law and plainclothes police officers with special powers to seize people feels eerily urgent and timely. Lawrence's voice choices for the more villainous characters that Cora encounters are noteworthy. At the end of the book, Nielsen reads a note explaining the science behind earthquakes and offering instructions on what to do in the event of an earthquake. VERDICT A solid production of well-researched historical fiction that brings a disaster to life.-Grace Pickering © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781459838697	Making a splash : how humans consume, control and care for water	Nelson, Colleen	
LVIS	9781610673419	Man-eater	D'Ath, Justin	
LVIS	9798893044140	Mandrill vs. chimpanzee	Sommer, Nathan	
LVIS	9798898800154	Maned wolf vs. giant anteater	Sommer, Nathan	
LVIS	9781662680694	Marie's magic eggs : how Marie Procai kept the Ukrainian art of pysanky alive	Wallace, Sandra Neil	School Library Journal starred (April 1, 2026) Gr 2-4-This richly layered biography frames cultural preservation to honor one's heritage and develop identity. Marie Procai's lifelong devotion to pysanky, the intricate Ukrainian art of egg decoration, sustains her through war, displacement, and separation from her homeland. What begins as a practice learned beside her grandmother becomes an anchor amid upheaval. Ultimately, she develops a public commitment to sustaining Ukrainian tradition in a new country. Art functions as memory, livelihood, and quiet defiance. In preserving pattern and symbol, Marie safeguards language, belief, and belonging. Acrylic illustrations deepen that thematic current. Saturated blues and luminous golds echo traditional motifs, while densely layered patterns create immersive spreads. Ornamentation fills the page, mirroring the patience and precision the craft demands. Texture becomes narrative; pattern becomes continuity. Light moves across each composition with a quality that feels at once sacred and intimate, visually bridging past and present. VERDICT A visually resplendent, culturally grounded portrait that affirms artistic heritage as enduring identity, resilience, and communal stewardship. © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781647476250	Mason versus the tornado : dog rescue!	Buckley, James	
LVIS	9798225002787	Max Beast: Tiger Terror	Maddy Mara	Max is . . . a tiger? The amulet has again transformed him into an apex predator. And just in time, too. Real tigers are on the loose! Now Max has to figure out how to keep himself and the escaped tigers out of trouble. Danger is everywhere. The tiger is ready to strike to protect her cubs. The humans who are after the tigers would happily capture Max as well. And, of course, Hector is lurking nearby, trying to steal the tigers so he can sell them. Can Max lead the tiger and her cubs to safety before it's too late?
LVIS	9798318912078	Max, a little axolotl: an original graphic novel. Breaking out!2	Spiotto, Joey	
LVIS	9798225037130	Max, a Little Axolotl: Breaking Out!	Joey Spiotto	Say hello to Max, a Little Axolotl! He's back for another silly and sweet story. This young graphic novel is perfect for fans of Narwhal and Jelly!Max has been attending school for a few months now and has really settled in at the aquarium. He absolutely loves his new friends and teachers! When a new axolotl arrives at the tank, Max jumps at the chance to show her around. The new axolotl is shy and is having trouble adjusting to this new life away from home. When Max discovers she's gone missing one morning it's up to him and his friends to journey through the aquarium and find her.This silly and sweet graphic novel explores themes of friendship, nature conservation, and so much more!
LVIS	9781665972277	Mayhem at Misfit mansion	Davault, Kay	School Library Journal (June 1, 2026) Gr 5-8-The second volume of the "Misfit Mansion" series brings a new set of complications for Iris, a gentle monster girl living in a mansion with other misfit creatures in the town of Dead End Springs. Iris and her housemates decide to throw a party, making the already complicated dynamics of a household full of cryptids spiral into even greater chaos as more guests arrive. The cast is in constant communication, and this empathetic approach to friendship and community is led by Iris, who comes across as endearing. The art is visually stimulating, from color choices to the creative character designs of the monsters, who are illustrated with emotive features. However, multiple storylines and numerous characters cause constant side plot interruptions to the central conflict, which could interfere with the flow for some readers. At the book's core though, is a cozy and sweet story about found family with a touch of light horror to satisfy a mix of tastes. VERDICT A graphic novel series focused on the emotional lives of fantastical creatures. A suggested purchase.-Alicia Abdul © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781536249446	Mbappe v. Haaland	Oldfield, Matt	School Library Journal (May 1, 2026) Gr 8 Up-In this follow-up to Who Is the Greatest of All Time? The Soccer Goat: Messi v. Ronaldo fans and readers determine who is the G.O.A.T. between Kylian Mbappé-who plays for Real Madrid and France-and Erling Haaland-who plays for Manchester City and Norway. Burkett and Oldfield make their case based on each player's character, skills, stats, and contributions. The layout is attractively designed for reluctant readers, with information listed in a bulleted and infographic format alongside illustrations. Soccer fans will learn much and enjoy the debate between the two analysts as they list the origins, achievements, and accomplishments for both players, often in a replication of text message exchanges. Readers are encouraged at the end to do their own "Vote for the GOAT." The cases for both are very, very convincing, it's almost difficult to choose- almost! VERDICT Another book in the series in which the case for both players is made with amazing facts and results, with playful and entertaining indecision. © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781534113510	Meadows of the sea : the wonders of seagrass	Schaub, Michelle	School Library Journal Xpress starred (March 20, 2026) PreS-Gr 5-Schaub is passionate about poetry and nature; in her new book, she introduces readers to seagrass, a flowering underwater plant that is vital to our planet's health but is currently "under siege." The poetic story floats in Le's shimmering illustrations and captures the beauty of the swaying acres of seagrass (the "lungs of the sea"): "Underwater pastures, ancient as dinosaurs, vital as trees, filled with wonder." In addition, the author sprinkles the story with digestible facts about the scientific importance of seagrass. She distinguishes seagrass, which contains leaves, stems, and roots, from algae, and this distinction results in the most beneficial aspect of seagrass-through photosynthesis, seagrass captures carbon dioxide and releases oxygen, slowing global warming. Meadows of seagrass also improve the acidity of the ocean, prevent the seabed from eroding, and filter out toxins from fertilizers. Schaub celebrates those who are helping seagrass recover and provides suggestions for individuals to be "seagrass heroes." Le's illustrations show the joy of gliding underwater through these meadows while meeting the permanent and transitory denizens. The artwork is particularly effective at capturing the underside view of the ocean's surface, combining colors and shapes that evoke the play of light and movement when looking upward. The end pages provide additional information about some of the animal life that benefits from seagrass meadows, as well as a glossary. VERDICT A must-have volume for the climate-change shelves, this is a lyrical call to appreciate and protect the seagrass meadows of the world.-Sally James © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781098299453	Meal Prep Breakfasts	Miller, Bethany	
LVIS	9781098299460	Meal Prep Desserts	Miller, Bethany	
LVIS	9781098299477	Meal Prep Dinners	Miller, Bethany	
LVIS	9781098299484	Meal Prep Lunches	Miller, Bethany	
LVIS	9781098299491	Meal Prep Sides	Miller, Bethany	
LVIS	9781098299507	Meal Prep Snacks	Miller, Bethany	
LVIS	9781482477689	Mean Mammals	Wood, Alix	

LVIS	9780063303751	Medusa	Marsh, Katherine	School Library Journal (March 1, 2024) Gr 3-6-Ava Baldwin, 12, is tired of being bullied by Owen and loses her cool; her dark hair pops out like snakes and suddenly he's literally frozen. The next morning, her mother sends Ava and her brother Jax to the exclusive school she attended in Venice. The school is run by the Olympians, and incoming students must be tested to know which mythological Greek monster they are descended from. When Ava finds out she is related to Medusa (who is still alive), she embarks on an adventure with her friends-a Harpy, a Chimera, and an Empusa-to uncover the true story of Medusa, give voice to the goddesses who have been silenced by male gods, and perhaps find her own purpose. While this story fits into the increasingly popular modernized mythology trope, it puts a different spin on it from the perspective of the "villains" and will appeal to a younger audience. However, the theme of women being oppressed by the male gods is presented in such a didactic manner that it detracts from the powerful message. Medusa is described as black-haired with her skin glowing golden brown; Ava is depicted as having the same skin color in the cover illustration. Many other characters are described as pale-skinned when appearance is mentioned. Missing is additional information about Greek mythology, the monsters, and Medusa. VERDICT A story flipping traditional mythology and the voices telling them on their head starring a resourceful, brave Gorgon. Suggested where mythology stories are popular.-Clare A. Dombrowski © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781250813541	Megalops	White, Randy Wayne	
LVIS	9781772604214	Memory stones	Kacer, Kathy	
LVIS	9781098299552	Mermaid Magic	Anderberg, Juliette	
LVIS	9781645828341	Mermaids	Terp, Gail	
LVIS	9781797239217	Mermaids and mix-ups	Barrows, Annie	School Library Journal Xpress starred (October 3, 2025) Gr 1-3-Book two of Barrows and Blackall's captivating new chapter book series finds sisters Stella (age seven) and Marigold (age four) on an adventure about making friends. It all starts with a gift of purple notebooks in which the sisters are to list all their favorites, including their best friends. Looking at the 25 lines on each page, the sisters realize that they need to make more friends if they're going to fill up the book. Misadventures ensue as they go about making friends by trying out magical ideas (thinking hard enough to make it snow), thought-out plans (making their own Band-Aids), and less wise strategies (stealing a mermaid candleholder). Family, schoolmates, teachers, and neighbors help Stella and Marigold in their quest with caring input and logical consequences. Youngsters will find the sisters relatable and their search for new friends sweet and humorous. Readers will appreciate the sisterly bond shared by the girls and the kindness shown to them by parents, teachers, and neighbors. Parents will especially appreciate the caring relationship between the sisters. Blackall's watercolor illustrations enhance the text with a sense of magic and the whirlwind of childhood, firmly endearing the gentle duo of Stella and Marigold to both new and returning readers. The sisters are cued as white. VERDICT A charming, tender story about making friends, sisterhood, and the importance of family and community.-Jane Scott © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781536248913	Messi v. Ronaldo	Oldfield, Matt	Booklist (April 1, 2026 (Vol. 122, No. 15)) Grades 3-6. Aiming at fans of professional soccer, a sports writer and a former player push rival claims about which of these two iconic greats is the G.O.A.T. As this is part of a series in which other paired players are proposed for the title, the premise is entirely contrived; but it’s all about the gab, and here the coauthors put Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi head-to-head in a good-natured exchange of career achievements, dazzling performances, character traits, and comparisons of skills and styles of play, all punctuated by tables of subjective “ratings.” The debate closes with appreciative quotes about both from Diego Maradona (“I prefer Messi to Ronaldo, but Ronaldo is an animal”) and from other soccer celebrities. The illustrations are a weak point—drab monochrome spot images made from stock photos processed to look like ink drawings— and there is little reference to the two stars’ off-the-pitch causes or lives. Still, the dueling arguments are laced with zestful assertions, and readers are invited at regular intervals to evaluate the “evidence” and pick a winner.
LVIS	9781644660126	MH-53E Sea Dragon	Peterson, Megan Cooley	
LVIS	9780500654033	Micro --The Wild Wonders of Microscopic Life	Smith, Jennifer N. R	
LVIS	9798893044096	Microsoft	Lao-se, Joy	
LVIS	978-1665990738	Middle School and Other Disasters Sereis	Coven, Wanda	Heidi is settling in at Broomsfield Academy. She and Melanie are trying to get along and Heidi is getting used to her classes, all her new friends, and her very first crush, Hunter! The problem is: Hunter is really popular. How will Heidi get him to notice her? Her friends tell her to just be herself, but that sounds so boring!
LVIS	9781963915006	Midnight in Massachusetts	Kenney, Daniel	
LVIS	9781546128946	Midsummer Sisters	Niki Smith	Midsummer Sisters is a contemporary graphic novel about two sisters who find themselves watching over a wild foal during a summer of change. A stunning story about the power of sisterhood.Kenzie and Quinn aren't just stepsisters—they're best friends. They're spending the summer with their grandmother, kayaking in the marshy coastal islands she calls home. The Outer Banks are also home to a herd of wild ponies, and the girls fall in love with a fragile newborn foal that they name Starling.But even blue skies and sandy beaches can't distract from what's going on back home. Things between their parents aren't the way they used to be, and the constant fights have left Kenzie and Quinn anxious and confused. They can't remember a time when they weren't a family. If their parents divorce and Quinn and her mom move away, will they even still be sisters . . . or will they be nothing? As their world shifts around them, the girls swear to do the one thing they can: keep Starling safe. Award-winning cartoonist Niki Smith delivers a stunning story set during a summer of change. Filled with gorgeous and expressive illustrations, Midsummer Sisters is a celebration of the beauty of wild horses, as powerful as the unbreakable bond between sisters.
LVIS	9781644662328	Mikoyan MiG-35	Peterson, Megan Cooley	
LVIS	9798225085292	Millie Fleur Saves the Night	Christy Mandin	Wednesday Addams meets Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day in the latest book in the New York Times bestselling Millie Fleur series! Garden Glen was buzzing with excitement. It was time for the town's annual Butterbloom Fest! Everyone was ready for the most perfect day of the year. Everyone except Millie Fleur La Fae. Instead of waking up bright-eyed and ready to take in everything the fair has to offer, Millie Fleur wakes up with a bad case of the morgenmuffels. Even worse, there's a humbug tangled in her hair! Millie Fleur's day goes downhill from there. Even as she tries to make the best of things, her problems grow bigger and bigger. Will a little help from her friends be enough to turn this bad day around? Millie Fleur's Worst Day Ever reminds us all about the importance of relying on our friends when we're feeling blue. A gorgeous companion to the New York Times bestseller Millie Fleur's Poison Garden.
LVIS	9798225008345	Milo	Miles, Ellen	
LVIS	9781482477719	Mindless Marsupials	Wood, Alix	
LVIS	9798886872088	Minecraft	Green, Sara	School Library Journal (April 1, 2023) Gr 2-4-Each popular brand is described from the beginning to its current existence in this series. Titles start with a table of contents and then provide a brief example written in third person showing how someone might enjoy the topic brand. With vocabulary bolded and in a contrasting color, shorter paragraphs correspond with pictures and graphics throughout. From where it was invented to original prototypes/concept art, the history of the creator(s) to the philanthropy of the brand, such as Minecraft developers, Mojang Studios, who "teamed with the Block by Block Foundation to improve communities around the world," each title covers a wide variety of information in a short amount of time. Drawings and photos are labeled, and graphics, including maps, time lines, and graphs are used to further detail the where, when, and how the brand has been successful over time, such as how Pokémon has gone from card collecting to community connection through Pokémon Go Community Days. A glossary, further reading, and index are included in the back matter. While the amount of information could be overwhelming for younger readers, the pictures and graphics are eye-catching and allow for easy understanding. VERDICT A broad overview of popular brands for young enthusiasts of each topic. © Copyright 2023. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781974758111	Minecraft the manga. 4	Seto, Kazuyoshi	
LVIS	9798318942402	Minecraft. Volume 2,Heart of cobblestone	Clemson, Andrew	
LVIS	9781338797398	Mixed Feelings	Sara Amini	Through a mix of humor and heart, this charming middle grade graphic memoir explores evolving friendships, puberty mishaps, and finding a place to belong. Perfect for fans of Real Friends, The New Girl, and Pizza Face. Things are getting hairy! What could go wrong on the first day of sixth grade? A: You wake up with leg hair out of nowhere. B: You have zero classes with your BFF and watch her run off with her new (annoying) friend. C: You struggle to decide which school club to join because being mixed race makes you feel like you don't belong anywhere. D: All of the above. SERIOUSLY?! At first, Sara's got mixed feelings about middle school. But she finds comfort in TV—whether she's watching it, performing her favorite scenes, or imagining her life is a show itself. So when she joins drama club, Sara discovers a community where she can be anything she wants—including herself. Has Sara finally found a place to fit in? Or will she instead find herself buried under her growing leg hair and off-stage friendship drama?In Sara Amini's semi-autobiographical story, navigating life as a mixed-race girl has never been more hilarious or heartfelt, with family, friendship, and fuzz all at the forefront of this laugh-out-loud and painfully relatable middle-school memoir.
LVIS	9781250840882	Mixed-up	Garcia, Kami	School Library Journal (December 1, 2024) Gr 3-6-Fifth grade friends Stella, Latasha, and Emiko have a shared obsession: their favorite magical television show, Witchlins. But when the TV show releases a guidebook and accompanying digital game, Stella can't keep up with the text-heavy directions. Not only is she falling behind with her friends, her struggle to read and comprehend is also causing problems at school. Fortunately, Stella has a crew of concerned educators who see her challenges and help her gain the skills she needs to read fluently. Garcia writes Stella's journey from her own lived experience being neurodivergent and parenting a dyslexic child. It's because of this that Stella's emotional crescendo of frustration and self-isolation feels deeply authentic. The word choices and visual cues increase this title's accessibility for dyslexic or struggling readers. Brown's visual storytelling is paced perfectly and will draw fans of Raina Telgemeier Smile, Varian Johnson's Twins, and Kat Fajardo's Miss Quinces right in. The characters throughout the book are diverse in ethnicity and skin tone, including Stella and her friend group, their families, teachers, and fellow students. VERDICT While this must-read title will be especially affirming for those with dyslexia or who struggle in school, all young readers will find aspects of themselves within Stella's world, and perhaps be inspired to ask for help when needed.-Sarah Simpson © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798217225491	Mobs of Minecraft™: Attack of the Chicken Jockey!		Discover the rare chicken jockey mob—and learn how to survive it—in this full-color storybook based on Minecraft, the world's best-selling video game! Young Minecraft fans can learn all about the rare and popular chicken jockey in this full-color Mobs of Minecraft storybook. New player Sam encounters a baby zombie riding a chicken for the first time and wonders, "What in the Overworld is happening"? Readers can discover how to find this rare Minecraft occurrence and survive the encounter! This full color storybook features game play and crafting hints within an engaging story. Look for these other great Minecraft titles: A Mobs of Minecraft Treasury (Mobs of Minecraft)Buzzing Beehive (Mobs of Minecraft #4)Mysterious Mooshroom! (Mobs of Minecraft #3)I Survived a Skeleton! (Mobs of Minecraft #2)Beware the Creeper! (Mobs of Minecraft #1)(c) 2026 Mojang AB. All Rights Reserved. Minecraft, the Minecraft logo, the Mojang Studios logo and the Creeper logo are trademarks of the Microsoft group of companies.
LVIS	9798348043438	Monster trucks : engines unleashed	Leed, Percy	
LVIS	9780063347267	Moon madness	Murphy, Julie	School Library Journal (June 1, 2024) Gr 4-7-Murphy is back with a second spooky camp adventure, this time cowritten with Maldonado. Camp Sylvania is being run this summer by Hippie Dippie Luna Lupowski, who promises new and returning campers the joys of "living naturally," much to the dismay of campers whose acne creams and deodorants are confiscated. Veteran campers Maggie and Logan are psyched their friends Nora and Jesse are attending, but Nora seems more interested in crushes and clothes, and Jesse quickly disappears from camp altogether. Something weirdly paranormal is happening, with campers disappearing and others displaying wolflike qualities. Maggie and Logan take it upon themselves to begin sleuthing while enlisting the help of the camp ghost, Howie Wowie. The authors weave the awkwardness of first crushes, acne breakouts, and puberty into their fast-paced spooky story, rich with witty language and humor. Family and friend dynamics are addressed well, with siblings, stepparents, and friend jealousies resolved satisfactorily. Middle grade readers will easily find characters and situations to identify with and will revel in this campy romp. VERDICT A speedy but satisfying read that should appeal to a wide range of readers who want the perfect combination of scary, clever, funny, and quick.-Michele Shaw © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

LVIS	9780063392571	Moonleapers, Book 1 Moonleapers	Haddix, Margaret Peterson	School Library Journal (August 1, 2025) Gr 3-7-Haddix's latest book blends mystery and time travel alongside an exploration of loss. Sixth grader Maisie's summer is upended when her family learns that they need to care for Great Aunt Hazel, whose health is failing. Along with this news are two gifts for Maisie: Hazel's old cell phone, and a seemingly blank book entitled Guide for Moonleapers. But when Maisie begins receiving riddles and cryptic texts from an unknown sender, she learns that she has inherited the status of Moonleaper from Hazel, and must use her sleuthing and research skills to solve a problem in Hazel's past. The phone also has a special ability: it allows Maisie limited communication with people in both the past and the future, offering a potential to change history itself. This provides real stakes for the story, and ultimately reshapes the lived experiences of the book's characters. Haddix uses humor, historical asides, and liberal references to the nursery rhyme "Hey, Diddle Diddle" to keep readers engaged. But there are somber notes too: Haddix's story, inspired by an episode connected to her mother's dementia, reads as deeply personal. The exploration of grief tempers the fantastical elements of the book, muting the thrill of Masie unlocking her Moonleaper abilities. The book sets up a proposed duology. Great Aunt Hazel is from Great Britain; main characters are cued white. VERDICT An easy pick for readers who enjoy some fantastical elements in an otherwise realistic story; recommended.-Michael Van Wambeke © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780063392618	Moonleapers, Book 2 Tangled in Time	Haddix, Margaret Peterson	
LVIS	9780593750384	Moose and Violet knock things down	Powell, Corey	Kirkus Reviews (March 15, 2025) An exuberant pooch and a quirky young human embark on a mission to save the world. Moose's gift is strength, but he hasn't mastered controlling it—or apologizing for the chaos he leaves in his wake. Shadow, the puppies' feline instructor, tells them that today, they'll have to leave the "magical puppy world" behind and locate the rest of the superpup pack, who have disappeared—possibly to the human world. Moose leaps through a portal and finds himself in the middle of a fountain. He soon meets his first human, Violet, who's stunned to discover he can talk but offers to help him on his quest, which involves tracking down a magic ball. Moose and Violet realize that the ball is on exhibit at a local museum, but their attempts to extract it, strung out over six chapters, wear thin. Powell never makes it clear what the magical puppy world is or what dangers the pups are protecting the human world from. Still, the titular characters make an entertaining pair, with Type A Violet serving as an effective foil for goofball Moose. The pooch's irrepressible high spirits are endearing; readers will identify with his moments of doubt and his inability to remember the rules that govern the human world. In the perky cartoon illustrations, Violet presents East Asian. A lighthearted odd-couple tale for burgeoning fantasy fans. (Chapter book. 6-8)
LVIS	9780063460805	More Trouble Than Its Worth	Ram'e, Lisa Moore	Kirkus Reviews (August 15, 2026) Participating in sports leads to unexpected issues—and lessons—for 12-year-old Shayla, the conflict-averse protagonist of A Good Kind of Trouble (2019), who returns in this stand-alone sequel. Despite some misgivings, Shayla is pressured into joining a summer track club, but she's so insecure about her abilities that she discourages her family from attending meets. Her reluctance to speak her mind also leads to her being caught up in teammates' pranks. While navigating the club's competitive atmosphere and some difficult personalities, she attempts to stay in touch with her best friends. Shayla, who's Black, is part of a BFF trio—the self-styled "United Nations"—with Japanese American Julia and Puerto Rican Isabella, but the other girls aren't around much this summer. Shayla's older sister will be leaving for college soon, and worryingly, their relationship feels prickly. Shayla's friend Bernard convinces her to join him in pulling a prank on her own team, a decision that has consequences neither of them could have foreseen. Shayla knows she must overcome her feeling of being "allergic to trouble" to atone for what she's done. Ramée successfully weaves themes of friendship, sports, social responsibility, and family into this engaging coming-of-age story. Shayla's journal features quotations from famous Black women, a seamless way of sharing the insights she gains with readers. Shayla's voice, dilemmas, and African American cultural grounding are authentic and highly relatable. A lively novel that explores the inner conflicts and group dynamics that tweens often reckon with. (Fiction. 8-12)
LVIS	9798765683743	Most incredible soccer moments	Krenn, Cara	School Library Journal (November 1, 2025) PreS-K-Each book in this simple collection for young soccer fans focuses on a different aspect of the sport, such as famous male and female players, unforgettable moments, and the World Cup. The content is presented through short text boxes of one or two sentences on colorful spreads with soccer ball overlays. Facing pages feature large action photographs that show players in their biggest moments. The writing is clear and simple, making the books easy to follow while still sparking curiosity and encouraging readers to learn more. Each book features a table of contents, a glossary, an index, and a "learn more" section. VERDICT A fine choice for beginning readers who want an introduction to the world's most popular sport. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798898800987	Mountain Biking	Langdo, Bryan	
LVIS	9798217140831	Mouse and Emerald take a ride	Powell, Corey	
LVIS	9781644660133	MQ-9 Reaper Drone	Colins, Luke	Booklist (December 1, 2019 (Vol. 116, No. 7)) Grades 3-5. The high/low books in the Air Power series (6 new titles) rely on concise, clear sentences and, most effectively, bold infographics to detail the developmental history of different types of military aircrafts. Each aircraft in these volumes is still in use today, and the text discusses how technological advances have led to updates and improvements. MQ-9 Reaper Drone turns from piloted aircrafts to remote-operated drones, explaining how they function and how this particular drone evolved from a remote surveillance device into a weaponized aircraft. The books' tone tends, at times, toward military glorification, though for the most part the focus is on the technological features of the aircrafts, while the concentration on their usage throughout their lifespans keeps the text from becoming dated too quickly. In addition to stock photos, each volume contains a time line of development, a labeled diagram, and a final "By the Numbers" spread of statistics. For visual learners, numbers fans, and technology nuts, this is a sharply designed pick.
LVIS	9798368792460	Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics, the graphic novel	Grabenstein, Chris	Kirkus Reviews starred (July 15, 2025) A second round of bookish riddles and rebuses leads to a stout battle against the forces of intellectual repression in this graphic remake of the popular series' second entry. With teams of avid young readers from around the country descending on eccentric Mr. Lemoncello's fabulous library to compete for a glittering first prize—a full ride to college—it looks like Kyle Keeley and his three compatriots have their work cut out for them. They must also contend with chicanery from slimy Charles W. Chiltington, his even more reprehensible mother, and a squirrelly new book-burning nemesis. Are they up to the challenge? "On your mark. Get set. Lemoncello—GO!" Holgate's fluidly drawn assemblages of actively engaged contestants, expertly colored by Todeschini, capture the 2016 novel's narrative vim while highlighting the young cast's racial diversity. Though some of the 12 games (like a book cart relay race) are tests of physical agility, most of them lean on mental acuity as well as a working knowledge of the Dewey Decimal System, basic research skills, and wide reading knowledge. The abundant book references have been updated to include worthy titles published since the original's appearance. A love for libraries and those who value them shines here more brightly than ever, from the very first poser—a rebus with a message that bookworms will delight in—onward. The dynamic graphic format will draw new fans to this timeless manifesto for library lovers. (Graphic fiction. 9-13)
LVIS	9780063006300	Mr. Pei's perfect shapes : the story of architect I.M. Pei	Leung, Julie	School Library Journal starred (May 1, 2024) PreS-Gr 3-From an innovative skyscraper to a futuristic presidential museum to a 70-foot tall glass pyramid at the Louvre, architect I.M. Pei made his mark on the world by designing extraordinary buildings. Born in China, Pei moved to Shanghai in 1927 at age 10, where he was fascinated to see an early high-rise building go up. Inspired to design buildings of his own, Pei moved to the U.S. to study architecture just as the profession was moving away from traditional styles and towards embracing modern designs using new materials and construction methods. After he was chosen to design the JFK presidential library, Pei became a highly sought after architect, completing numerous projects around the world, "each carefully planned by a man who could foresee how the shape of a building must harmonize with nature, with people, and with time." Richly colored, digitally enhanced illustrations perfectly complement the text, with colors and shapes ranging from the curved lines and naturalistic earth tones of a rock garden in Suzhou, China to dazzling angles, geometric shapes, and neon colors for Pei's modern buildings. Back matter includes a time line and selected sources. VERDICT A fascinating and beautifully illustrated biography of one of our most celebrated architects. Highly recommended.-Sue Morgan © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798348043445	Mud Truck Racing Engines Unleashed	Leed, Percy	
LVIS	9781725426443	Mummies, myths, and mysteries	Gutman, Dan	
LVIS	9798318941962	Music Plants Hope	Fletcher, Tonnye	School Library Journal Xpress starred (May 2, 2026) Gr 1-6-The healing power of music and nature shines in this true story of the Concert for the Biocene. Colorful blooms and delicate leaves fill each spread as lyrical text describes the string quartet performing for a theater full of plants. "As bows saw back and forth on strings, fern fronds unfurl, and fingers of philodendron lengthen." Among the flowers are two Thumbelina-sized children, who perch on the plants or dance among them. A beautiful blue bird swoops about, trailing musical notation in its wake. One image shows a musician's silhouette filled with botanical patterns while the text reads, "The viola hums-sweet memories of friends walking together in harmony." Other spreads look down through the plants to their base or up at the towering stems; the changes in perspective catch some of the "crescendos...decrescendos, goodbyes and hellos, highs and lows." The prologue and epilogue explain the setting of the concert and what happened to the plants. A photo from the performance shows the quartet on stage with their plant audience filling the theater. VERDICT An inspiring true tale of artistry and compassion during difficult times that will spark classroom discussions.-Suzanne Costner © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781324054085	My Kentucky moonlight school	Richardson, Kim Michele	School Library Journal (July 1, 2026) Gr 1-4-Richardson introduces young readers to the early 20th-century "moonlight schools," a pioneering adult literacy movement. As Jewel accompanies her grandparents through the hills to a graduation celebration, small but meaningful triumphs, such as signing one's name, earning higher wages, and reconnecting with distant family, underscore the transformative power of education. The premise is compelling, and the back matter offers historical context and photographs that deepen the book's educational value. However, the narrative approach may limit the book's emotional impact. By centering adult experiences through a child's narrative voice, the story takes on an emotional distance that may make it harder for young readers to fully connect with the significance of those achievements. At times, the language can feel more explanatory than feels natural, though the intent is clearly to make the historical content accessible. The detailed illustrations convey emotion with nuance and reinforce the story's historical atmosphere through vivid, carefully rendered scenes. As a result, the book serves as an accessible introduction to a lesser-known chapter in American educational history. It would work well in discussions of literacy, social history, or community learning. VERDICT Striking artwork elevates a historically rich story that may not fully connect with all young readers.-Jacob Demlow © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798885547970	My life as an asthmanaut : a book about asthma	Lockett, Jacob	School Library Journal Xpress (May 29, 2026) K-Gr 4-As part of the "Disability Books for Kids" series, this volume is written in first person by Lockett, who has lived with asthma since childhood. The narrator, an unnamed and bespectacled child who presents as a boy, explains that he is like any other person, but in certain environments or situations, such as cold weather or physical activity, he coughs, wheezes, and has trouble breathing. Whenever the symptoms and associated feelings of fear and panic begin, the child imagines himself as an astronaut, floating in space, disconnected from others, and running low on oxygen. After a puff from his inhaler and counting down from 10, the child can breathe easily again and begin to hear the voices of his loved ones who are there to help. This book can be helpful to children living with asthma and those whose friends and family members have asthma. The former will see some of their experiences reflected in the story and may benefit from picturing themselves as an astronaut, if they can grasp the astronaut-oxygen metaphor; the latter will gain tips on how to help and support someone having an asthma event. A glossary of asthma-related terms is included, but the book is missing a simple explanation of asthma and its various medical treatments. The main character presents as white, and Predois's vibrant illustrations depict racially diverse friends, family, and others living with asthma. VERDICT Recommended for elementary collections for its potential to connect with children with asthma and foster peer understanding.-Kasey Swords © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781797225319	My quiet place	Mikai, Monica	Publishers Weekly (August 25, 2025) A youth describes methods for handling sound-based sensory overload in a down-to-earth picture book that's bookended by breathwork models. Plain-spoken narration readily acknowledges, "It can feel overwhelming when your day is filled with sounds of action," before proposing a manageable-feeling solution: retreating to a "quiet place." At home, that looks like "the tiny, tucked-away space behind the couch" or a cozy closet corner. During a day out, too, the protagonist finds ways to self-regulate ("Sometimes my quiet place isn't a place at all," the speaker suggests, encouraging a focus on sensations including a "steady hand to hold" or "something peaceful to watch"). Pattern-filled digital artwork aptly indicates stimuli with reverberating red lines, while the brown-skinned protagonist's facial expressions and body language communicate moments of discomfort. By contrast, the subject's mouth takes on a gentle upturn in the aftermath of soothing activities, which, the book's end emphasizes, can be shared with others. At once logistical and sensitive, Mikai's account empowers with emulatable tools. Ages 5-8. (Aug.) © Copyright PWxyz, LLC. All rights reserved.
LVIS	9781482478976	Mysteries of the Brain	O'Brien, Cynthia	
LVIS	9781960643643	Mysterious bracelet	Alber, Diane	
LVIS	9781482479003	Mysterious Worlds	Bow, James	
LVIS	9781639935239	Nando	Hoyle, McCall	School Library Journal (June 1, 2026) Gr 2-5-Hoyle's latest novel for dog lovers follows Nando, a hardworking border collie who herds sheep on the farm where he lives with Esperanza and her daughter, Cloe. Readers of Hoyle's previous books Stella and Just Gus will recognize these characters, but the novel stands on its own. When Cloe and her dog Stella go out into a tropical storm and fall into a flooded creek, Nando jumps in to save them-and ends up separated and alone down river. In seeking shelter from the storm in the woods, he meets Levi, the new neighbors' son, who has also become separated from his family. The two bond as they face minor survival challenges and work their way back home, leaving Nando torn between wanting to stay with Levi and returning to Esperanza's farm. The survival challenges are resolved fairly quickly without too much stress, and the ending feels telegraphed fairly early on. When taken along with the lower page count, the story feels better suited for younger readers looking for longer chapter books rather than older reluctant readers seeking a quick read. Nando's voice is not as strong as some of the series' previous narrators, but lovers of the series will be eager to read Nando's story. VERDICT Buy where other books in the series circulate well or where more animal fiction is needed.-Lindsay Loup © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781984893208	Narwhals and other whales	Osborne, Mary Pope	

LVIS	9798225011727	Nat Again	Scrivan, Maria	
LVIS	9781665952378	Natalie's double trouble	Simon, Coco	
LVIS	9781665980388	Natalie's sprinkle of light!	Simon, Coco	
LVIS	9780711265493	National monuments of the U.S.A.	Walker, Cameron	School Library Journal starred (September 1, 2023) Gr 3-6-What is a national monument? This question is answered right at the start of this comprehensive study of America's diverse monuments. Divided into eight regional chapters, pictographic maps pinpoint each of the monuments explored, while spreads describe the areas featured. It's full of intriguing facts to keep young historians' interest such as: $6 million of the money needed to renovate the Statue of Liberty in 1980 came from money raised by schoolchildren across the country; June Pride Month is in honor of the uprising on June 28, 1969, at Stonewall to fight for the rights of the LGBTQIA+ community. Walker's text is informative but also beautifully written. He casts the monuments in a positive light but also shares the darker past some of them have. Walker speaks often to readers, inviting them to uncover more about these monuments and seek inspiration to work toward a better world. There are no photographs, but Turnahm's artwork clearly depicts each monument; it is visually appealing to have all the pictures drawn in the artist's style. VERDICT This updated look at new and old U.S. monuments stands out because of its examination of the monuments from an equitable lens. An integral addition to all collections.-Heidi Dechief © Copyright 2023. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798899132346	Nature Adventures Zine	Burns, Jason M	
LVIS	9781482479034	Nature's Mysteries	Mason, Helen	
LVIS	9781459843790	Nature's partners : how plants, animals and insects team up	Perrella, Eugenia	
LVIS	9780062392480	Never glue your friends to chairs	Applegate, Katherine	School Library Journal (September 1, 2008) Gr 1-2-These early chapter books begin and end in the time-out chair. In Friends, Roscoe's first-grade class is getting ready for open house. It's supposed to involve a performance of singing bumblebees followed by dessert. However, add one hyper, trouble-finding boy (Roscoe) with a tube of Super-Mega-Gonzo Glue and too many bright ideas and you've got a recipe for disaster. In Sweater, Roscoe trades an itchy sweater that his grandmother made him for his neighbor's dog so he can enter the animal in a pet show. The protagonist always means well and the adults can usually see a big heart behind his antics-after they've calmed down a bit. Both stories are fun reads with simple and amusing cartoon illustrations. Good choices for children transitioning from beginning readers to chapter books.-Kelly Roth, Bartow County Public Library, Cartersville, GA Copyright 2008 Reed Business Information.
LVIS	9798893044102	Nickelodeon	Lao-se, Joy	
LVIS	9780593303146	Night chef	Song, Mika	School Library Journal (September 1, 2025) Gr 1-4-Eisner nominee Song spins a cozy tale of found family, friendship, and food. Living within the walls of a human restaurant, the Night Chef-a raccoon with culinary talent-creates tasty dishes after the staff goes home. One evening, the egg she planned to use atop her ramen yields a baby crow! Naming the bird Ichi, Night Chef decides to reunite the bird with its kin and sets out on a journey that may provide her with a family to call her own. Set in a magical fantasy world where moles run underground cafes and coyotes ride boxcar trains, this cozy and heartfelt story has a dash of pulse-pounding adventure and characters that will enchant readers from the first page. Ink and watercolor illustrations create a dreamily snug setting. An included recipe for Night Chef's "Fly Frittata" is humorous and flexible with ingredients. VERDICT Song's standalone adventure is a recommended purchase and will delight readers who are ready to move on from easier graphic fare like "Pizza and Taco" and "Pea, Bee, & Jay."-Rosemary Kiladitis © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781339015019	Night of the living mummy	Stine, R. L	School Library Journal (December 1, 2024) Gr 4-7-Unlike his classmates, Happy Silverman is not scared by mummies. Instead, he's fascinated by all things ancient Egypt-even the gruesome mummification process itself. On a field trip to the history museum, Happy has one goal: get up close to a mummy. Though the exhibit is closed, Happy uses middle grade trickery and subterfuge to sneak past the guards, eventually achieving his aim by finding Raman, a mummified boy king from 5,000 BCE. Much to Happy's surprise and terror, Raman immediately comes alive, forces Happy into his bandaged arms, and psychically demands that Happy help to find his magical amulet. With trademark short chapters, non-stop action, cliffhangers galore, and a twisty ending, this stand-alone installment does not disappoint. Chapters set "thousands of years ago" will also appeal to kids with a special interest in ancient Egypt. VERDICT With just enough horror to thrill but not terrify middle grade readers, this book is another solid buy from the Goosebumps universe. © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780374313876	Niki Nakayama : a chef's tale in 13 bites	Michalak, Jamie	School Library Journal (September 1, 2021) K-Gr 3-Well-chosen details in this picture book biography chart a young chef's development as she forges her own path using food to tell her story. Growing up in her family's Los Angeles home where Japanese traditions were observed, it seemed to Niki that her two cultures became one in the kitchen. On holidays, her family ate teriyaki turkey, with ever-present rice. Young Niki enjoyed experimenting and inventing new recipes, but her parents and others scoffed at her dream of becoming a chef. Undaunted, she attended culinary school, interned with a sushi chef, and traveled to Japan. A not-to-scale map traces Niki's trip, sampling foods in Tokyo, then traveling by bullet train to the countryside ryokan (traditional inn) owned by her cousins. At the ryokan, she encountered kaiseki, cuisine focused on fresh, seasonal foods. Back in the United States, and with her family's backing, Niki opened a sushi restaurant. Her hard work led to success, and won her parents' approval. Eventually, Niki made the difficult decision to close the restaurant in order to open a new one, n/naka, featuring her innovative version of kaiseki. Now a Michelin-starred chef, Niki's elegant dishes are "art and story-her story." Back matter includes a time line, further explanation of Japanese terms. and Niki's recipe for wonton pizza. VERDICT This empowering picture book biography is both lively and thoughtful, and a strong choice for primary grade readers who enjoy exploring culture through food, as in Salma the Syrian Chef by Danny Ramadan.-Marilyn Taniguchi, Beverly Hills P.L., CA © Copyright 2021. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781623545833	No brain the same : neurodivergent young activists shaping our future		School Library Journal starred (April 1, 2026) Gr 1-4-Structured as a poetry anthology, this collection thoughtfully curates a range of forms, including free verse, sonnet, concrete, nonet, and kenning, in ways that intentionally reflect the central premise of neurodiversity. A glossary of poetry types teaches this variety. The opening kenning poem, "We Are the Future," layers identity through metaphor, naming young people as "open dreamers" and "justice leaders," and establishing a steady cadence of affirmation that reverberates across the text. The diction is precise yet accessible, balancing lyrical intensity with clarity so that readers can both feel and cognitively process the activists' lived experiences. Form and content work in tandem, mirroring the complexity, variability, and strength of the individuals featured. Bradley's digitally rendered illustrations, with their textured paper effects and warm earth tones punctuated by intentional bursts of color, extend the poems rather than merely accompany them. For example, in Connor DeWolfe's spread, the sense of movement and expressive detail visually reinforces the poem's pacing and emotional charge. Across the anthology, text and image collaborate to position neurodivergence as brilliance, agency, and creative force. VERDICT A rhetorically intentional and visually cohesive anthology that models inclusion not only in message but also in craft.-Tracey Hodges © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780316552691	No more chairs	Gill, Dan	School Library Journal (May 1, 2025) K-Gr 3-In this heartfelt retelling of a true story, the first day of school brings a meaningful lesson to Mr. Gill's classroom. As students settle in, they notice an empty chair at the front. When they ask why it's there, Mr. Gill shares a memory from his childhood-one that shaped his lifelong commitment to inclusion. As a boy, Mr. Gill's best friend was denied entry to a birthday party because he was Black. The birthday boy's mother claimed there were "no more chairs," but the real reason was prejudice. Now, as a teacher, Mr. Gill tells this story every year, ensuring his students understand that in his classroom, everyone belongs, and there will always be a chair for them. The book's back pages include photographs of the author and his childhood friend in high school and Gill today. Gal's bright, expressive illustrations beautifully capture the era with thoughtful details like wooden scooters and 1950s cars. VERDICT A timeless and essential read that delivers a powerful message about standing up for what's right and ensuring fairness for all, regardless of race.-Heidi Dechief © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781534113268	No one told Sandra Day O'Connor what to do : the first woman to serve on the United States Supreme Court	Golden, Molly	School Library Journal (March 1, 2025) Gr 3-5-Sandra Day O'Connor grew up on an Arizona ranch in the 1930s, riding with cowboys and doing chores. Later, she went to college, knowing it wasn't just for men. But after she became a lawyer, no one wanted to hire a woman. She teamed up with another lawyer and started her own law office, and later she worked on the Arizona State Senate, helping make laws more just. President Reagan appointed her as the first woman on the U.S. Supreme Court. The story is told dynamically, with enough context to appreciate O'Connor's contributions to women's rights as a white female judge, while keeping the story personal and engaging. The illustrations progress with the time period of the story, with the 1920s and 1930s illustrated in a vintage, classic children's storybook style, and the 1950s with collage elements. Once O'Connor is appointed a Supreme Court Justice, the illustrations become black-and-white, reminiscent of a vintage television broadcast. The variety of styles and mediums add visual interest. VERDICT With Americana-style illustrations, this picture book biography about the first woman to serve on the Supreme Court is a solid first purchase.-Shelby Hogle © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781665989602	No rain, no rainbow	Fay, Hannah	Kirkus Reviews (January 15, 2026) A misanthropic fairy who's here to learn magic, not make friends, nevertheless carves out a place for herself. Like a goth descendant of Disney's Maleficent, the doom-and-gloom star of Fay's story hates glitter, smiles, and flowers, but she's obliged to join the Fairy Scouts to "earn her magic" and become a full-fledged fairy. Eyes narrowed, Rainbow Sunshine introduces herself as "just Rain," and she glowers at the motivational posters adorning the walls. When another fairy, Flutterfly, whose butterfly wings and antennae make her something of an oddity, crash-lands among the group, Rain feels a kinship with her fellow misfit—though it soon becomes clear that these two don't have much in common. As the scouts work on their first project, amiable Flutterfly constantly urges Rain to "look on the bright side" and eagerly begins befriending the others, while Rain declares that she's "flying solo." After clashing with another scout, Rain strikes out on her own but quickly realizes that even the most independent fairies must rely on others from time to time. Though the writing is on the clunky side, the plot moves quickly, if a bit predictably. The protagonist's transformation into a team player is a bit sudden, but young introverts will nevertheless appreciate Rain's journey, as well as the ways in which the other fairies make space for Rain. Black-and-white cartoon drawings enliven most pages; most of the fairies appear pale-skinned. Straightforward fare for chapter-book readers who prefer their fae on the snarky side. (Chapter book. 6-9)
LVIS	9780593706084	Noodles on a bicycle	Maclear, Kyo	School Library Journal Xpress (July 12, 2024) PreS-Gr 2-Maclear's book is a glistening blend of imagination and innocence, perfectly capturing the wonder of childhood exploration. Children watch, amazed, as the delivery men set off every morning, delicately balancing their stacks of noodles while they traverse around the city on bicycles. The children try to put themselves in the delivery men's shoes by balancing bowls of water on their own bicycle, but find it is not so easy. The delivery men are painted as acrobats, able to weave around the dangers that might make them lose their noodles, and yet in the end, they come home, and they are just human. Zhang's ink and gouache illustrations are the perfect match for the story, providing vibrant and muted colors as appropriate that bring the world to life and show all of the beauty of the city and the delicate balancing act of the delivery men. VERDICT This is a heartwarming tale with an engaging story and beautiful illustrations that are sure to entertain children.-Jessica Clark © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781098299385	Northern Giant Hornet	Gieseke, Tyler	
LVIS	9798999815088	Now I have a name	Alber, Diane	
LVIS	9780063279414	Nugget	Anderson, John David	
LVIS	9798347110780	Nugget and Tenders's Eggcellent Adventure --A Star Chapter Book	Windness, Kaz	
LVIS	9798898802745	Octopus Vs. King Crab	Sommer, Nathan	
LVIS	9798893041576	Octopus vs. spiny lobster	Sommer, Nathan	
LVIS	9781339023601	Offside	Christina Diaz Gonzalez	From the author of the USA Today and Indie bestselling Invisible, a must-have graphic novel about five very different students who may just have more in common than they thought.Winning is everything.For the first time ever, the Jackson Middle School soccer team is going co-ed—thanks to Nicky's determination. Now Nicky and Fabiola are on a team with Al, Palmer, Seba, and the rest of the boys . . . but that doesn't mean they're all on the same side. Team captain Al is going to do whatever he can to keep the girls off the team, just the way his father wants.When Al and Nicky's rivalry threatens to tear the team apart, everyone's going to have to pick sides. That is, until Palmer looks into why Nicky joined the team, and he starts to realize that there's a bigger problem than what's on the field. . .And maybe the only way to truly win is together.With text in English and Spanish, Offside features the groundbreaking format used in Invisible, paired with engaging, accessible, and entertaining storytelling. This is a must-have graphic novel about soccer, friendship, and what it really means to work as a team.
LVIS	9780711292840	Oh no they didn't, Presidents	Huang, Eric	
LVIS	9781503850385	Oklahoma Sooners	Gigliotti, Jim	

LVIS	9781963915099	Olympic pursuit	Fulton, C. R	
LVIS	9781482478792	On a Savanna	Ridley, Sarah	
LVIS	9798217142798	On our bikes	Saks, Dan	School Library Journal Xpress (June 26, 2026) Toddler-Gr 1-Children diverse in age and appearance narrate their joyful biking experiences in this cheery ode to two-wheeled transportation. From independently navigating a balance bike or a two-wheeler to sharing a trailer seat with a furry friend, biking configurations of all types are included; every last rider is helmeted. With rhyming text and bold, lively illustrations, the biking lifestyle is celebrated as fun recreation, convenient transportation, and environmental salvation. Cyclists will appreciate the use of specific mechanical vocabulary, as well as illustrations featuring bike safety, creative bike storage, and suggestions for all-weather riding (though snow is deemed an exception). Saks, a music educator as well as author, writes in short rhyme; while the book opens and ends with clean, strong text, the middle sags slightly with unnecessary stanzas and forced rhyme. Illustrator Fazenda, working in Indian ink on paper that is then colored digitally, excels in his US debut; each spread is bright with bold, classic colors, and smiling characters in motion seem to relish their part of a happy, active cycling community. VERDICT This bright and cheery ode to all things bike is a great purchase for the transportation shelf.-Clara Hendricks © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780593581124	On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness The Graphic Novel	Peterson, Andrew	School Library Journal (August 1, 2026) Gr 4-6-The Igiby kids hold the secret to King Wingfeather's legend and treasures and are thus pursued by villains named the Fangs of Dang. But Janner, Tink, and Leeli, who uses crutches, are up for the challenge, especially with the support of their spunky grandfather and lovely mother. The siblings, along with their sidekick dog, are willing to put in the work to protect those secrets even in the face of danger, and their courageousness is infectious. Bathed in golden hues and rich jewel tones, the graphic novel adaptation does justice to the original series with only a slight loss of story development. This first volume doesn't overcrowd the detailed setting, creatures, and characters with dialogue or narration, which improves the reading flow. With the ability to absorb the fantasy world through illustrations, readers will enjoy the magic of the story springing to life. The diversity of panel layouts matches the storytelling, and action takes precedent over backstory. The Igiby siblings are white. VERDICT A recommended purchase where the original is widely circulated or for a library in need of additional graphic novels to add to middle grade collections.-Alicia Abdul © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781665980593	On the loose in London!	Yaccarino, Dan	School Library Journal (March 1, 2026) K-Gr 4-Pup siblings Betsy and Bones decide to take a trip to London. While Betsy looks forward to enjoying the trip in a scheduled and orderly manner, Bones is set on a more spontaneous adventure. Upon arriving in London, Betsy begins to explain her plan for seeing the sights; Bones doesn't bother to listen. Instead, he pulls her onto a double-decker red bus and then to the London Eye, where they ride the huge Ferris wheel. From there, Betsy is literally dragged from one attraction to the next by her eager brother. The two experience the Thames River up close and personal, visit the Tower of London, watch a cricket game, meet the queen at Buckingham Palace, and see Big Ben. Throughout the story, Betsy shares facts about the places they visit, while Bones is too busy experiencing everything he possibly can, albeit in a haphazard manner. As frustrating as this is for Betsy, she does get to check off many items on her to-do list. Black-and-white illustrations contrast with the larger brown-and-gold backgrounds throughout the book. Speech bubbles are used for dialogue, while one to two sentences narrate the story. Some illustrations cover an entire page, while others are divided into panels, much like a graphic novel or comic book. VERDICT This hilarious adventure to London will be adored by younger fans of graphic novels while they learn about new places abroad. A perfect book for readers transitioning to longer books.-Tracy Cronce © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798875273674	On the trail of Megalodon	Wain, Keith	
LVIS	9798225063313	On Thin Ice	Jessica Kim	For fans of Disney's Go Figure, a laugh-out-loud, heartfelt dual POV sibling-rivalry story by acclaimed author Jessica Kim.
LVIS	9781250413147	One More Book! a Good Inside Story About Bedtime	Kennedy, Dr. Becky	
LVIS	9781546166030	One night at Camp Bigfoot	Stine, R. L	School Library Journal (February 1, 2026) Gr 3-7-Siblings Harper and Dylan were resigned to spend summer at a camp called Camp Woo Woo. But when it gets taken over by bears, their parents decide to send them to the next camp over: Camp Bigfoot, run by the eccentric Uncle Squatch. That is even better-they love monsters, and Harper really wants to see and draw the actual Bigfoot. But not everything is as it seems at the camp. Can Harper trust the other campers who tell her Bigfoot is fake? Or should she listen to her new friend that claims she is a werewolf? All will be revealed at the campout under the full moon. The latest in the "Goosebumps House of Shivers" series tells a story about summer camps that is just spooky enough for any kid who loves the thrill of reading about monsters. The plot is engaging and playful but feels too quickly paced at times for a story that's supposed to take place over the summer season. The narrative falters on worldbuilding, and while both siblings are presented as the leads, Dylan fades into a side character when they arrive at camp. Character description is minimal. VERDICT Just spooky and silly enough for every "Goosebumps" fan, this is a recommended addition to juvenile fiction collections.-Kristin Anderson © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781536242959	One ocean : a journey beneath the waves	Davies, Nicola	School Library Journal starred (February 1, 2026) PreS-Gr 3-Zoologist Davies and illustrator Desmond team up again to create another magical tale of Earth. This time, through the journey of a seed from the warm waters of the Caribbean to the cold waters off the coast of Scotland, they show readers the beauty and diversity of "wild waters underneath the waves." The same two cheerful, dark-skinned children from One World: 24 Hours on Planet Earth return, this time visiting their light-skinned grandmother at her remote, thatch-roofed beach house. Daily, they explore the nearby beach, looking for treasures from the ocean. When they find a very large seed, called a seed heart, their grandmother tells them of the seed's journey across the Atlantic, and the children imagine themselves in each ocean habitat, from seagrass meadows to kelp forests, interacting with the marvelous creatures that live there. When it starts to rain, the three retreat inside to draw a map of the seed's journey and learn about the importance of the ocean's currents that nourish life and dictate Earth's weather. The story concludes with a reminder of the damage that humans have done to the ocean as well as possible actions humans can take-and what steps they have taken already-to help the oceans heal. Desmond's illustrations perfectly capture the curiosity and wonder of the children as well as the marvels of the ocean. VERDICT This factual and life-affirming book celebrates our ocean and reminds us to keep it healthy and wild.-Sally James © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781549013805	One on one	Montalbano, Andrea	
LVIS	9780711293212	Only in America : the weird and wonderful 50 states	Alexander, Heather	Kirkus Reviews (July 15, 2021) An abundance of unusual facts highlighting what makes each state weird and wonderful. With all 50 of the states and the District of Columbia each getting a two-page spread, this book has room for some unusual and strange facts. Listed for each state are both its official and unofficial nicknames, often with a brief explanation behind their origins. Each page bristles with clumps of fun facts, including bizarre festivals, weird laws, world records, and more. Readers can learn about bathtub races in Iowa or the International Banana Museum in California. State favorites, like snacks, pizza toppings, desserts, etc., are listed as well. There is a fast facts section for each state: state capital, humorous place names, state slang, “fantastic foods” (not always phrased as locals would), and interesting inventions. Readers also learn what is pictured on the state quarter and a couple of books for ages 7 through 12 set in the state. Facts about Indigenous, African American, and immigrant connections are included for a few states. The inclusion of some of the names gathered under the rubric “Funny Place Names” could be considered culturally insensitive, as with Aiea, Hawaii, and Eek, Arkansas, which stem from Indigenous cultures. The highlight of the book is the vintage Americana-style graphics. The vibrant, bold colors are captivating, and many of the graphics add fun context to the text. A quirky fact book sure to spark interest and further discovery. (index) (Nonfiction. 7-10)
LVIS	9798886872149	Ostrich vs. Cheetah	Sommer, Nathan	
LVIS	9781482479782	Ostriches Ambush!	Richards, Derrick	
LVIS	9780593839676	Others : a story for all of us	Yamada, Kobi	Horn Book Magazine (March/April, 2026) Two children stand on one side of a hedge (which runs down the gutter of the book, dividing the double-page spreads); one of them begins speculating about who lives on the other side: "They're not from here. They look different. They talk different." His conversation partner is not so easily swayed, asking the boy what makes "them" so different: do these others have "scales and feathers," "sticky tentacles," or even "motors and wheels"? Eventually, the first boy admits that these others must have hearts and brains, and the second boy prompts him to imagine what they're feeling in various situations, patiently guiding him toward the notion that "maybe we're all here together." The illustrations, making judicious use of composition and a mood-attuned color palette, adeptly reflect the evolution of this (rather pointed) exercise in curiosity and empathy. They first imagine "the others" as a series of fantastical entities, then gradually morph into depicting fellow humans from diverse backgrounds. Finally, the second boy climbs over the hedge and compels his partner to meet him on top of it, thus exposing the artifice and fallacy of "here" versus "there" and "us" versus "them." An effective deconstruction of the "other." Shenwei Chang March/April 2026 p.56
LVIS	9780593698235	Our lake	Kang, Angie	School Library Journal Xpress starred (February 28, 2025) PreS-A heartrending journey through grief and bravery unfolds in this beautifully illustrated story, where a young boy learns to navigate loss on a hot summer day. Gorgeous gouache illustrations bring to life the tale of two brothers embarking on a hike, with the opening lines subtly hinting at the theme of loss: "Today, Brother is taking me up to swim in the lake like Father used to." The younger brother, eager to imitate his older sibling, faces an overwhelming wave of nervousness when it's time to jump into the water. "Suddenly, my stomach is full of stones. How did I ever do this before?" As memories of their father flood back, the boy finds the strength to leap, symbolizing both personal growth and the strength of family bonds. The story concludes with the touching sentiment that, in the water, it feels as though the entire family has reunited. With lyrical descriptive language and breathtaking illustrations, this book tenderly explores themes of loss, bravery, and family. VERDICT A gentle and heartfelt exploration of grief, this book is a must-have addition to any library shelf.-Brooke Newberry © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781536242966	Our pebbles	Jarvis	Kirkus Reviews (June 15, 2025) A child recalls beloved seaside visits. Grandad and the young protagonist used to love going to their favorite place. After making their way through the Wonky Woods, past the whooshing trains and the “spotty dogs,” they would arrive at a picturesque spot known as Pebble Beach. The child remembers days filled with imaginative play that always ended with each of them picking up a tiny stone before heading to an abandoned rowboat to paint their pebbles. A glimpse at the many pebbles that have accumulated in the old boat makes it clear that these two have kept up this routine for a long time. But one day Grandad moves away; now the child makes the journey with Mam. They select their pebbles and bring them to Grandad—who appears to have relocated to a nursing home—and Grandad and child continue their tradition despite their new circumstances. Jarvis doesn’t explain why Grandad moves, though a propped-up cane by the sofa suggests that he’s slowed down a bit in his old age. Rendered in a muted palette, Jarvis’ scribbly, naïve artwork complements a quietly joyful text that homes in on simple but memorable moments: Grandad and the child trying to guess the name of a seal they notice, sea gulls devouring Grandad’s ice cream. Jarvis makes it clear that though change is inevitable, our memories endure. Family bonding at its sweetest. (Picture book. 4-7)
LVIS	9781482478259	Out in Space	Singer, Warren	
LVIS	9781713739128	Out of bounds	Delle Donne, Elena	
LVIS	9798318947278	Outfoxed	McMullen-Ciotti, Elise	Kirkus Reviews (July 1, 2025) After rescuing a baby fox from a trap, a 12-year-old Cherokee girl from Oklahoma is determined to find the poacher. Skye Hunter, along with little brother Leo, spends every summer in Verdant, Massachusetts, with her aunt Lynne, uncle Pete, and park ranger cousin Braeden. Skye, with help from Braeden, rescues a baby fox from a trap baited with poisoned meat in the state park adjacent to their family diner. She names the injured fox Kitcat. At the veterinary clinic, Skye meets a girl named Ivy, who’s a new arrival to Verdant from Saskatchewan and is a member of the Nakoda First Nation. McMullen-Ciotti (Cherokee) has created two intriguing main characters, both of whom are dealing with loneliness. Skye, who has moved a lot and struggled to make friends, slowly grows close to Ivy, even as the girls search for the identity of the poacher, documenting clues while sharing aspects of their respective Indigenous cultures. Suspenseful (but not too scary) moments involve a spooky oddities shop and a search for leads at the public library. The effective combination of animal rescue and sleuthing with themes of friendship and family life make this a strong and appealing choice. Skye’s passion for natural science, Ivy’s skill in caring for animals, aspiring comedian Leo’s humor, and the storytelling of the girls’ uncles round out the story. A charming and engaging tale with special appeal for nature and animal lovers. (Fiction. 8-12)
LVIS	9781684469208	Overdue : the misadventure of Bob the book	Koster, Gloria	School Library Journal Xpress (July 19, 2024) K-Gr 3-What child or caregiver hasn't experienced the search for a lost library book? Readers are introduced to charming Bob, an anthropomorphized book who entices elementary school library visitors with sunglasses atop its eyebrows, a hand holding a lidded cup with a straw, and sparkles emanating from his red body. Bob entertains readers in the car, at the dentist's office, and in bed on a sick day. That's when Sebastian borrows Bob; his sister eats her sloppy peanut butter sandwich too close to the book, and his brother places a toy pirate ship on the cover. The worst offense, however, is Sebastian "doesn't even open me up." A slew of mishaps lead Bob to a kitchen shelf between cookbooks where he is lost for months; a letter from the school librarian nudges Sebastian into action, and he reads the book "again and again and again." Full-color illustrations are mixed with panels and speech bubbles from several characters, including Bob with some humorous one-liners. Back matter includes a list of five tips for book care, presented by Bob himself. VERDICT A must-have book for libraries; educators and storytellers will want to use it for read-alouds to teach library book etiquette.-Carrie Voliva © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798348042592	Paige Bueckers vs. Diana Taurasi : who would win?	Burns, Jason M	
LVIS	9798889163466	Painful parasites	Mather, Charis	

LVIS	9781665982986	Paint the Town Pink	Lerner, Jarrett	
LVIS	9781647476267	Panda-monium : panda rescue!	Buckley, James	
LVIS	9798225014636	Paper chase	Donaldson, Julia	School Library Journal Xpress (January 30, 2026) K-Gr 4-When Ginger's (she has yellow hair and pink skin) paper airplane crashes into James's (he has black hair and brown skin) book beneath the tallest tree in the wood, a fast friendship is formed. Just as quickly, they are separated, and when Ginger returns days later to the same spot to look for James, she discovers the tree being harvested and hauled away. The story initially appears poised to become a lament for losing one of nature's gentle giants but instead pivots into a practical lesson on renewable resource management. The tree is stripped, chipped, and rolled into paper products, including newspapers, shoeboxes, shopping bags, toilet paper, and, eventually, a book for Ginger and a notepad for James. Those, in turn, become another paper airplane and book that collide to bring about the friends' reunion. The illustrations adequately support the text, rendered in a simple, accessible style. Some children will require a brief lesson on Britishisms ("lorry" for truck, "loo" for bathroom). Although intended as a full-circle narrative, the story reads more like three quasi-connected segments than a fully integrated whole. VERDICT An interesting vehicle for introducing young readers to the process of paper production.-Jennifer Noonan © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798225003227	Park Survival: Lost in Alaska	Vera Starbard	Backcountry meets Megan E. Freeman's Alone in this survival/adventure middle grade about a boy who must rediscover his Indigenous culture while adventuring in Glacier Bay National Park with a team of loyal dogs. Emmett wants nothing more than to just stay in one place—finish school with the same friends, live in the same house, sleep in the same bed. His mother's work means that they're always moving around. But this time is different. This time, she's promised not to move them anymore. But when she gets a once-in-a-lifetime job working as a Tlingit clan-house caretaker in Glacier Bay National Park, Emmett is forced to leave his familiar home (again) and enter a whole new world, a world full of trees, breathtaking mountains, snow bluffs, and giant lakes—lots of pups! He doesn't know much about his mother's small hometown of Hoonah, Alaska, or about the Tlingit culture she was born into. And when they arrive, he meets Kaasteen, a cousin he's never known and who seems to have infinitely more knowledge about their culture than he does. She's lived in Alaska all her life, and her family has lived beside Glacier Bay National Park for generations. She talks to animals, has way more dogs than Emmett cares to count, and even speaks a language that he doesn't understand. Could she be any more annoying? Emmett would love to go back to his old friends and old home, and he's happy to let Kaasteen hear about it. But when the two get into an argument that leads to Kaasteen getting lost in the park, Emmett will have to utilize the skills he's learned from his family to save her. Will they be enough?
LVIS	9798875294204	Patrick Mahomes : Football Mvp (Revised Edition)	Chandler, Matt	
LVIS	9798765602430	Patrick Mahomes vs. Peyton Manning : who would win?	Greenberg, Keith Elliot	School Library Journal (November 1, 2023) Gr 3-6-Not to be confused with Scholastic's popular "Who Would Win?" series, this sports-focused collection features feared athletes who have been known to eat the competition alive. Tina Charles and Lisa Leslie are both high-scoring centers capable of completely dominating their opponents, winning Olympic gold and WNBA championships, and earning MVP titles, but who's number one? Peyton Manning and Patrick Mahomes were born into sports families, picked in the first round of the NFL draft, and led teams to multiple Super Bowl titles, but who's really the GOAT? Each book in this series describes the path the players took to the pros, details some of their greatest moments, and highlights their jaw-dropping stats before declaring a winner. Before calling the matches (almost always for the veteran players), the authors remind readers that "best" is just a matter of opinion. With engaging text and plenty of photos, this well-crafted series will quench readers' thirst for knowledge. VERDICT Three cheers-and one add-to-cart-for this great series. © Copyright 2023. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781368108706	Penelope Rex vs. the new kid	Higgins, Ryan T	
LVIS	9781368099295	Pet shop racers. 1	Jennings, C. S	Publishers Weekly (September 29, 2025) Pet shop inhabitants endeavor to follow their Speed Racer dreams in this high-octane, slapstick graphic novel by Jennings (Whoa Panda!). Ham the hamster’s everyday life is one of routine. Once the pet shop’s lights are out and all the people have gone home, however, Ham and fellow residents-including several reptiles and a tiny bird-compete in a nightly race called Hamster-Ball Hullabaloo. But there’s a new kid on the block, one who threatens Ham’s status as the race’s reigning champion: Shelby, an amiable ferret whose overtures of friendship Ham rebukes. Shelby’s unorthodox racing method-balancing on a hamster ball’s exterior-sparks renewed interest in the entertainment, now called the Four-Wheeled Furrenzy, which utilizes pilfered model cars from the pet shop’s neighboring toy store, Ha-Bee’s Hobby Hive. As the stakes heat up with new cars, courses, and fancy modifications, Ham must decide whether it’s more important to be the fastest or to make new friends. Though snarky narration frequently intercuts the action, expressive linework and blocky coloring impart motion, setting the stage for a propulsive animalian comedy series launch. Ages 5-8. (Oct.) © Copyright PWxyz, LLC. All rights reserved.
LVIS	9781368099448	Pet shop racers. 2,The fast and the furriest	Jennings, C. S	
LVIS	9781368099455	Pet shop racers. 3,Need fur speed	Jennings, C. S	
LVIS	9798225091224	Pete the Cat’s Cool New Ride	Kimberly & James Dean	Pete the Cat just got some new wheels. Beep, beep, beep! And as he's grooving down the street, he bumps into one friend, two friends, three! When they pile up in the car, Pete can't keep count and wonders if there is room for everyone. In his fifteenth hardcover picture book, Pete the Cat learns that there's always more room for friends.
LVIS	9781645828365	Phoenix	Terp, Gail	
LVIS	9798893044157	Piranha school vs. arapaima	Sommer, Nathan	
LVIS	9798217118397	Pizza and Taco Blast Off!	Shaskan, Stephen	
LVIS	9780593814543	Pizza and Taco. 10,Go viral!	Shaskan, Stephen	
LVIS	9798217118373	Pizza and Taco. 11,Scariest sleepover ever!	Shaskan, Stephen	
LVIS	9781665963480	Pizza dreams do come true	Higgins, Cam	
LVIS	9781544441917	Pizza, peanut butter, and pickles	Gutman, Dan	
LVIS	9781524878641	Pocket Peaches	Wang, Dora	
LVIS	9798881610234	Pocket Peaches --Happy Campers	Wang, Dora	
LVIS	9781524878658	Pocket Peaches. At the fair	Wang, Dora	School Library Journal (October 1, 2024) Gr 1-3-This second title in the series continues highlighting themes of navigating friendships and being true to oneself. Peaches and her three friends are excited to share the Moonberry Jubilee Fair with their newest friend, Taro. Pogi sets the tone by saying they will need to be "spon-tay-nee-us!" When Mango's careful plans to enter the baking contest go awry, dashing her hopes to meet food influencer Bonnie Tart, she is crestfallen. Her friends convince her to attend the fair and try new rides and foods. They all discover that they can be flexible and "go with the flow" when supporting one another, and Mango eventually ends up meeting Bonnie, who wants to include Mango's Calico Cafe in her video tour. In the epilogue, Mango, inspired by treats at the fair, creates a new pastry: the Moonberry swirl. With a nod to her grandfather, she admits that change can be good. Gentle pastel colors complement the story's mood. Good use of panel sizes advance the dense plot with just the right amount of dialogue. These gentle animal characters convey important emotions and reactions in a realistic way, making them relatable to young readers. There is nothing heavy-handed here and the messages are clearly understandable. VERDICT A good choice for graphic novel fans who do not want superhero or sports books. Hand this to fans of series like "Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa" by Erica Silverman and Betsy Lewin or "Henry and Mudge" by Cynthia Rylant and Suçie Stevenson, who are ready for longer, more complex stories.-Elisabeth LeBris © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781524896157	Pocket Peaches. Game on	Wang, Dora	
LVIS	9798217135127	Pokemon book of battles	Andreou, Katherine	
LVIS	9781546131274	Pokémon™ Legendary and Mythical Guidebook: Deluxe Updated Edition		Fans everywhere are fascinated by Legendary and Mythical Pokemon! This updated guidebook features the unique and mysterious Paldea region Pokemon from the newest hit games for Nintendo Switch, Scarlet & Violet. Discover the origins of the most fascinating and unusual Pokemon! You'll get the scoop on Legendary and Mythical Pokemon from every known region in the Pokemon world. It's the insider's guide to the rarest and most powerful known Pokemon. This revised and updated edition of the guidebook includes the latest information about the new Legendary and Mythical Pokemon from the Paldea region.
LVIS	9798225056346	Pokémon™ Mega Evolution Handbook		This official guide has everything fans need to know about Mega-Evolved Pokémon: a powerful Pokémon form featured in the new game for Nintendo Switch, Pokémon Legends: Z-A! Discover the power of Mega Evolution! Only certain Pokémon can harness this unique skill, which takes them beyond the limits of regular Evolution to a new and mighty form. This official insider's guide has all the stats and facts you need about Mega-Evolved Pokémon, so you can make the most of the Pokémon on your team!
LVIS	9780593889459	Pooch on the loose	Hawn, Goldie	School Library Journal Xpress (March 27, 2026) Gr 2-4-Hawn's foray into children's stories alongside accomplished author Oliver is the beginning of a solid new series for young chapter book readers. This title focuses on making friends and being true to oneself while being a steward of the community. The story opens with Tony, Mia, and River readying themselves for Surprise Us Day in Mr. Ortega's fourth grade class. Surprise Us Day ends up being a little chaotic, albeit very entertaining for readers, but stressful for the main characters, who retreat to Ms. Gold's Creation Station for a much-deserved brain break. Readers are guided through the importance of resting one's brain with a brain break guide-a nice teaching opportunity. Classmate Lyle Lemon is sure to be a recurring antagonist who will symbolize what not to do when striving for kindness. The Kindness Crew throws itself behind finding a forever home for a hard-to-love shelter dog named Sparky. Young readers will delight in Tony, Mia, and River's problem-solving skills. Chambers's gray scale illustrations are energetic, capturing the action in a mixture of spreads and spot art that evokes a graphic novel style. Sibling dynamics, bullying, and stress are all dealt with, leading to a positive and fulfilling conclusion. Readers will be up for whatever adventure the Kindness Crew embarks upon next. Tony is Black, Mia is described as half Armenian, and River is cued white. VERDICT A strong purchase for all elementary collections.-Kim Gardner © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781665935043	Pool party!	Hevron, Amy	Horn Book Magazine (November/December, 2025) Hevron's (Sunken Ship, rev. 9/24) latest foray takes readers to a South American rainforest, where her focus is the "freshwater pools [that form] among the leaves of a bromeliad" (a flowering plant) -- specifically, the many species that thrive in that habitat over a year. At the start of the rainy season, a tree frog "get[s] this party started!" by laying her eggs in the collected rainwater. Algae and microbes flourish amidst decomposing leaves. Parakeets leave droppings, which are "party snacks" for mosquitoes. The brief sensory-rich text brims with pertinent information; the friendly-looking species that live in or visit the pool add comments via speech bubbles in the lively mixed-media art, enhancing the humor and child appeal. During the dry season, the palette shifts from the rainy months' bright colors to more subdued brown tones infusing the flora. "The sky-high pool party [stays] in full swing" with a baby boa, lion tamarins, and howler monkeys among the attendees. When the bromeliad's "one and only flower" blooms, pollinators show up. The cycle begins again with a new rainy season and "a new generation of bromeliad pups." An author's note provides more information about bromeliad pools and the importance of protecting threatened South American rainforests. Suggested reading and selected sources are also appended. Kitty Flynn November/December 2025 p.85
LVIS	9781523526529	Poppy Song bakes a way	Glaser, Karina Yan	School Library Journal Xpress (November 2, 2024) Gr 1-4-Glaser introduces readers to Poppy Song, one of the newest students in Mrs. Z's class. Poppy is a third grader who loves baking and her grandma, whom Poppy calls Po Po. For Poppy's turn at Valued Visitor Day, she invites her grandma to school. The kids all know that Poppy and Po Po are wonderful bakers, so Poppy wants to bake something special: Dragon's Beard candy. In the week leading up to the event, Poppy tries to make the candy, deepens friendships, and learns that her beloved Po Po is struggling with Alzheimer's disease. Glaser's series entry is a warm, sweet read perfect for sensitive children seeking solid realistic fiction. Even the announcement of Po Po's Alzheimer's is handled with tenderness and depicts friends and family who are supportive and caring. This series consists of chapter books by notable kid lit authors. Each author brings their unique style to the series, which in turn shapes the distinct personality of the protagonist. Fajardo's illustrations bring consistency to characters and places. The grayscale illustrations convey emotion and mood with cartoonlike facial expressions and tone. VERDICT Buy the book and the series. Kids need access to this diverse classroom of students who face everyday crises with their supportive friends, and this gentle read shows the goodness in the world without being overly sappy.-Cassie Veselovsky © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

LVIS	9781250833983	Power to the parasites!	Wood, Chelsea L	School Library Journal starred (November 1, 2024) Gr 5 Up-Wood, a parasitologist, walks readers through the good, bad, and ugly in this nonfiction book about parasites. The book opens with an introduction in which the author details how she first became interested in and ultimately chose to spend her career studying parasites. Part I largely shares information about specific parasites in nature and their host animals. Part II brings parasites up close and personal as Wood details the intersection of parasites and humans (specifically through a look at the Black Death), and parasites in food and pets. The book's humor makes it very readable, even though the content is at times technical and somewhat disturbing. Monochrome illustrations help readers with visualization. Balance is an essential element of this text, as the author does not shy away from explaining how parasites can be bad, but are also good in certain situations. Although sexual or asexual reproduction is not described in detail, the reproduction of parasites is mentioned. These may be topics that will elicit questions, making the book more appropriate for middle grade students. Throughout each chapter, important vocabulary is noted in bold print, and complex scientific words are given phonetic pronunciations. A glossary is included. VERDICT The technical information on parasites presented in this book is accessible through the use of humor and illustrations, making it a solid choice for libraries serving middle grade students.-Misty Schattle © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781398856318	Power Up! Speed Run!	Macphail	
LVIS	9781665978996	Pretty close, but not the same : a side-by-side look at confusable critters	Fleming, Meg	School Library Journal Xpress (May 29, 2026) PreS-Gr 2-A rhyming picture book introduction to cryptic species. Some of the book's examples of these genetically or behaviorally distinct look-alikes will be familiar to readers, such as a crocodile and an alligator or a tortoise and a turtle, while others will be new, such as the manatee and the dugong. The animals do the talking in this title, clarifying misconceptions, and sharing with kids what makes them different from their doppelganger counterparts. The charming images in bold colors, the variation of font sizes, and the critters' speech bubbles make this a prime selection for reading aloud. The bright, cheerful illustrations were rendered with ink on paper and then digitally colored in Photoshop. The rhyme may not always work, but listeners won't mind. Pair with DK's What's the Difference? Animals for a more thorough treatment. VERDICT This would make an attention-grabbing selection for early elementary STEM curriculum.-Shelley Diaz © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780063075795	Princess Bulldog #1 Princess Power Trip	Goyal Yu, Lovi	
LVIS	9781515780465	Pro basketball's underdogs : players and teams who shocked the basketball world	Braun, Eric	School Library Journal (November 1, 2017) Gr 5-8-This series is sure to be a crowd-pleaser. Pro Football's Underdogs includes tales of the Giants' Super Bowl XLII upset of the heavily favored and undefeated Patriots, Kurt Warner's transition from supermarket shelf stocker to Super Bowl-winning quarterback, and Tom Brady's ascension from Drew Bledsoe's backup to premier leader of a modern dynasty. Readers of Pro Basketball's Underdogs might not think of Stephen Curry as an underdog, but for a long time, he was considered too small to be a serious competitor. Inclusion of MVPs and amazing athletes like Curry will have kids clamoring for these titles. Published with Sports Illustrated Kids, each book is full of facts, high-energy photos, and plenty of supplementary callouts that will make experts out of novices. VERDICT This series isn't an underdog, it's a heavily favored winner. © Copyright 2017. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781433848780	Professor Thomas Cat's guide to understanding the human brain. The dyslexia files	Allen, Rachael	School Library Journal Xpress (February 13, 2026) Gr 6 Up-Professor Thomas Cat helps a young girl named Ava understand her life with dyslexia. Through this lens, this graphic novel presents dyslexia in an accessible way for readers, offering encouragement to those who have it while clearly explaining its causes and how to support peers to those who do not. The title goes into much detail, including medical explanations: neurotypical vs. neurodivergent definitions and comparisons, in-depth brain anatomy, and an example of how a document might look to a dyslexic person, allowing those not affected to see and empathize. Where the book excels in the psychological explanation, demonstrating for those affected how to overcome negative self-talk and focus on their strengths. The book also provides examples of famous people who have dyslexia, helping to normalize the common disability. The visual graphic novel format makes the text more accessible for dyslexic readers, while the whimsical cat professor presenting facts will hold attention spans. However, some of the medical terminology is more informative and reads at an older teen or young adult level. VERDICT Neuroscience and cat humor collide in this informational book on dyslexia. Recommended for middle grade readers looking to learn more.-Adam Fisher © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781546139256	Pug goes to Hollywood	May, Kyla	
LVIS	9798225074616	Pug on a Boat	May, Kyla	
LVIS	9781546139225	Pug the unicorn	May, Kyla	
LVIS	9781546139287	Pug's Cupcake	May, Kyla	School Library Journal (August 1, 2026) K-Gr 2-Bub the pug and his owner, Bella, take on a new adventure when they help at Aunt Amber's new bakery, Cup & Cake Cafe. Bella's aunt, who has worked as a baker all over the world, has opened a new bakery but cannot yet afford to hire additional employees, so Bella and Bub volunteer to assist her. While Bella works the sales counter, Bub becomes the designated "pupcake" tester, as Aunt Amber is also selling cupcakes made especially for dogs. Nutz the squirrel attempts to sneak in and steal cupcakes for his latest snack attack, so Bub must take on official rodent patrol duties, too. As orders begin to roll in, confusion arises when an order for 120 cupcakes is filled with only 12. Chaos ensues as filling all the orders becomes the top priority. Told in first person from Bub's perspective, this adorable eight-chapter diary is fully illustrated with bright, colorful artwork on every page. Speech bubbles and one to two short narrative sentences appear on nearly every spread. Most characters are illustrated as white and feature a variety of hair colors. A short quiz with page references is included at the end. Illustrations are digitally rendered. VERDICT A nice addition to primary library collections and useful for units on careers and neighborhoods. Recommended where other "Diary of a Pug" titles circulate well.-Tracy Cronce © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798225028213	Pugs and Kisses	J. J. Howard	One girl. One boy. Two dogs in puppy love. And one giant lie that spins out of control...This sweet and funny novel about pugs and friendship is perfect for tween readers looking for a rom-com that is just right for them. Ana Ramos may not have a dog of her own, but she does get to walk her neighbor's adorable pug, Osito. One day, at the park, Osito befriends another pug, whose owner happens to be a cute boy named Calvin. When Calvin assumes that Osito belongs to Ana, she doesn't correct him. No big deal, right? Ana doesn't realize the trouble she has unleashed until Calvin shows up at her school. Calvin suggests setting up playdates for the two pugs, and Ana can't bring herself to admit that Osito isn't hers. In fact, her fibs keep multiplying! Will Ana fess up and figure out how she feels about Calvin before her white lies catch up to her?
LVIS	9780802856609	Puma Concolor	Araneda, Rene	School Library Journal (August 1, 2026) Gr 3-6-This information-packed nonfiction title introduces readers to the world of pumas through the enthusiastic perspective of Araneda, a nature guide and documentary filmmaker working in Patagonia. From the opening pages, the book establishes itself as a serious nonfiction resource, featuring dense text, detailed diagrams, maps, and informational sidebars. Readers are guided through the biology, behavior, habitat, and range of pumas, with visuals illustrating everything from the wild cat family tree to geographic distribution. Created using pencil, Procreate, and Photoshop, the artwork is both attractive and informative, supporting the text with clear diagrams and engaging scenes. A standout feature is the inclusion of a QR code that links to an audio recording of a puma's call, adding an interactive element that will appeal to curious learners. The back matter includes an epilogue-style author's note, a list of Araneda's documentaries, and a bibliography for further exploration. VERDICT A thorough and visually appealing resource for animal enthusiasts and researchers; a strong addition to larger library collections and classrooms studying South American wildlife.-Kirsten Caldwell © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781645824541	Punk rock unicorn : another Phoebe and her unicorn adventure	Simpson, Dana	
LVIS	9798347102051	Pup vs. squirrel	Higgins, Cam	School Library Journal Xpress (January 30, 2026) Gr 1-5-This delightful chapter book invites readers to join Scrapper the dog and his friends as they plan a camp party filled with fun, friendship, and plenty of snacks. What starts as simple party planning quickly becomes a meaningful adventure about working together, solving problems, and celebrating what makes everyone unique. One of the book's greatest strengths is its thoughtful and positive representation of disabilities. The characters are portrayed as capable leaders, kind friends, and active participants in the story rather than defined by their challenges. This message is presented naturally and accessibly, showing young readers that having a disability does not prevent someone from forming strong friendships or taking the lead. Instead, differences are treated as a normal and valuable part of the group. The characterization and relationships, captured in abundant and adorable sketchlike illustrations, are especially strong throughout the book. Each animal character is carefully personified with distinct personalities, interests, and preferences. These differences are not only acknowledged, but celebrated, reinforcing the idea that individuality helps make a community stronger. Young readers will enjoy recognizing how each character's unique traits contribute to the success of the camp party. Through cooperation, patience, and understanding, Scrapper and his friends learn that the best moments happen when everyone is welcomed and valued. VERDICT The story does an excellent job of demonstrating acceptance and inclusion, showing that differences do not separate-they can unify.-Jessica Calaway © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781960643513	Purple space chickens	Alber, Diane	
LVIS	9798217028948	Quetzal's Labyrinth	Valenti, Karla Arenas	School Library Journal Xpress (June 26, 2026) Gr 4-6-Diego thinks he's going to stay with his grandfather to avoid his parents' Tax Assessors Annual Conference, eat great food, and explore Mexican history. What Diego does not yet know is that Abuelo is the Tlapani, a guardian who protects the seal between the world of humans and Nahualan, the realm of Aztec deities and other magical beings. When the seal starts to leak and Abuelo falls ill, Diego takes on the mantle of Tlapani, joining with Violeta, a Sabiaflora with magical plant powers, and Abuelo's dog Cholo to enter Nahualan and stop the god Tezca from coming back and destroying the world. Valenti brings Nahualan to life with descriptions of fantastic plants and animals. Brief interludes from different animals' perspectives provide exposition. The story is told with humor while dealing with some genuinely scary beings, hard choices, and eerie magical happenings. It is over 350 pages, however, which may narrow its audience. Nonetheless, Diego and Violeta are relatable and endearing characters. Diego hates the "chosen one" narrative of so many stories and is scared by the burden it places on him. Violeta lacks confidence in her powers but is excellent at giving Diego the dose of reality he needs to complete their quest. Their friendship has depth, as does Diego's relationship with his abuelo. Human characters are Mexican; there is a guide to Aztec deities at the end. VERDICT A heroic journey through the Aztec world that would work particularly well for fans of mythological beings and quests.-Grace Pickering © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780593703601	Quiet please, Owen McPhee!	Ludwig, Trudy	School Library Journal (July 1, 2018) PreS-Gr 2-Just as in Ludwig's and Barton's The Invisible Boy, this picture book successfully portrays a delicate school situation with sensitivity. Owen McPhee loves to talk, and although he doesn't mean to, he often interrupts his teacher, spoils surprises, and frustrates his classmates. Perhaps most importantly, his talking "get[s] in the way of listening." When Owen wakes up on Thursday with laryngitis (which produces no other symptoms other than an inability to speak), he goes to school and quickly finds out how challenging it is to be voiceless. However, his temporary silence quickly accentuates his abilities at being a positive teammate and allows him to understand the importance of listening. Busy ink and digitally rendered illustrations effectively convey Owen's chatter and the action of the story. Detail-rich, skillful single and full-page spreads depict the action. The back matter contains a thought-provoking discussion guide. VERDICT An accessible addition to libraries that may function as a springboard for a discussion on positive communication and the importance of listening.-Brianne Colombo, Fairfield Free Public Library, NJ © Copyright 2018. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781546175698	Race to the floating islands	Doshi, Payal	
LVIS	9781804538685	Racing Legends		Welcome to the ultimate guide of Formula 1 racing's greatest drivers. From the trailblazers of the 1950s to the champions of the modern era, we've picked out 50 racers who have created history sat behind the wheel of an F1 driving car. Backed up by a comprehensive set of stats, discover just what it takes to become a legend of the sport!
LVIS	9781667211701	Rainbow Magic Rainbow Fairies #3 Sunny the Yellow Fairy Graphic Novel	Meadows, Daisy	
LVIS	9781667211718	Rainbow Magic Rainbow Fairies #4 Fern the Green Fairy Graphic Novel	Meadows, Daisy	
LVIS	9781667211688	Rainbow magic, a rainbow fairies graphic novel. 1,Ruby the Red Fairy	Turner, Erika	School Library Journal Xpress (March 20, 2026) Gr 1-3-Turner and illustrator Giuliani bring the first entry of the bestselling "Rainbow Magic" series to a new generation in this vibrant and appealing graphic novel adaptation. The book closely follows the original story where readers meet Rachel and Kirsty as they start their family vacations on Rainspell Island. When they follow a rainbow to a pot at its end, they meet Ruby the Red Fairy, who is on a quest to find her rainbow sisters and bring the color back to their home. With only a few sentences per page and illustrated panels to match, early chapter book readers will have the perfect support to build stamina and confidence in their reading skills. They will be asking for the next entries in the series right away as the ending opens up the search for the rest of the rainbow fairies. Illustrations by Giuliani are vibrant, brightly colored digital art similar in style to popular kids animated television. The art is quaint and joyful with great use of rainbows and fairy dust across panels to express magic, as well as grayscale panels to show the fairies' fading magic. Rachel is depicted as white with blond hair and Kirsty is depicted with tan skin and black hair. VERDICT A must-purchase to build out collections of popular early chapter graphic novel adaptions. Great for fans of the "Baby-Sitters Little Sister" graphic novels and similar titles.-Taylor Skorski © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

LVIS	9781667211695	Rainbow magic, a Rainbow fairies graphic novel. 2,Amber the Orange Fairy	Neus, Nora	
LVIS	9798225077365	Raise your voice	Yun, Erin	
LVIS	9798368719832	Rani the enchanted dragon	Mara, Maddy	
LVIS	9798225037437	Rat attack	Avatar, Ari	
LVIS	9780316575478	Reaching across the sky : a celebration of bridges	Hale, Christy	School Library Journal starred (March 1, 2026) Gr 2-6-Hale's note to readers sets the stage for this primer on bridges. It is a love letter to the variety, beauty, and grandeur of bridges and their power to connect people and places across a gap, thereby making life better. The main text is purposely short and simple in extolling the power of bridges, including their ability to link locations together, giving people access to the things they need, saving time, and creating a safe path, all while opening possibilities for new adventure. Also mentioned is how their construction often mimics nature: fallen trees, stepping stones, natural arches, vines, and spider webs. Each page or spread contains the main text with illustrations of related bridges, plus additional text containing details about the depicted bridges, including location. Magnificent collage illustrations show more than 100 bridges within these pages, but despite the load of information, the design ensures that readers are never overwhelmed by the content; instead, they are carried forward by the variety of images and their thoughtful placement. The final six pages are a more detailed look at seven different bridge types with several illustrations each; also included is a section offering further information about loads and forces. VERDICT A beautiful look at not only how bridges work but also how they connect people and change lives. Suitable for varying levels of interest, this is a solid purchase for most libraries.-Catherine Callegari © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780063357549	Read all about it!	Hall, Benjamin	Booklist (March 1, 2026 (Online)) Grades K-2. The inspiration for this contemporary fairy tale, starring a hedgehog who saves forest creatures from a hungry bear, grew out of a tiny hedgehog toy given to a Fox News war correspondent by his daughters. At story's start, Hedgehog is looking forward to a day off school. His father, rushing to his newspaper job, gives Hedgehog three rules for the day: Don't lose your backpack. Don't talk to strangers. Don't cross the river. Hedgehog wanders through the medieval-looking town, comes to the riverbank's edge, and sees that Baby Owl, on the other side of the river, has fallen from her nest. A huge bear is approaching the owl. How can Hedgehog warn the animals on the other side without breaking his father's rules? The clever kick here is that Hedgehog uses journalistic tools to save the day. For example, Hedgehog broadcasts by yelling across the river about the imminent danger; he uses print journalism by getting out paper and crayons and creating warning flyers from his backpack that he airdrops from Mama Owl's back. The pastel, watercolor, and ink illustrations create a lovely fairy-tale vibe. A nice paean to resourcefulness, helping others—and journalism.
LVIS	9798347103997	Really Rubie	Frost, Maddie	School Library Journal Xpress starred (May 29, 2026) Gr 3-7-A summer tale filled with emotional angst that tweens can connect with. Fifth grade's over and 11-year-old Rubie Fox and BFF Riley Swisher are headed to an all-girls sleepaway camp, Camp Pineview, for the summer. It's a month of fun camp activities culminating in an awesome dance with Moose Ridge, the all-boys camp across the lake (and where Riley's crush Owen is spending his summer). But Rubie's summer is turned upside down when Riley breaks her ankle and can't go to camp. Rubie is on her own, coping with new feelings and documenting everything in her journal. She's mad because Riley can't come. She's uncertain about being away from home. She's lonely, stuck in a cabin with four girls but no friends. She's embarrassed when her bikini bottom falls off and follows her down the slide. But it's pure jealousy when Riley surprises Rubie by arriving at the dance just in time to see Owen and Rubie share the first kiss on the dance floor. Author/illustrator Frost has designed this middle grade novel as if it is Rubie's diary, complete with doodles and black line drawings that feature in-the-moment dialogue balloons that will give readers the sense that they are in Rubie's head, feeling everything she's feeling. Rubie is depicted with white skin and dark hair. VERDICT This friendship-oriented camp tale is a recommended purchase for middle school libraries.-Cheryl Blevens © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781482477740	Reckless Reptiles	Wood, Alix	
LVIS	9780711292895	Remarkable women : fascinating facts you never knew about amazing women!	Huang, Eric	
LVIS	9781665962414	Remember me, Daphne	Krampien, Celia	School Library Journal (June 1, 2026) Gr 3-7-All 12-year-old Flora really wants is the kind of best-best friend she's read so much about. At school, Flora feels too clumsy, introverted, and anxious to connect with her classmates. So when a family moves into the spooky house on her street, Flora is determined to befriend her new neighbor, cheerful and exuberant Mac. And all seems to be going well, at first. Flora and Mac get along just like best-best friends should, until frightening things start happening. For Flora, the questions start piling up. Just what is going on with Mac's eerie younger brother Danny? Can Flora and Mac's friendship survive the weirdness? And who is the mysterious Daphne? With escalating stakes, tantalizing secrets, and plenty of haunted happenings, this is a heartfelt story for readers who like enough shivers to keep reading under the covers with a flashlight, but not so many that they can't sleep afterwards. Black-and-white artwork adds dimension and context. Krampien's suspenseful action keeps the pages turning, but what gives the story depth is its exploration of what it means to be a good friend. Dealing deftly with the complicated emotions of toxic friendships, jealousy, loneliness, and insecurity, Krampien's characters are authentically relatable to tweens finding their social footing. For readers who like both horror and heart, this novel is worth staying up to midnight to finish. Most characters are cued white. VERDICT Scary enough and plenty sweet; a lovely introduction to the joys of Gothic literature for middle grade readers.-Kate Stadt © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781665984720	Ren's cupcake mission	Simon, Coco	
LVIS	9781665959223	Ren's one-of-a-kind cupcakes	Simon, Coco	School Library Journal (August 1, 2024) Gr 2-4-Simon and Lopez offer a character-driven, endearing read. Ren Lu is new in town and is looking for ways to express herself and make friends. When the school announces Kindness Week, Ren has the great idea to make mini cupcakes. When she presents her idea to her Mini Cupcake Club friends-Natalie, Emily, Alana, and Ethan-everyone is onboard. As they execute their idea, however, the club butts heads about how they should do it, and friendships become strained. Can Ren learn to ask for help and welcome other people's suggestions? The plot is well written and engaging. The characters are a little underdeveloped but likable and relatable. Scenes with family and friends are authentic to kids and help to draw readers into the story. Illustrations feature detailed, well-drawn sketches using different shades of gray, black, and white. The eye-catching art spans anywhere from one- to two-page spreads. The book's characters form a diverse cast: Alana and Ethan are Black, and Ren and her family are Chinese. VERDICT Readers who like friendship stories, food novels, and new-kid books will want to pick this one up. Recommended for library collections where friendship stories are popular.-Kira Moody © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798384924470	Renegade	Corrigan, Jim	
LVIS	9780063449589	Renegades #2 The Broken City	Hunter, Erin	
LVIS	9781626723115	Revolutionary Mary : the true story of one woman, the Declaration of Indpendence, and America's fight for freedom	Blumenthal, Karen	School Library Journal starred (January 1, 2025) Gr 3-5-Be ready to welcome a much-needed spotlight narrative on a woman who fought for free press and liberty. Mary Katharine Goddard printed and published newspapers and pamphlets in Maryland during the Revolutionary War. She had a tenacity and boldness about her professional work that was not commonly seen in women during the era. Goddard was tasked with the important mission of printing copies of the signed Declaration of Independence for wider distribution throughout the colonies and risked her own safety by signing her name as publisher to what was, of course, a treasonous document. The art enhances this tale tenfold by making readers feel and vicariously suffer the hard work Goddard endured. Every word used to emphasize the impact of Goddard's work drives readers to know more. Important back matter gives helpful context to the life of Goddard and the printing business. VERDICT An excellent purchase recommended to any library seeking to embolden readers of a new kind of revolutionary leader.-Lindsey Morrison © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780593712306	Rex Rocket. 1,Cosmic wiener dog	Gallagher, John	School Library Journal (July 1, 2026) Gr 1-4-Captain Rex Rocket and his misfit crew are voyaging through the galaxy on their hot dog-shaped spaceship with a very important mission: to protect a crucial energy resource from certain pillaging. Sent by mission leader General Dill, Rex and his food and animal compatriots-a rabbit named Dr. B(unny), a banana named Lieutenant Peele, and an ironically fearful shark named Ensign-must help King Krog preserve his mining of Element X, which is essential for powering ships. But Element X is mined at a detrimental environmental cost, and so the heroes must consider whether they really want to be in business with the not-so-ethical King Krog. Gallagher, the creator of the "Max Meow" graphic novel series, has crafted an interstellar farce with a surprising amount of depth. The story engages in subjects like environmental preservation and the destructive power of corporate greed, while remaining accessible. Young readers will be drawn in by the campy characters and goofy premise. VERDICT Kids will dig Rex Rocket's ridiculous cosmic high jinks. A solid complement to the franchises of "Captain Underpants" and "Dog Man."-Sarah Simpson © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780316601887	Rise of the rebels	Brooks, Kit	School Library Journal (April 1, 2026) Gr 5-7-In this second "Last Immortals" installment, readers meet Zephyr, a captive-born axolotl living peacefully with his sister Luna until humans drug and transport them for sale as pets. When their vehicle crashes, the siblings' box spills onto the roadside. Zephyr hides under a leaf until rain sweeps him into a lake-but where is Luna? Zephyr's desperate search becomes a survival adventure. He learns to feed himself, evade predators, and discern which wild axolotls are trustworthy. He encounters three factions: the Rebels, led by shady, mobsterlike Jasper, who promises to find Luna if Zephyr becomes his "second" and uses violence to recruit others; the Immortals, led by Ariel, who follow rigid, religiouslike tenets, including prioritizing the group, regeneration of limbs, and attaining immortality; and a small, unaffiliated group avoiding the political nastiness. All agree humans pose the greatest threat through pollution, water toxicity, and deadly algae blooms. This title keeps students reading to discover Luna's fate, which faction prevails, and whether Zephyr's choices keep him safe. The life-or-death action reads like a mystery-crime mob thriller while weaving together ethical and moral themes. The closing "Axolotl Facts" section provides information on this critically endangered, mythic animal. VERDICT Middle grade students will enjoy Zephyr's journey, which combines adventure, ecological themes, and the universal importance of family, friends, and belonging into a compelling narrative.-Ruth Quiroa © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798886875409	Roblox	Green, Sara	
LVIS	9798225037444	Robot Battle	Avatar, Ari	
LVIS	9780593750421	Rocky and Nova don't need doors	Powell, Corey	
LVIS	9781523526581	Rohan Murthy has a plan	LaRocca, Rajani	Kirkus Reviews (May 15, 2024) LaRocca picks up the baton for this latest in the series, each of which is written by a different middle-grade author and follows a different student in Mrs. Z's third grade class. Mrs. Z announces that Curiosity Academy has a new garden. To help raise money for it, Rohan decides to start a pet-care business—an odd choice, as his younger sister, Kavya, points out, given that he dislikes animals. Ever since he was bitten by his music teacher's cat, he worries that all pets bite. His parents insist that he prove he's responsible enough. So when Mrs. Z tells the students that they may sign up to take Honey, the class guinea pig, home for a weekend, Rohan jumps at the chance. Though he's afraid, he's determined, and when Honey gets frightened during a thunderstorm and goes missing, Rohan learns another valuable lesson: "It's easier to get over being scared with a friend." The premise of this lightweight, sweet tale feels a bit unrealistic; most kids who are nervous around animals likely wouldn't volunteer to take the class pet home, much less start a pet-related business. Still, the resolution is heartening. LaRocca captures sibling dynamics ably; Rohan and Kavya squabble but ultimately support one another. Mrs. Z is brown-skinned in the upbeat, expressive illustrations; Rohan and his family are cued South Asian. Final art not seen. Quietly uplifting and encouraging. (Chapter book. 6-9)
LVIS	9798765623558	Roman Reigns vs. Hulk Hogan : who would win?	Anderson, Josh	School Library Journal (April 1, 2024) Gr 4-6-Sports fans endlessly debate which athletes and teams are the best, and this series entices young fans to consider and compare great athletes from past eras with current stars. Each title begins with a memorable moment, such as 14-year-old Nadia Comaneci becoming the first gymnast to score a perfect 10 in the 1976 Summer Olympics. Nadia is matched with Simone Biles, and subsequent chapters trace each athlete's development and career. Each book ends with a summation to determine which athlete was best, but allows readers to make their own decisions. The writing is straightforward, with colorful photos and factoids in sidebars. Soccer fans will relish the comparison of legends Pelé and Lionel Messi, both shorter than average in height. VERDICT The inclusion of four great female athletes is welcome, and this series will be a hit with sports fans. © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798875287015	Roman Soldiers Vs. Knights : an Ancient Warrior Smackdown	Sautter, Aaron	
LVIS	9780316515429	Roswell Johnson saves the galaxy!	Colfer, Chris	

LVIS	9780316515047	Roswell Johnson saves the world!	Colfer, Chris	School Library Journal Xpress (June 14, 2024) Gr 4-7-Colfer's newest novel delivers a fast-paced science fiction adventure splashed with truth. Seventh grader Roswell Johnson was named after the famed 1947 UFO event in Roswell, NM. Raised by his grandparents and with both parents deceased, Roswell remembers enough of his father to have inherited his love of science, particularly involving planets, space, and aliens. Although others don't ascribe to his belief in extraterrestrials, Roswell gets an up-close and personal experience when he is accidentally abducted by a pair of aliens who want some DNA from a chicken to add to their collection. Roswell is sent on a whirlwind tour of the universe in a quest to save Earth from the Reptoids, an evil set of reptilian-like aliens bent on universal domination. Roswell, who is Black, is wise beyond his years in his knowledge of space, and converses easily with primarily adult aliens who all speak in English, with the exception of a cyborg who only speaks with beeps and boops. Readers will find Roswell kind, empathetic, and winning as he navigates his way around the universe with a cast of characters from various planets and dimensions in space. Colfer has nicely set up this 400-plus page novel for a sequel, much like his "Land of Stories" series. VERDICT A first purchase for libraries seeking adventurous science fiction mingled with facts about the universe.-Tracy Cronce © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781419794896	Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Spooky Stories 2	Jeff Kinney	Fans of Greg Heffley and the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series by Jeff Kinney get a chance to dive into the twisted, unexpectedly hilarious world of Rowley's imagination, where you'll meet monsters, ghouls, oversized insects, and even more spooky surprises!
LVIS	9798765684573	Rubik's Cube : an unofficial kids' guide	Walker, Tracy Sue	
LVIS	9780593858882	Ruby Rene always gets her way	Iman, Ashley	
LVIS	9781423185161	Rules of the house	Barnett, Mac	School Library Journal (June 1, 2016) K-Gr 2-Ian likes rules. His older sister Jenny does not. The woodsy vacation house where their family is spending the summer comes with a posted set of rules, including a prohibition against opening a certain red door. Naturally, Jenny ignores all the rules, even the one about the red door. Her defiant opening of this door during an argument with Ian changes the genre of the story from realistic to fantastical, as all the household devices whose rules she's ignored ("Remove muddy shoes before you enter the house") come alive, each claiming that it will have rule-breaking Jenny for dinner. As the errant rug and appliances chop vegetables and sing made-up songs, Ian saves the day by citing a rule that they themselves have broken, giving Jenny the opportunity to help scare the creatures away. An early page showing trails through the woods literally causes the plot to wander, but occasional pages featuring just one line of text add suspenseful pacing. Painterly illustrations quickly transform frightening images into comical ones, creating a mixture of silliness and creepiness-and alert viewers will notice the red eyes on the stove and rug just before they awaken. VERDICT A scary but silly sibling story about times when breaking the rules might just be okay. The perfect read to prepare for a stay at a vacation house.-Jill Ratzan, Congregation Kol Emet, Yardley, PA © Copyright 2016. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781665989282	Ryan Vs. Romance	McCullough, Joy	
LVIS	9781098288877	Sam Kerr	Abdo, Kenny	School Library Journal (November 1, 2025) Gr 1-3-Each book in this photo-rich series profiles a professional soccer player from their early life through their professional career and highlights their accomplishments, including major awards and game wins. While it does not offer play-by-play accounts of matches, it gives readers a solid sense of each player's journey and achievements. The writing is simple enough for emerging readers while still offering detail to hold kids' interest and build their knowledge. The books are filled with colorful action photos that bring the players and their stories to life, with images that emphasize key points in the text. Each book includes a table of contents, a glossary, online resources, and an index. VERDICT A fine series for soccer fans who enjoy lots of photos and accessible information. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798875287022	Samurai Vs. Ninjas : an Ancient Warrior Smackdown	Sautter, Aaron	
LVIS	9798875294228	Saquon Barkley : Record-Setting Running Back	Van Cleave, Ryan G	
LVIS	9781250359957	Sashimi and the Field Trip of Doom	Santat, Dan	School Library Journal (June 1, 2026) Gr 2-5-It's time to head back to Barnacle Bay for another day of hijinks and lessons with Sashimi, the sea creature. While on his first field trip, the giggling guppy can't help but play the clown for his friends, leading to his bus banishment and wandering on foot. Disruption descends into a chaotically funny manhunt, which turns into a full-town frenzy to find and save the missing child. It takes silly coincidences and the quick wits of his growing family of friends to keep this fish from floundering. Like the works of Dav Pilkey, this title relishes in its juvenile humor. A fart joke becomes a schoolyard-worthy fart sequence of epic proportions, fully supported by an art style built on exaggerated expressions. Young fans of this comedic form will find themselves floored. But the shenanigans don't end there, going so hard that Sashimi's comic gets thrown into a new medium: felt. In an educational portion of the book, Santat even describes the basic felting process. Other lessons come in the form of brief subject asides as Sashimi encounters new things. While moments of curiosity and friendship are treated respectfully, Santat always envelopes them within the comedic tone of the rest of the book. VERDICT When Santat sends a sea creature to school and silliness of this degree ensues, librarians should start fishing for copies.-Rachel Forbes © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798765661420	Sauce Gardner vs. Deion Sanders : who would win?	Ridge, Yolanda	
LVIS	9798384941705	Savannah Bananas	Riccardi, Noah	
LVIS	9798881609719	Save Royal Palace! : an unofficial Roblox story		
LVIS	9781668838310	Saving the Stegosaurus	Stone, Rex	
LVIS	9781433845598	Sawyer's big idea	Horch, Kimberly	
LVIS	9798225029227	Scare Bear	Alexander, K. R	School Library Journal (August 1, 2026) Gr 4-6-Gideon likes who he is, even if others define him as mean or a bully. He is interested in getting what he wants, and being kind to his friends or parents is rarely a priority-especially if being kind prevents his goals. This journey of self-over-others starts unraveling at Gideon's ninth birthday party. His parents invite everyone from his class to his party, and everyone comes, more out of obligation than desire to be there. At that party, in seemingly benign wrapping, Gideon receives a teddy bear that begins his downfall. The bear sets Gideon on a journey of self-discovery, as he experiences what it truly means to be the victim of a bully-and what happens when others can see what he really thinks. Along the way, he learns who his genuine friends are and what it means to be a friend in return. Fans of Alexander will once again be captivated by the fast-paced scares and suspenseful plot. Brief chapters and mounting tension will keep pages eagerly turning until the final reveal. This novel offers more than a typical horror mystery; Gideon's transformation demonstrates how actions have consequences, even when they seem private or insignificant. VERDICT Readers will gain insight into the impact of bullying and the repercussions that accompany harmful behavior in this delightfully chilling tale.-Jennifer Seebauer © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798225067977	Scholastic Book of World Records 2027		It's another incredible year for world records, social media sensations, and pop culture phenomena! This must-have guide to 2027 covers everything from science, tech, sports, music, movies, animals, and more.Another year of amazing world records, plus all the latest and greatest pop-culture moments! Read all about the biggest, best, and most buzzworthy world records in music, movies, sports, technology, video games, science, nature, states, and animals.
LVIS	9798225005030	Scholastic Year in Sports 2026	James Buckley	The ultimate book for young sports fans is back with the past year's top sports stories.Look back on another year in sports with Scholastic, featuring exciting and all-new coverage for 2025.
LVIS	9780358193326	School of phantoms	Merritt, Kory	School Library Journal starred (October 1, 2021) Gr 4-6-When creepy haunted snowmen show up overnight in Cowslip Grove, Levi and Kat are determined to get to the bottom of the monstrous visitors. In the first installment of the series, they defeated the Boojum King, an evil spirit from another world, and they worry that he is back to torment more children in their town. A horrendous blizzard blankets Cowslip Grove, leaving the students and teachers snowed in at school, where most end up hypnotized by the Boojum King. It's up to Levi and Kat, who are white, to free everyone from the trance before it's too late. This is a beautifully creepy tale that even those who haven't read the first title will appreciate. This interactive text encourages readers to engage in the critically important skill of "reading with a discerning eye" and learning "to separate fact from hoax," as readers are invited to play detective with the evidence provided. Merritt presents the story in a mix of black-and-white comics and prose. Varying in style from cartoonish to more realistic, images depict footage from cell phones and school security cameras, as well as a science journal of strange creatures. Illustrations enhance the tone as it shifts from spooky to comedic. VERDICT This must-read science- and nature-infused horror story is a rare text that truly captivates and stimulates readers' minds and imaginations.-Angie Jameson, Chagrin Falls Exempted Village Schs., OH © Copyright 2021. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781610672207	Scorpion sting	D'Ath, Justin	
LVIS	9798217141876	Scrap	Bass, Guy	Booklist (August 2026 (Vol. 122, No. 22)) Grades 4-8. Sisters Gnat and Paige are using a device invented by their mother, Dandelion Brightside, in search of the King of the Robots. They live on a space outpost (known simply as Somewhere 513) that was originally intended for human occupation, but the robots sent to set it up have taken over. When the duo finally locate the King of the Robots, a K1-NG mechanoid (also built by their mother), he seems like nothing but a shell of his former glory. Although his case looks like scrap metal—earning him the name Scrap from the sisters—his core is strong and unparalleled. Scrap is initially reluctant to get involved, since he paid a heavy price being aligned with humans during the earlier robot rebellion. Worse, once he joins Gnat and Paige, he attracts the attention of the devious and deceptive Mayor Harmony Highshine. With strong world building and interesting secondary characters like Gunner Kill-U (who spouts humorously mangled versions of idioms such as “shoot yourself” instead of “suit yourself”), this futuristic adventure tale is both out of this world and ever relevant.
LVIS	9780593972014	Search for the Ice Chaffy	Smart, Jamie	
LVIS	9798368748030	Search for the silver shell	Yardi, Robin	School Library Journal (March 1, 2025) Gr 1-3-Princess Finn, daughter of Queen Ula, and her friends Moon and Link are Coral Keepers-in-training: they are mastering their specific magical abilities to help protect their mermaid "queendom." As Finn is failing her Coral Keepers test for the fourth time, an exiled mermaid called Rozaro threatens the queendom with magic stolen from Finn's disappeared father. Rozaro puts all the other Coral Keepers under a sleeping spell and imprisons Queen Ula in a cage made of currents. It's up to Finn and her friends to undertake a mission to collect the famed Silver Shell, which they can use to defeat Rozaro. Courage and cooperation rule the day in this magical tale for newly independent readers ready to transition from early reader chapter books to more complicated plots and higher page counts. A spicy battle scene introduces mild violence, but encouragement among friends shines through. The story ends with a cliffhanger, sending readers to the next installment in the series. Back matter includes discussion questions. VERDICT Fantasy writing for new-ish readers is growing increasingly robust, and this exciting series starter is proof.-Rachel Owens © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780593858257	Searching for wocks	Knisley, Lucy	School Library Journal Xpress (June 12, 2026) PreS-Gr 1-A child in a yellow raincoat, green boots, and red mittens searches for "wocks" on a walk to the playground, picking up various treasures to add to their collection. The story is firmly rooted in the child's perspective. The adult-tolerant, amused, and indulgent-is never fully pictured (like the adults in Peanuts), but they do snap a photo of the wocks on the picnic table and guard them while the child plays. Back home after the outing, the child adds the wocks to a box labeled "MY ROCKS." There is a lovely, nearly wordless spread of the child's-eye view looking down into the box so readers can admire the googly eye, Scrabble tile, leaf, bottle cap, dice, seashell, token, and rocks. The text is conveyed through the child; there are no quotation marks, but some seem to be dialogue, and some are thoughts ("I wonder if I have a million wocks yet"). The child seems to pronounce the letter "r" now, so perhaps "wocks" is an old, affectionate word still in use. This is a great companion to Lisa Varchol Perron and Taylor Perron's All the Rocks We Love, Pat Zietlow Miller's What Can You Do with a Rock?, or Kristin Mahoney's A Pocket Full of Rocks. VERDICT A gem to add to any collection.-Jenny Arch © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781482478945	Secrets of Magic and Illusion	Cooke, Tim	

LVIS	9780316555296	Secrets of the purple pearl	McKinnon, Kate	Booklist (August 2025 (Vol. 121, No. 22)) Grades 4-6. Their escape from the dismal Versagenschule (School for Failures) in Ügottobekiddingme, Austria, leads to a fresh round of mad-science adventures for foundling “sisters” Gertrude, Dee-Dee, and Eugenia Porch at the posh Purple Pearl Hotel on the shores of New England’s Lake Kagloopy. “Mad science,” writes McKinnon in the guise of fictive narrator Dr. G. Edwina Candlestank, “is more than brains in jars and lightning rods (though it is VERY MUCH those things as well),” and here the sisters must not only learn to see through the eyes of a potato but brave hazards ranging from deadly Librarian Falcons to an entire lake set volcanically aboil in a desperate, doomed effort to keep the nefarious Krenetics Research Association from snatching the fabulous treasure for which the hotel is named. Will they succeed, even with beloved, intrepid schoolmistress Millicent Quibb on their side? Readers will be right to doubt, but any who enjoy tales featuring melodramatic typography, gothic illustrations, chancy creatures like Praying Mantis Bunnies, people and places with silly names, and resourceful orphans battling hopeless odds will happily dive in.
LVIS	9780061723834	Seekers : Kallik's adventure	Jolley, Dan	
LVIS	9780061723803	Seekers : Toklo's story	Jolley, Dan	
LVIS	9798886879568	Sega	Green, Sara	Booklist (August 2024 (Vol. 120, No. 22)) Grades 3-8. The Behind the Brand series (4 new titles) shares the history of popular brands in the U.S. through visually appealing hi/lo readers through short paragraphs and plenty of large, colorful photos and infographics. Each entry opens by showing young people interacting with the brand and continues with a brief overview of the brand’s products, earnings, headquarters, and founder. The bulk of the books covers the creation of the brand and its rise to fame. While emphasizing the brand’s most recognized game, Sonic the Hedgehog, Sega traces the evolution of the company, from early arcade games to consoles to a games-only producer. The volumes conclude with a look at each brand’s charitable efforts.
LVIS	9780593699638	Serafina makes waves	Burgess, Matthew	School Library Journal starred (November 1, 2025) Gr 1-2-Despite the fact that Serafina loathes water, the "Powers that Be" (her parents) have decided that the time has come for her to learn how to swim. Serafina finds herself at the edge of "a disgusting pit of seething water." Her friend Lennie, a goofy dog in hilarious swim trunks, gets overexcited and knocks Serafina's stuffed animal, Noodles, into the water. A split-second decision to rescue her beloved friend finds Serafina "horrified, flabbergasted and gobsmacked" in a soaking wet "cat-astrophe." Once the shock subsides, Serafina finds that she loves the water! Readers will enjoy seeing all her water exploits, including a grand finale of Serafina water skiing. The pictures capture Serafina's emotional journey from disgust to triumph, and readers, especially those with a water aversion, will connect with this child's plight and laugh right along with her aquatic adventures. VERDICT Rich vocabulary and a hilarious water-hating cat make this a stellar choice; highly recommended and highly enjoyable.-John Scott © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780063357525	Seven million steps : the true story of Dick Gregory's Run for the Hungry	Barnes, Derrick	School Library Journal Xpress starred (February 13, 2026) K-Gr 3-This inspiring picture book shares the story of a run across the United States in 1976 to raise awareness of hunger. The story is written in second-person point of view to help readers see the events from activist Dick Gregory's (1932-2017) perspective. "You're no machine. You're just a somebody who's trying to do the right thing," it reads. Riveting oil paintings capture the loneliness of running through the deserts of Arizona, the solemn face of Muhammad Ali as he joins the run for a while, and the weary eyes of a mother looking into an empty kitchen cabinet. Readers are asked to imagine what they would do if they knew someone who went to bed hungry every night. Back matter includes Gregory's own description of the purpose of his cross-country marathon, how many miles were run per day, and an explanation of the difference between hunger and food insecurity. There are author's notes from both writers, in which Christian Gregory (Dick's son) asks readers, "What steps can you take to make the world better?" VERDICT Helpful coverage of an overlooked example of social activism; useful for lessons on civic engagement and role models.-Suzanne Costner © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798225061777	Sew Totally Nala	Misako Rocks!	The third middle grade graphic novel set in the Bounce Back world! Nala loves fashion - especially kawaii fashion, inspired by Japanese streetwear. And Nala is about to have the best summer ever, as she attends a special fashion camp in the city.
LVIS	9781546127024	Shadow Play	Poblocki, Dan	School Library Journal Xpress (June 26, 2026) Gr 5-7-Sisters Shelby and Jane visit their grandparents in the New York Catskills over winter break, just having registered the news that Dad has Parkinson's disease. The sisters are curious and start exploring the nearby Limelight Manor theater camp, which is rumored to be haunted by an old psychic. Soon the ghosts come out to play, appearing like shadow puppets. Poblocki includes old-fashioned lingo from classic kid sleuth series like "Nancy Drew" with expressions, such as "slow as molasses," and the girls go to the library to research on microfilm. The only modern influences are bad cell phone signals and séances with a Magic 8 Ball. The sisters gain investigative help from neighborhood brothers Liam, Felix, and Octave, but there isn't any deeper friendship or romance. Overall, this is not too frightful and leaves room for a sequel. Other themes include the power of art to save lives and how seasonal weather has an isolating effect on people's moods. Poblocki also alludes to Arthur Miller's The Crucible regarding the fear of the unknown. Shelby and Jane are cued white. VERDICT Camping and theater buffs will gravitate to this creepy horror mystery that seeks to resolve past trauma.-Laura Dooley-Taylor © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781610671194	Shark bait	D'Ath, Justin	
LVIS	9798318935237	Sharknado warning	Mara, Maddy	School Library Journal Xpress (March 20, 2026) Gr 2-4-In a series opener, Max and his parents plan to go scuba diving, but Max stays behind on the boat after hearing that a superyacht sunk in the area. A great white shark attacks the boat, tossing Max into the water. The shark then gifts him a silver infinity pendant that turns Max into the shark while the shark becomes a boy named Hector, who Max encountered in the dive shop. Max discovers Hector's friends looting the sunken superyacht, and the adventures begin with underwater chases by humans and sea creatures alike. Formatted as a short chapter book with black-and-white illustrations, this story starts with a high-stakes underwater scene likely to catch young readers' attentions. Max's first moments as a shark include interwoven, factual information about the species, but most of the story focuses on immediate danger. While Max's predicament has undeniable appeal and will hold reader interest, the lack of a backstory about Max, his personality, or the location is unfortunate. The dialogue is often declarative with little zest. On the cover, Max is depicted with brown hair and skin. VERDICT An early chapter book about a boy who becomes a shark is a winning premise despite its bare-bones dressing. While not essential, many libraries will find an audience for it.-Caitlin Augusta © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780593904718	Sharks in Kansas : the ancient sea in the middle of America	Stewart, Melissa	School Library Journal Xpress (June 26, 2026) K-Gr 4-This nonfiction picture book's curious title proposes a simple but intriguing question. Sharks in Kansas? It's true! Eighty-five million years ago, the Western Interior Seaway covered the central portion of what is now North America. The book opens with a full-page spread of a car driving down a Kansas country road surrounded by a sea of green farmland. The next page presents an expansive spread picturing the fossil of a huge swimming reptile displayed at a museum. From beach to waves to the depths of the seabed, each spread immerses readers more deeply into the historic landscape and the incredible creatures that called the seaway habitat home. Dinosaurs like the 12-foot-tall Claosaurus strolled the seaway's beaches, and bird ancestors like Hesperornis, a 20-pound seabird, floated on its waves, all above an impressive population of mollusks, fish, and aquatic reptiles. Stewart's brief but detailed text and Stadtlander's rich gouache illustrations make this prehistoric world breathtakingly tangible. When the narrative resurfaces to the present day to present the seaway fossil record found in Colorado and Kansas, the sense of having passed through many millennia is subtle yet intense. Stewart's text explicates prehistoric creatures further in marginal fact boxes; information on plate tectonics and an extensive bibliography are included in the book's back matter. VERDICT This thoughtfully crafted picture book for young dinosaur enthusiasts is an impressive feat of early elementary nonfiction.-Emilia Packard © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798347101696	Sherlock Roach and the case of the crunchy crumb	McGee, Joe	School Library Journal Xpress starred (March 27, 2026) Gr 3-7-Young readers' love of mysteries will be well served with this first book in a new series by McGee. Sherlock Roach is the greatest detective in Bugopolis. With his assistant, Dr. Wormston, the story's narrator, the two are quickly drawn into the case of who stole Lucille Ladybug's crunchy crumb. Illustrated in attractive comic book panel-style drawings and using speech bubbles, the story is easy to follow, complemented by Ho's two-color line drawings. Easily understood Briticisms and homages to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's classic mysteries are scattered throughout the pages. When Sherlock Roach has solved the case, the author seizes an educational opportunity to provide readers with pages of fun facts about the mystery's bug suspects: ladybugs, flies, cockroaches, centipedes, and crickets. Sherlock Roach closes the book promising a sequel. VERDICT A buggy, kid-friendly twist on a classic mystery series; recommended for purchase.-Cheryl Blevens © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781482477771	Shocking Sea Life	Wood, Alix	
LVIS	9798348028428	Shohei Ohtani vs. David Ortiz : who would win?	Douglas, Peter	School Library Journal (April 1, 2026) Gr 2-4-The newest titles in this ongoing series continue the familiar format of comparing two high-profile athletes to examine whose career had the greater impact. Each book introduces both athletes, explores their early lives, highlights major accomplishments, and compares key statistics to support the discussion. This season's matchup Shohei Ohtani vs. David Ortiz is likely to be especially popular, driven by Ohtani's current visibility and appeal with young readers. Football, basketball, and soccer titles are also featured this season, maintaining the series' broad sports coverage. The writing is clear, direct, and fact-focused, making the content easy to follow. Bold layouts, full-page photographs, and strong graphics help sustain interest and make these books accessible to reluctant readers. VERDICT A strong addition for collections serving sports fans and students drawn to high-interest nonfiction. © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781250882059	Shook	Randall, Julian	School Library Journal starred (June 1, 2026) Gr 6 Up-Malik Page, otherwise known as Shake, is an eighth-grade basketball player who lives on the West Side of Chicago. He hopes to make his school's varsity team and one day be drafted into the NBA. But then he fractures his ankle, and his vision for the future becomes uncertain. The resulting medical bills and the pressure to succeed leave Malik feeling overwhelmed. He begins to have panic attacks and withdraws from his family and friends. The author tells Malik's story through free-verse poems filled with hip-hop lingo, creative typography, and occasional black-and-white illustrations. The first-person narrative includes dialogue, list poems, and group chat transcripts that create an emotionally compelling story rich with imagery and rhythm. Basketball fans will understand the references to famous players and basketball terms, while readers unfamiliar with the sport will still be able to identify with Malik's struggle to overcome anxiety and find confidence in himself. The use of white space and the engaging format make the text more accessible to reluctant readers. Malik and his teammates are Black, and one friend identifies as queer. VERDICT Highly recommended for fans of Kwame Alexander's The Crossover, this book will appeal to middle and high school students.-Maile Steimer © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798899131011	Short game grind : a golf story	Jones, Jordan	
LVIS	9798348043421	Short-Track Racing Engines Unleashed	Hamilton, Logan	
LVIS	9781482479065	Signals from Beyond	Bow, James	
LVIS	9781665941693	Signs of friendship	Silvestro, Annie	Kirkus Reviews (January 1, 2025) A child feels left out when her BFF meets someone new. Sally and Sonia have been friends since they were “smaller than small,” sharing laughter, tears, and, after Sonia’s deafness is discovered, sign language. One day, Sally shares an idea that’s “greater than great”: planting a flower and vegetable garden. Sally and Sonia happily spend sunny days in their garden and rainy days in their clubhouse—until a young boy named Dev and his puppy, Pops, move in next door. Sally likes Dev but finds Pops too exuberant for her liking. So while Sonia spends her time with Dev and Pops, Sally sadly tends the garden and visits the clubhouse alone. One afternoon, Dev accidentally lets go of Pops’ leash, and the dog tramples the garden. Initially, Sally is “madder than mad,” but when she opens up about her loneliness, Sonia explains that Sally is still her best friend, and Dev is lonely after moving away from his own best friend. Dev, who’s learned some signs, apologizes, and Sally and Sonia welcome him and Pops to their clubhouse. The alliterative, rhythmic text makes for an ideal read-aloud, and the gentle resolution encourages communication and empathy. Characters’ matter-of-fact attitude toward Sonia’s deafness is refreshing, and Chen, herself deaf, clearly depicts their American Sign Language signs in sunny, expressive cartoon illustrations. Sonia has light skin; Sally and Dev have brown skin and curly hair. A warm, inclusive take on friendship and conflict resolution. (glossary of signs, author’s and illustrator’s notes, resources) (Picture book. 4-7)
LVIS	9798765623572	Simone Biles vs. Nadia Comaneci : who would win?	Anderson, Josh	School Library Journal (April 1, 2024) Gr 4-6-Sports fans endlessly debate which athletes and teams are the best, and this series entices young fans to consider and compare great athletes from past eras with current stars. Each title begins with a memorable moment, such as 14-year-old Nadia Comaneci becoming the first gymnast to score a perfect 10 in the 1976 Summer Olympics. Nadia is matched with Simone Biles, and subsequent chapters trace each athlete's development and career. Each book ends with a summation to determine which athlete was best, but allows readers to make their own decisions. The writing is straightforward, with colorful photos and factoids in sidebars. Soccer fans will relish the comparison of legends Pelé and Lionel Messi, both shorter than average in height. VERDICT The inclusion of four great female athletes is welcome, and this series will be a hit with sports fans. © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798898801052	Six Flags	Davies, Monika	
LVIS	9781665912761	Skandar and the phantom rider	Steadman, A. F	Kirkus Reviews (June 15, 2023) Unbonded unicorns are being killed, and the Island is destined for destruction unless Skandar and his friends can stop it. Skandar and his friends are in their second year at the Eyrie, the Island’s school. In their first year, the quartet and their bonded unicorns thwarted the Weaver’s plan to attack the Mainland, as related in Skandar and the Unicorn Thief (2022). They were shocked to discover that the Weaver is Skandar’s estranged mother—and now they suspect she’s behind the present terrors. The violent murders of the wild unicorns are gruesomely described. Adding to the chaos, young riders are being possessed, causing them to harm others. Lastly, the Weaver has brought Kenna, Skandar’s sister, to the Island as part of her nefarious plan. In the meantime, the Island is self-destructing due to imbalances in its magic, which is deeply intertwined with the wild unicorns’ well-being. Whether Skandar and his friends can save the Island depends on whether they can decipher the clues in a bard’s ominous truesong. The backstory of this world is expanding, and readers must have read the first volume to understand the developments here as the Weaver’s schemes are slowly revealed and the web grows increasingly dense. Eager fans will remain committed to the intrigue that is sure to deepen in the next installment. Riveting. (map) (Fantasy. 8-12)

LVIS	9798875290589	Skater's secret	Maddox, Jake	
LVIS	9798225089405	Sleepless	Gordon Korman	From the #1 bestselling author of RESTART, the story of five kids who are up all night every night... and desperate to find out why. There's not enough time in the day. How often have Mickey, Skye, Levi, Cyrus, and Thea thought that? Well, now they have plenty of extra time... because they no longer need to sleep. None of them knows why this is happening to them. All they know is that they have to keep it a secret from their families and their friends. And while they keep it a secret, they can use their extra hours to become better than everyone else. Each of them thinks they're alone in their sleeplessness. But once they find each other, they know it can't be just an accident. Suddenly they're forced to ask: What's keeping them awake at night?
LVIS	9780316582254	Sleuths on the loose	Karber, G. T	Booklist (September 1, 2025 (Online)) Grades 4-6. In this whodunit meets logic puzzle, middle-school student-detective Jake teams up with an unlikely group to solve the mystery of their missing teacher, Miss Saffron. Using the skills taught by her detective club mentor, she knows to narrow things down to four suspects, four locations, and four weapons. There are nods to Clue, including all characters having color names (e.g., Coach Raspberry, Mother Mauve, Sister Lapis), but the final piece of the puzzle isn’t introduced until the very end, compelling readers to continue on to solve the mystery. Despite being the first in a series, readers should be aware that the story line picks up from Karber’s logic-puzzle books. Perhaps because of the introduction of a second author (Grabenstein), the tone and writing style feel muddled—both too kiddish and too adult in word choice to accurately sound like today’s preteen. Nevertheless, puzzle fanatics will be engaged, and the book ends with a clue for the next mystery, promising more curious cases to come.
LVIS	9780593529812	Small things mended	Robinson, Casey W	School Library Journal Xpress starred (May 24, 2024) K-Gr 3-This is a soft and gentle book sharing the importance of community and friendship in healing a broken heart. The story begins with Cecil, an elderly man with a "good eye," who hears the laughter of his young neighbor, Lily. When a cartwheel causes Lily's watch to break, Cecil promises he will try to fix it to make her smile again. When he is successful, news quickly spreads just as Cecil also remembers how much he enjoyed fixing things. In the end, a pink elephant with a broken heart helps Cecil unlock his own path to happiness. There is much a young reader might miss in this nuanced tale. The story doesn't explicitly say that Cecil is sad and lonely, but Whitesides's translucent watercolors show framed photos of a spouse no longer there. VERDICT While on the surface this appears to be a quiet and muted narrative, it can spark lengthy discussions about the importance of community, the beauty of fixing things rather than discarding them, and the path to healing after immeasurable loss.-Heidi Dechief © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781452144221	Smash, crash, topple, roll! : the inventive Rube Goldberg a life in comics, contraptions, and six simple machines	Thimmesh, Catherine	School Library Journal (February 1, 2025) Gr 2-6-This fun picture book biography of the puzzle icon doubles as inspiration for STEM-loving children to create their own Rube Goldberg machines. Thimmesh's engaging text explains who Goldberg was before providing real-life examples of famous Goldberg machines that spring to life with McCloskey's cartoon-style artwork. The chain reactions in these complicated machines are broken down into six simple machines: the lever, the wheel and axle, the inclined plane, the wedge, the screw, and the pulley. These physics examples are interspersed with more biographical information. While some of the science goes in-depth and is best suited to older elementary and even middle school students, the youngest of budding inventors will get a physics primer and enjoy the playful and colorful illustrations. Back matter includes a glossary; a lengthy list of sources; and lists of websites with videos of some contraptions, contests, and makerspaces. VERDICT An excellent physics primer and inspiration for young engineers who enjoy creating their own machines to perform simple tasks.-Carrie Voliva © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798999815057	Snack disaster	Thomas, Ryan	
LVIS	9780375860119	Snakes and other reptiles	Osborne, Mary Pope	Horn Book Guide (Fall 2011) Jack and Annie of the popular Magic Tree House series ostensibly narrate this educational but non-essential survey of the main reptile species, with occasional animal-rights-themed asides and interesting sidebar detours (e.g., "Why Are Birds Reptiles?"). Magic Tree House illustrator Murdocca's contributions link this book with the franchise, but the arresting black-and-white photos serve the text better. Reading list, websites. Ind.
LVIS	9781482479812	Snakes Strike!	Richards, Derrick	
LVIS	9780062393944	Snoodles!	Carman, Patrick	
LVIS	9798887353739	Snow	Earley, Christina	
LVIS	9781683695127	Snuggle season	MacGibbon, Jaimie	School Library Journal (October 1, 2025) PreS-Gr 1-Two kids spend a snow day with their parents and pets playing in the snow, baking yummy treats, and taking a warm bath before bed. The kids have brown skin like their dad. Mom is pale-skinned. Warm illustrations with gentle lighting feel super cozy, the artwork capturing moonlight on snow, lamplight on blankets, and firelight on sleeping pets. The text is pleasantly repetitive-the word "snuggles"appears on almost every page. Many scenes span two pages, like an especially delicious view of cookies baking from inside the oven. This is a charming story about staying warm physically and emotionally on a cold winter day. Back matter advertises future books in a series of seasons. VERDICT A great start to a whole year of books to look forward to. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780385386296	Soccer	Osborne, Mary Pope	Horn Book Guide (Spring 2015) Chatty text describes the popularity, history, rules, and star players of the sport. World Cup information is outdated, but this is more than made up for by the compelling final chapter, "Soccer Changes Lives" (for example, in Sudan, rehab for former child soldiers includes learning the sport). Cartoony illustrations and black-and-white photos are included, as is research guidance. Reading list, websites. Ind.
LVIS	9781546159612	Soccer simulator	Avatar, Ari	
LVIS	9798887242200	Sonic the Hedgehog™: Adventure Awaits	Ian Flynn; Evan Stanley; Gale Galligan	The action-packed saga continues as Sonic and crew zip around in search of fun but find trouble instead! But don't worry. No bad guy can keep Sonic from a good time.
LVIS	9798887244877	Sonic the Hedgehog™: Misadventures	Evan Stanley; Ian Flynn	While the villains are away, the heroes will play! Sonic and his pals go off on their own adventures, even as all roads lead them back to one another.
LVIS	9798893044119	Sony	Lao-se, Joy	
LVIS	9781537954585	Space, humans, and farts	Gutman, Dan	School Library Journal Xpress (November 1, 2017) Gr 2-5-This energetic, funny book about science follows a similar pattern for each chapter. The teacher, Mr. Docker, makes a statement about science. A.J. says it doesn't make sense, and then Andrea and Mr. Docker explain the concept. A.J. chimes in with silly comments, questions, and riddles. The science presented covers a lot of topics, including the solar system, matter, forces, machines, and even famous scientists. Kids familiar with the series will immediately connect to the age-appropriate humor. The data is interesting and, because of the conversational format of the book, it's quick to read. Reluctant readers will appreciate the space around the text and pictures that identify which character is speaking. There are a few black-and-white photographs and inspirational quotes from famous scientists as well as experiments, fast facts, and, of course, burping and farting. VERDICT An enjoyable work of science for middle grade readers and an easy addition to nonfiction collections.-Debbie Tanner, S D Spady Montessori Elementary, FL © Copyright 2017. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781665934831	Spaced out, the graphic novel	Gibbs, Stuart	School Library Journal Xpress (July 10, 2026) Gr 4-6-Gibbs's "Moon Base Alpha" series continues its graphic novel adaptation illustrated by Jenkins. This time, the mystery centers on the disappearance of Moon Base Alpha's commander, and it'll be up to Dash to find her, but it won't be easy. Gibbs's trademark humor remains a highlight and gives the story its charm. However, for a science fiction mystery set on a lunar base, the adaptation misses opportunities to fully capitalize on the visual potential. The graphic novel relies heavily on dialogue to present the conflict, which makes it more reading intensive. The heavy use of text crowds the panels and undercuts the power of using an illustrated format. There are moments when visualizing the tiny moon base does provide effective storytelling, especially the map at the beginning, which helps orient readers within the story's futuristic world. VERDICT While the original prose may allow for richer storytelling, the graphic novel still offers an accessible and engaging way to experience the series, and fans will continue to enjoy these books.-Alicia Abdul © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798899133213	Spacewalk	Mather, Charis	
LVIS	9780063474154	Spaghetti head & chicken fingers	McLaughlin, Rhett	Kirkus Reviews (April 15, 2026) A picture book from the comedy duo known as Rhett & Link, creators of the online juggernaut Good Mythical Morning. Lumo is obsessed with chicken fingers; Saffy, who is new to town and anxious about starting school, finds comfort in the only food she likes: buttered spaghetti. The night before the first day of school, a thunderstorm rages, and each kid makes a wish—“to have chicken fingers at school,” in Lumo’s case; Saffy wishes for “the first thing off the top of her head: buttered spaghetti.” File under “Be careful what you wish for.” Lumo’s and Saffy’s respective physical changes (chicken fingers for fingers, spaghetti for hair) make navigating school a challenge but bring them together in the cafeteria, where they enjoy some new foods—and their new friendship. The plotting could have been sharper: Why do the kids’ bodies suddenly return to normal? And couldn’t the authors have thought up a less old-hat story-ending punch line? Nevertheless, McLaughlin and Neal get by on their charm, and the plot sets up some funny visuals. Salcedo’s cartoony Photoshop art features well-chosen artifacts from a typical kid’s life and captures the mortification of not fitting in, which will be familiar even to readers who have never experienced breaded fingers or noodle hair. Lumo is brown-skinned and dark-haired; Saffy is pale-skinned with disheveled reddish-brown hair. Wild and wacky. (Picture book. 4-8)
LVIS	9781536225280	Spark ; Jim West's electrifying adventures in creating the microphone	Ramirez, Ainissa	Kirkus Reviews (July 15, 2025) A warm salute to an undersung Black scientist. Budding inventors could do worse than to pick Jim West as a role model. Growing up a farm boy with a compulsion to take things apart to see how they worked and—thanks to an encounter with a live wire he was lucky to survive—a fascination with electricity, West went on to study science in college, where he was one of only two Black students. He supported himself by repairing TVs and eventually built a career from a summer internship at Bell Labs. There (generally posed as a solitary figure with an intent look in Fiadzigbey’s illustrations) he worked on an improved design for headphones and discovered a new way to make microphones using Teflon and other “electrets,” or substances that hold electrical charges, that consequently don’t need to be connected to a source of power to work. Today they can be found everywhere, Ramirez writes, in toys, cell phones, and computers. Her explanations of the science are in-depth and sure to appeal to STEM-minded kids like West. In her biographical afterword, the author also points to West’s continuing efforts to draw more people of color into scientific fields—a theme the illustrator underscores by adding colleagues and students with darker skin tones to group scenes. Unusual in both subject and its gratifying level of technical detail. (author’s note, timeline, information sources) (Picture-book biography. 6-8)
LVIS	9780593750407	Sparkle and Iggy take flight	Powell, Corey	
LVIS	9798875287039	Spartans Vs. Aztecs : an Ancient Warrior Smackdown	Sautter, Aaron	
LVIS	9781546171935	Spells to Mend Broken Hearts	Marissa Macy	Rebecca Stead meets Sarah Mlynowski in this enchanting, relatable, and commercial middle grade novel about dealing with divorce, friendship breakups, and how much we wish that magic could fix it all.Alex is pretty sure the universe is conspiring against her. Friendless in a new town and with her parents constantly fighting, Alex spends her birthday unpacking alone when she comes across her grandmother's book of small magic. Alex doesn't believe in that stuff, but with no birthday plans and nothing to lose, she performs a ritual from the book to attract a friend.It's just a coincidence that Tess crashes into her life the very next day...right? Their friendship forms fast and strong, and the way Tess makes Alex's heart flutter definitely feels like some kind of magic. Together, they make their way through the book's spells and rituals, healing Tess's recently broken heart and trying to mend Alex's broken family.But it feels as though the book is turning on Alex when her parents announce they're separating. And when Tess uses a ritual to win back her ex-boyfriend, Alex is forced to face a truth she had not considered. Maybe the magic she felt with Tess was more than friendship . . .
LVIS	9781610673440	Spider bite	D'Ath, Justin	
LVIS	9781302966195	Spider-Man: Brand New School Day	Steve Foxe; Marco Rizzo	Sensational Spider-Man adventures the whole family can enjoy! Teenage super hero Spider-Man has enough on his plate keeping New York City safe from the likes of Electro and Tombstone—but when you add in his life as high-schooler Peter Parker, things get really stressful. Luckily, Spidey's got web-shooters, Spider-Sense, some super-friends and a knack for creative problem-solving on his side! Marvel superstars including She-Hulk, the Scarlet Witch, Captain America and the Red Hulk join the fun in showdowns with deadly foes like the Electro, Tombstone, the Spot, Mysterio, the Serpent Squad and more sinister super villains!
LVIS	9798225042486	SpongeBob SquarePants™: Meme King	Brigid Martin	Laugh your pants off with over 50 side-splitting SpongeBob memes! Giggle your way through a ton of memes featuring SpongeBob, Patrick, and the many residents of Bikini Bottom! Once you're done ripping your pants in laughter, use your creative genius to make memes of your very own with the special fill-in activity pages.So, with spatula in hand and the blessing of King Neptune, by all means...CREATE MEMES!

LVIS	9781419770531	Spooky lakes : 25 strange and mysterious lakes that dot our planet	Rutherford, Geo	Booklist starred (February 1, 2025 (Online)) Grades 3-6. Inspired by her “Spooky Lakes” TikTok series, Rutherford presents 25 of the world’s strangest lakes in this marvelously illustrated compilation. An introduction defines lake and offers quick facts before readers dive into two- to six-page profiles of the peculiar lakes themselves, including Lake Nicaragua, the largest freshwater lake in Central America and the only lake on the planet with sharks; Indonesia’s Kawah Ijen, located inside the crater of an active volcano, making it the most acidic lake in the world; and Tanzania’s Lake Natron, a red lake that mummifies most creatures unfortunate enough to fall into it. Each profile features basic facts about the lake (continent, location, max depth, and surface area), a small visual identifier of its location on a globe, a scientific account of the lake’s formation and development of its unusual qualities, enriching sidebars, and striking, eerie illustrations that showcase the lake’s mystery. In some cases, the author includes cross sections to help readers understand the geography of the lake, such as a cross section of Trinidad’s Pitch Lake, which shows the source deep beneath the earth’s surface that feeds this lake. Although the lakes’ spookiness derives from natural, rather than supernatural, phenomena, Rutherford hides tiny ghosts for readers to find among the illustrations. Amazingly quirky and educational.
LVIS	9781419770555	Spooky Rivers	Rutherford, Geo	School Library Journal starred (July 1, 2026) Gr 4-8-Content creator Rutherford follows her New York Times bestseller, Spooky Lakes with this new book that explores the world's spookiest rivers. These 25 rivers were chosen because they exhibit strange natural phenomena, or have scientific oddities, environmental disasters, or unique historical events associated with them. Every river has its own chapter that explores the myths, legends, history, and strange science that earned them a spot in the book. A quick snapshot kicks off each chapter, sharing where the river is located, how long it is, and which major river it is a tributary of, or its basin size. Some rivers, like the Nile, will be familiar to readers, while others, like the Pripyat River, may be more obscure. These "hidden corners" are shared by the author in hopes that they will "feel just as legendary" as the better-known ones. There are plenty of spooky stories and cool information to keep readers engaged, and sidebars share fun facts associated with the river. Chapters are brightly illustrated with gouache paintings done by the author. They are detailed and eye-catching and have a fun element of artistic interpretation. This includes tiny ghosts hidden throughout the book for readers to find. The content is well researched, though Rutherford points out that some information about featured rivers is hard to verify. Back matter includes an author's note, glossary, bibliography, and index. VERDICT This is a must-add to collections holding Rutherford's first book and will be of interest to readers of series like "Weird but True" and "Ripley's Believe It or Not."-Laura Nan Hargrove © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780062306173	Sports	Gutman, Dan	School Library Journal (April 1, 2016) Gr 2-5-Gutman's familiar characters A.J. (Arlo) and Andrea are here to entertain and to inform young readers about geography and sports. Taking turns, A.J., the comedian, and Andrea, the straight man, relate odd and interesting tidbits. Geography includes chapters on the continents, water, and natural disasters with fun facts, such as that Antarctica is the world's largest desert, the Grand Canyon existed before the dinosaurs, and in 1928 a tornado pulled the feathers off of chickens. In Sports, which divides chapters according to individual pastimes, readers discover that a 14-year-old girl struck out Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig, Tom Dempsey kicked a 63-yard field goal despite a disability, and Detroit Red Wings fans throw an octopus on the ice during playoff games. Gutman certainly knows his audience as the jokes, puns, and interactions between A.J. and Andrea are solid. Paillot's hilarious illustrations make both books even more engaging. VERDICT Gutman's witty presentation and comfortable, familiar characters will appeal to all, especially fans of the series.-Margaret Nunes, Gwinnett County Public Library, GA © Copyright 2016. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781917366779	Sports: A Visual Guide	Adam Skinner	This action-packed photographic compendium gives you the inside track on the superstar athletes, major events, rules, equipment, and history of more than 40 sports.
LVIS	9780063093249	Spree : the boy who made the steelpan sing	Mohammed, Celeste	School Library Journal starred (June 1, 2026) Gr 2-5-This picture book biography chronicles the early life of Trinidadian musician Winston "Spree" Simon (1930-1976), from his family's relocation through the genesis of his musical invention and experimentation. The story's even pacing allows readers to not only see Spree's physical and intellectual growth but also his developing musical abilities and setbacks along the way. Mohammed has created a juvenile nonfiction book akin to Troy Andrews's Trombone Shorty and Carole Boston Weatherford's RESPECT: Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul. Bibliographic sources and a short biography can be found at the story's conclusion. Thomas's signature artwork, featuring vivid watercolors, offers a visual love letter to Trinidad-from its beautiful beaches to its gritty industrial scenes. Mohammed enhances the biography with playful uses of onomatopoeia, making it especially suitable for reading aloud in classrooms or during library story time. Readers can easily engage young audiences with the sh-sh-sh-shuffling of feet and the da-da-da-DUM of a kettledrum. VERDICT A strong addition to school libraries and a useful selection for elementary music programs.-M. Tiffany Messer-Bass © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781665959636	Spy Grandma	Frenn, Celina	School Library Journal (June 1, 2026) Gr 3-6-This winning volume is brimming with action, humor, and drama. Teenager Jamie and her little brother Ben are mysteriously dropped off by their evasive mom at their grandmother's house. Skeptical Jamie and ever-optimistic Ben arrive at the door to discover they are not expected. In fact, prior to their arrival, the small but wiry Grandma took care of a group of sinister attackers, tying them up and dumping them in her basement. Grandma tries to hide her true identity, but Jamie is determined to get to the bottom of things and accidentally gets swept up in a cloak-and-dagger summer. When Ben is kidnapped, Grandma finally admits to being a spy and Jamie agrees to intense training along with a local tech wizkid, Nolan, to rescue Ben. Villains, gadgets, family secrets, and cliff-hangers are part of this complex thriller. Rich colors, creative use of panels, close-ups, and fun visuals perfectly enhance every chapter. Readers will be eager for the next volume to know what happens next. VERDICT Readers will laugh, cry, and end up loving this kooky crew. A recommended purchase.-Elisabeth LeBris © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798318921711	Spy school secret service, the graphic novel	Gibbs, Stuart	
LVIS	9780063056428	Squalo & Mage vs. the rage of the Bakunawa. Book 1	Bodegon-Hikino, Kara	School Library Journal (April 1, 2026) Gr 4 Up-When her father dies in a magic duel while trying to defend her, Mage and her stuffed shark friend Squalo embark on a quest to save the world from the Bakunawa. As they battle and explore, the two hilariously encounter tropes from role-playing games and stealth action video games, like leveling up, inventory management, and poor level design. When they break into a fortress, Squalo and Mage comment that with all the things to climb, the area was "designed for sneaking around." The story also features figures from Filipino folklore, though more information or a glossary in the back matter would have been a welcome addition. The lightheartedness of the piece will appeal to kids, and both the cartoonish design of the art and the bubbly personality of Squalo will be a hit with readers. The neon color palette adds to the charm, seeming to coat the entire piece with bubblegum beauty. VERDICT A solid and upbeat adventure that will keep newly independent readers engaged from start to finish.-Peter Blenski © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
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LVIS	9781664300866	Squirrel and Bird	Baker, Laura	Kirkus Reviews (June 1, 2025) In this inspired tale of metafiction, best friends Squirrel and Bird get ready for a concert, with the help—and hindrance—of a meddling narrator. Offering condescending and reductive characterizations of both creatures, the unseen narrator immediately rouses Bird’s ire. Squirrel is “loud! Very LOUD!” Bird, on the other hand, “hardly makes a sound at all.” “Squirrel is busy. Busy, busy, busy!” But Bird “prefers to sit and do nothing.” Bird chafes at these flattening descriptions—all of which contradict what’s actually going on in the illustrations as the two animals cheerfully prepare for their performance. As the event draws closer, the narrator lays it on thick (“Squirrel is confident. Bird is shy”) until finally Bird has had “ENOUGH!” and proclaims that all creatures are far more multifaceted than they might appear. Chastened, the narrator agrees: “Bird is a LOT of things. And Squirrel is, too!” Baker’s minimal text is ably supported by Thomas’ muted artwork. Featuring grays and warm yellows, the images evoke the feeling of a classic storybook—one that’s cleverly subverted as the narrative progresses. Dynamic layouts—the occasional use of panels, the word “ENOUGH!” taking up an entire spread—add panache. Bird’s comments are rendered in a unique, flowing typeface. The message is clear: It’s foolish and limiting to attempt to put anyone in a box; there’s so much more to all of us than meets the eye. Delivers an important lesson with an emotional wallop. (Picture book. 5-7)
LVIS	9780593897867	Squirrel Lock Holmes #2 Mystery at the Corn-Y Maze	Belote, Ashley	
LVIS	9780593897829	Squirrel Lock Holmes. 1,The pet rock mystery	Belote, Ashley	School Library Journal (December 1, 2025) K-Gr 3-Reggie, a rabbit, seeks help in finding his pet rock from the famous Squirrel Lock Holmes and his sidekick Mole Watson. Together, the trio retrace Rabbit's afternoon, eliminate possible suspects, follow the clues, and eventually reunite Reggie and his pet. This graphic novel is broken into short chapters, featuring full-page spreads along with differing panel combinations to keep interest high. Colorful cartoon-style illustrations with easily directed text bubbles will appeal to children; bigger words and acronyms are defined in text panels. Slapstick humor (who knew gnomes could be villains?), clueless Watson, puns, and expressive characters make for a fun and silly graphic novel. VERDICT A simple story for those seeking to add to their lower elementary graphic novel collection.-Melisa Bailey © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798765684580	Squishmallows : an unofficial kids' guide	Walker, Tracy Sue	
LVIS	9798225038786	Stanley	M. C. Ross	Meet Stanley, a black Labrador Retriever who flunks out of service-dog training, in this all-new companion novel to M. C. Ross's beloved Nugly and Smiley! Stanley, an incredibly friendly black Labrador Retriever, wants nothing more than to be helpful. There's just one problem—he's just flunked out of service dog school for being too friendly. Charlie, a seventh-grade hockey player, wants nothing more than to be one of the best players in Boston. That'll be tough, though, considering he's just been demoted to the local B-tier team, the Charlestown Bunkeroos, for being too intense on the ice. These two may seem mismatched. But when Charlie discovers that Stanley's object-retrieval training makes him a secret training weapon, and Stanley realizes that Charlie clearly needs an encouraging friend, these two might just form a friendship that takes Boston by storm. And if they can take the Bunkeroos to the top of the league while doing it? Well, that'd be a reward as great as any Stanley cup.
LVIS	9798886872118	Star Wars	Polinsky, Paige V	School Library Journal (April 1, 2023) Gr 2-4-Each popular brand is described from the beginning to its current existence in this series. Titles start with a table of contents and then provide a brief example written in third person showing how someone might enjoy the topic brand. With vocabulary bolded and in a contrasting color, shorter paragraphs correspond with pictures and graphics throughout. From where it was invented to original prototypes/concept art, the history of the creator(s) to the philanthropy of the brand, such as Minecraft developers, Mojang Studios, who "teamed with the Block by Block Foundation to improve communities around the world," each title covers a wide variety of information in a short amount of time. Drawings and photos are labeled, and graphics, including maps, time lines, and graphs are used to further detail the where, when, and how the brand has been successful over time, such as how Pokémon has gone from card collecting to community connection through Pokémon Go Community Days. A glossary, further reading, and index are included in the back matter. While the amount of information could be overwhelming for younger readers, the pictures and graphics are eye-catching and allow for easy understanding. VERDICT A broad overview of popular brands for young enthusiasts of each topic. © Copyright 2023. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781546178910	Stealing the score	Liu, Sylvia	School Library Journal (January 1, 2026) Gr 3-7-Venezuelan footballer Luis "El Botín (the Boot)" Alamilla is 21 and already the greatest player of his generation-a star for AC Miami and his national team, which has qualified for the upcoming World Cup for the first time. He credits his success to his magical handmade cleats. When the cleats go missing, El Botín disappears, prompting some sleuthing by middle school fans Ethan and Sasha, and from social media phenom Mateo. There is much misdirection, with suspicious behavior by Mateo's dad, a team executive, and Sasha pumping for information from Irina, Alamilla's girlfriend, a catering client of her mother's. In the end, after stowing away on a luxury boat to Alamilla's estate on a private island, they manage to get El Botín to compete in a three-on-one soccer match and an online tournament with champion Sasha and convince him to return. Though the focus is primarily on the mystery story, much attention is given to the sport, with occasional intricate descriptions of game play. VERDICT A soccer-filled mystery adventure, fun for upper elementary and middle school fans of the "beautiful game." © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781797233819	Stella & Marigold	Barrows, Annie	School Library Journal starred (October 1, 2024) Gr 1-3-Barrows and Blackall, the team behind "Ivy and Bean," debut a feisty new duo in this slim chapter book. An opening flashback introduces Stella at age three, waiting in her family's "half-house" (the lower half of a duplex) for her parents to return from the hospital with newborn Marigold. The sisters' bond is immediate, with Stella whispering promises to tell Marigold "all the secret things I know...forever and ever." By ages seven and four, the sisters follow the tradition of countless literary pairs with polite and reserved Stella serving as a foil to plucky, mischievous Marigold. Each of the seven chapters functions as a complete narrative, with no overarching plot uniting them. The common thread is the sisters' mutual devotion, with each vignette providing an opportunity for one sister to serve as heroine to the other, protecting her from embarrassment and guilt or rescuing her from loneliness and boredom. Their relationship is never a source of narrative conflict and is always essential in its resolution. As always, Barrows offers a spot-on childlike perspective that is both funny and keenly observant. Blackall's whimsical illustrations capture the sisters' individual personalities and their shared adoration. Main characters are white. VERDICT This very witty, very tender ode to sisterhood is a first purchase.-Amy Reimann © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

LVIS	9798765602461	Stephen Curry vs. Magic Johnson : who would win?	Stabler, David	School Library Journal (November 1, 2023) Gr 3-6-Not to be confused with Scholastic's popular "Who Would Win?" series, this sports-focused collection features feared athletes who have been known to eat the competition alive. Tina Charles and Lisa Leslie are both high-scoring centers capable of completely dominating their opponents, winning Olympic gold and WNBA championships, and earning MVP titles, but who's number one? Peyton Manning and Patrick Mahomes were born into sports families, picked in the first round of the NFL draft, and led teams to multiple Super Bowl titles, but who's really the GOAT? Each book in this series describes the path the players took to the pros, details some of their greatest moments, and highlights their jaw-dropping stats before declaring a winner. Before calling the matches (almost always for the veteran players), the authors remind readers that "best" is just a matter of opinion. With engaging text and plenty of photos, this well-crafted series will quench readers' thirst for knowledge. VERDICT Three cheers-and one add-to-cart-for this great series. © Copyright 2023. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780063062771	Still mine	Pillemer, Jayne	Kirkus Reviews (November 1, 2021) A gentle reminder that those we love and lose can live in our hearts and memories. Each page of Pillemer's debut tale of love and grief weaves a poignant thread by capturing moments in time between people who love one another: parent and child playing together in the morning, friends swinging outside, a grandparent and grandchild enjoying the rain. The gentle, poetic prose is bolstered by Murray's soft illustrations; muted colors depict a series of relationships frozen happily in time, days marked with happiness, camaraderie, and an absence of heartache. But as genre-savvy readers might be able to guess, tomorrow won't be as perfect. The second half of the book begins with a beautiful and heart-wrenching description of an abrupt loss: “But then you tiptoed by me / and hopped a ride on the breeze.” The grief of the children depicted in the book is conceptualized in terms of the shared moments that comprise the sweetness of the book’s first half. The loneliness of bereavement and the longing for those small moments are not belittled or glossed over even if the process of healing seems a bit rushed. Although carefully devoid of nominal spirituality, the message the story sends is clear: The lost loved one is still there, still theirs, living on in the memory of the love they shared. Characters are depicted as racially diverse. (This book was reviewed digitally.) Tender and touching. (Picture book. 4-8)
LVIS	9780802856593	Still water : the wonders of ponds, pools, wetlands, and more	Gottardi, Valentina	School Library Journal (July 1, 2026) Gr 3-8-Explore the amazing variety of life found in still water ecosystems with this beautifully illustrated book. The authors begin with a description of still water and its sometimes-bad reputation among humans. Next, they carefully take readers through various types of still water, such as puddles, ponds, wetlands, and even human-created areas like rice paddies and aquaculture. Examples of animals within the ecosystems are introduced by class: amphibians, reptiles, mammals, and more. The illustrator depicts some creatures, like the fire salamander or the emperor dragonfly, in eye-catching detail with a mix of ink, acrylics, and digital media. At other times, Notini uses simple outlines to compare the foot structure of aquatic birds or the vocal sacs of frogs. A diagram of the zones of life within a pond includes the dead zone of an algal bloom, while another diagram identifies the various benefits a wetland offers for humans as well as the natural world. The impact of habitat destruction is pointed out, as well as efforts like wildlife tunnels to help endangered species. The dangers of invasive species are also included. Back matter includes a glossary and a link to an online bibliography. VERDICT Perfect for field-trip preparation, ecosystem studies, or individual research.-Suzanne Costner © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781250836359	Stinetinglers : all new stories by the master of scary tales	Stine, R. L	School Library Journal Xpress (July 22, 2022) Gr 3-6-Another collection of tales from the most trusted name in kids' horror. This collection of short stories by "Goosebumps" creator follows 10 ordinary-seeming preteens as their lives collide with the supernatural. Smartwatches that stop time, evil twins, and hallucinatory bugs are just some of the weird and creepy events these characters face. One notable tale is about a basketball player who becomes unexpectedly clumsy, only to find that his skin is slipping off like a snake's. Although Stine makes references to the modern with smartwatches, cell phones, and more, these entries have a nostalgic tone, as if they were set in the small-town or suburban past. These tweens travel freely around their neighborhoods without much parental supervision, benefitting the plot. Short introductions about the story's inspiration preface each chapter, which may inspire some future young authors. These notes also serve to tamp down the horror level as readers are reminded that these are inventions and not real events. Similarly to his previous series, Stine's latest collection is unsettling, and the vignettes' endings will stay with kids long after they're done, especially since the author does not shy away from an unhappy denouement. However, the horror elements still stay within the bounds of what is expected for this audience. VERDICT A must-have volume wherever Stine's other work has a following.-Jeri Murphy © Copyright 2022. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781250836366	Stinetinglers 2 : 10 more new stories from the master of scary tales	Stine, R. L	Kirkus Reviews (August 15, 2023) A second gathering of fresh chillers under a title the author must have been waiting his whole life to use. The 10 short tales are vintage Stine, dishing out twists that are creepy or comical in turn—such as “Lucky Me,” which serves up a reminder that there are two kinds of luck, and “The Stopwatch,” about a timepiece that allows a bullied lad to exact revenge by freezing his tormenters (until, that is, the watch stem breaks). There are encounters with a ghost and a werewolf, not to mention tentacled aliens and a hostile clan of secretive, red-capped “zoo gnomes.” Some of his young characters deserve what they get, but most are victims of either chance or circumstance and so are likely to elicit sympathy as well as schadenfreude from readers. Aiming for the younger end of his fan base, the author keeps the explicit ick and ichor to a minimum and makes personal connections with introductory notes confiding some of the fears or incidents that inspired each story. The atmospheric headpiece vignettes set properly ominous tones; figures in the latter and names in the narratives cue some racial diversity in the cast, though most of the middle school–aged victims read white. Easily digestible doses of terror featuring deserts both just and otherwise. (Horror. 8-12)
LVIS	9781250836373	Stinetinglers 3 : more chilling stories by the master of scary tales	Stine, R. L	School Library Journal starred (December 1, 2024) Gr 3 Up-It's easy to see why R.L. Stine is beloved by generations-he allows readers to get lost in the suspense while knowing they are in for a safe landing. The author delivers another set of thrilling stories for kids who want to be scared...but not too scared. Pitiful magicians, evil sorcerers, body-snatchers, bad luck imps, and alien stray dogs are some of the featured characters in this collection of thoroughly entertaining stories for middle grader readers and up. Ideal for spooky season class read-alouds or for lessons on character development and plot, Stinetinglers 3 offers the perfect mix of laughter and suspense. VERDICT Stine's fans will not be disappointed, and readers will devour this volume in no time. © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781250367938	Stinetinglers 4 --3 Chilling Tales by the Master of Scary Stories	Stine, R. L	
LVIS	9781250831699	Stingers	White, Randy Wayne	School Library Journal Xpress (July 9, 2021) Gr 4-6-The second volume in the "Sharks Incorporated" series, adapted from a popular series for adults, finds Luke, who is white, along with Maribel and Sabina, sisters and Cuban refugees, in the Bahamas assisting marine biologist Doc Ford with studies of lionfish, an invasive species whose venomous stingers are injuring local residents. The three befriend Tamarin, whose mother owns the inn where they are staying, and with her uncover other invaders: turtle poachers, as well as real estate and tourism developers. This leads them to solve a spooky mystery involving a ghost, an abandoned mansion and a tragic, years-old love story, which ends up revealing the truth about Tamarin's family legacy. Fans of adventure will appreciate the many close calls with sharks, as well as a dramatic "sting" operation. The text is full of facts about wildlife and preservation and survival tips, all infused with an appreciation and respect for local habitats. Luke and Sabina both have supernatural powers, but these aren't as fully explained in this volume as in the first, so both the details and drama may be lost on readers new to the series. The trio's relationship feels undeveloped and rote, and the writing is stilted: characters are often referred to as "the girl" or "the boy," and Tamarin is repeatedly and clumsily referred to as "the local girl." Readers interested in wildlife, ghosts, and shark attacks may still find this to be a page-turner. Recommended for purchase if the first volume was popular. VERDICT This eco-adventure lacks character development and solid writing, but its mix of action and mystery has wide appeal for readers.-Lisa Goldstein, Brooklyn P.L. © Copyright 2021. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780763674472	Stink Moody in master of disaster	McDonald, Megan	Booklist (March 15, 2015 (Online)) Grades 1-3. The latest addition to the Judy Moody and Friends series focuses on little brother Stink in three loosely connected chapters. The story opens with the Moody siblings camping out in their backyard, hoping to see the famous Sherman-Holm comet. Stink is later alarmed by reports of a comet crashing into Russia and, as master of disaster, constructs a series of elaborate preparations in the basement to protect the family. The book wraps up with Judy and Stink arguing about what to name a star that Stink has ordered by mail. The use of full-color illustrations reminiscent of animation cells carries a very different feel from the original series and may be off-putting to readers already familiar with Judy Moody; many, however, will be drawn to the lush, inviting scenes. Although lacking the same tang of mischievousness found in the books for older readers, this slim volume is a gentle introduction to Stink for newly independent readers.
LVIS	9781536241983	Stitch : reimagining Frankenstein	Kenny, Padraig	School Library Journal Xpress (April 3, 2026) Gr 4-7-Stitch and Henry have been waiting nearly a year for the professor-their creator-to wake. They are unaware that he has died in his bedroom, but the truth is revealed when the professor's nephew arrives and seizes the castle and his uncle's experiments. Due to his volatile temper, Henry has always been caged, but his relationship with Stitch is tender and deeply loyal. Stitch cares fiercely for his friend, who has spent his entire life confined within the castle walls. When the new professor becomes eager to experiment on Henry, Stitch begins to fear for their future. With the help of Alice, the new professor's companion, they escape and venture into the wider world, ultimately choosing to build a life beyond the castle. Narrator Watt's smooth English accent draws listeners in and keeps their attention throughout this imaginative reimagining of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein. His deliberate cadence enhances the story's flow, making it easy to follow even without a print copy. Watt skillfully distinguishes character voices, adding depth and emotion-most notably in Henry's trembling voice during menacing exchanges with the new professor. The dialogue moves seamlessly, although the pacing sometimes slows more than necessary. Even so, Watt delivers an audiobook filled with suspense and atmosphere. VERDICT Kenny's captivating work will enthrall fans of Frankenstein and lovers of gothic horror.-Angie Jameson © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781427878069	Stitch! Best food forever!	Mason, Tom	
LVIS	9798225029678	Stolen Treasures with Mini-Dig		Gold, diamonds, cash, or . . . chocolate? If it's glittery, valuable, or delicious, there might be someone plotting to steal it. Read about the great length that thieves will go through to get their hands on the good stuff (jewels, gems, and even one champion dog) . . . and the handcuffs and prison sentences that often come after! Includes a dig block with treasures.
LVIS	9798318942587	Stories of adventure : Animal adventures, Laura & Nellie, The adventures of Laura & Jack	Peterson, Melissa	
LVIS	9798318942594	Stories of family : Pioneer sisters, School days, Christmas stories	Peterson, Melissa	
LVIS	9780063489004	Strange happenings : spine-tingling tales	Avi	
LVIS	9780374395926	Strays	Gordon, Gia	School Library Journal (April 1, 2026) Gr 4-6-Gordon masterly delivers the experience of a middle grade student living in the aftermath of trauma in a raw and honest way. Campbell, 12, knows what it feels like to be unwanted, left behind, and tossed aside. So, when she witnesses a puppy thrown from a van, she can't help but feel a kinship with the stray and a desire to make sure it is okay. But the longer she helps the pup, the more complicated things become-with her dad, her best friend Luz, and even in her own heart. Gordon implements short chapters with a balanced mix of action and emotional reflection in this well-paced novel. Themes of friendship, parental abandonment, family trauma, mental health, dog rescue, and father-daughter relationships are explored with honesty and eventual hope. Luz's dad is Latine and a military veteran, while Campbell presents as white. Campbell experiences many heavy emotions that are minimally addressed by her supportive school librarian, the one adult who realizes she needs emotional support. The feel-good ending offers some positives (therapy, finding purpose, having the hard conversations, and communicating about feelings), and readers will be relieved to leave Campbell on firmer ground. Even through her tough times, the protagonist often asks deep questions, such as, "What if life is hard and hopeful?" VERDICT An emotionally heavy "girl-saves-dog" tale that ultimately empowers readers towards hope and healing. Recommended for collections serving young readers.-Emily Beasley © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780062364319	Stubby : a pencil's journey	Mallery, Sydra	School Library Journal (April 1, 2026) Gr 1-3-Stubby's journey begins as a giant cedar tree in the forest, feeding berries to bunnies and mice, and serving as a home for birds and bugs. Though he is big, his world is small as he never gets to go anywhere, until one day he is harvested, and his journey to become a pencil begins. Readers are led step by step through the process of becoming a pencil; first at the pencil factory, with details including the addition of his eraser before he and his nine new friends in his box go to a store and wait to be chosen. Stubby's name on his pencil, his toothy grin (with two teeth) and big eyes give him personality. Stubby tries to look as yellow and useful as possible, and he gets chosen by the sparkly unicorn nail polished-clad hands of Barbara Ann Brown, and his life commences at school and the classroom. Stubby's adventures continue as he falls under the desk, and various students pick him up, using him in some unfortunate ways, and sharpening him so much he worries he will disappear. One day he is "found," seen for who he really is, given his name, and is finally understood. Hare's full-color, cartoonlike illustrations with facial expressions give Stubby a personality readers will root for. Sequential art panels add a graphic novel component that young comic fans will enjoy. VERDICT As Stubby's life comes full circle, from his start in the pencil factory to becoming the author of the book. Readers will appreciate his trials and tribulations and may just treat their own pencils with a little more care.-Michele Shaw © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798899131004	Stunt trouble : a cheerleading story	Jones, Jordan	
LVIS	9798899131028	Sudden save : a lacrosse story	Jones, Jordan	
LVIS	9781546157595	Sunny Hits the Road	Holm, Jennifer L	

LVIS	9781338687866	Super Diaper Baby. The invasion of the potty snatchers	Pilkey, Dav	
LVIS	9780063254237	Super good cookies for kids	Goldman, Duff	School Library Journal (December 1, 2022) Gr 4 Up-Celebrity chef Duff Goldman brings his expertise and sense of humor to this all-encompassing cookie compendium. With over 20 pages of tips, tricks, and "cookie philosophy," readers will be ready to bake by the time they reach the recipes. Goldman organizes the recipe chapters by cookie type, including the usuals, such as "Sandwich Cookies" and "Decorated Cookies," but also some unexpected categories, such as "Things with Cookies in Them" and "Things That Are Sorta Cookies." Recipes include a mix of classic cookies; twists on old favorites; and "International Cookies" (Mooncakes, Alfajores), recipes that may be new to American bakers. Narrative sections interspersed with the recipes give more information on cookie-related topics, such as their history. Readers will also find instructional sections, including six pages on royal icing technique, at logical points in the book. Each recipe has a photo of the finished product and clearly states how many cookies it will yield. The book concludes with a glossary, measurement conversions, and a thorough index. VERDICT Whether or not readers know Goldman from his TV appearances, his personality and technical skills are evident throughout. With kid and adult appeal, this is a must purchase. © Copyright 2022. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781546110439	Super Rabbit Boy vs. the Gigabot!	Flintham, Thomas	School Library Journal (May 1, 2025) Gr 1-3-Super Rabbit Boy is back for another adventure in this brightly illustrated graphic novel hybrid series that takes place inside a video game. King Viking asks Super Rabbit Boy to help him defeat the thief who stole his giant Gigabot and is now threatening Animal Town. Hijinks ensue as the two sworn enemies navigate a temporary truce and work together to defeat the thief in a series of increasingly complicated games and obstacles. The jokes, the action, and the art all work together to keep this appealing series enticing for video-game-loving readers. VERDICT Purchase where other volumes in the series are popular. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781665980654	Super Sibling Mega Battle! #P#	Yaccarino, Dan, and Long, Ethan	
LVIS	9781838667221	Superpowered animals : meet the world's strongest, smartest, and swiftest creatures	Romero Marino, Soledad	
LVIS	9798225050320	Surprise pets	Avatar, Eliana	
LVIS	9798318954467	Surprise visit	Alber, Diane	
LVIS	9798899132353	Survival Zine	Burns, Jason M	
LVIS	9781665930666	Sweet & salty! : King Arthur Baking Company's cookbook for young bakers	Battilana, Jessica	School Library Journal Xpress (August 8, 2025) Gr 3-7-A scrumptious cookbook for aspiring chefs with a love for sweet and savory goodies. The offerings include typical kid favorites like chocolate chip cookies and pizza, but this also sports entries for grapefruit meringues and black bean and cheese pupusas. Vivid colors, charming headers like "We Egg-splain It All" and "Cake Gymnastics," and an engaging layout make this extra engaging. The volume opens with tips, definitions of techniques and cooking supplies, and explanations of basic skills like how to sift and the proper way to soften and melt butter. Recipes are marked as Easy, Medium, and Project (concoctions that are recommended for more experienced bakers). Bright, clear photos fill every page, sometimes demonstrating specific steps for entries that require extra guidance: how to knead dough or frost a layered cake, and of course, the final shot of all the completed treats. The images include a diverse group of young cooks and bakers with different skin tones and ethnicities. Additionally, sidebars offer context and background information, further expanding kids' skills, such as how to temper an egg or the difference between bread and regular flour. While the recipes and descriptions seem to be aimed at upper elementary and middle school chefs, many of the pictures depict solidly elementary children, but that may not deter the intended audience. The sweets section will draw readers in, while the salty half will snare young bakers who want to branch out. VERDICT A strong purchase for cookbook collections-even grown-ups can learn a thing or two.-Shelley Diaz © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780374391447	Sweet and Sour	Yanish, Brian	Kirkus Reviews (May 1, 2024) Talk about opposites not attracting. Sweet and Sour are pickles who don’t get along. They live on opposite sides of a fence, and their habits and dispositions are wildly different. Long and skinny Sour is slow; short and round Sweet is speedy. Sour is angry; Sweet is happy. Sour prefers the quiet; Sweet likes things loud. As for actual taste, Sour derives his flavor from vinegar and garlic; Sweet’s signature piquancy comes from having been prepared with “cinnamon and sugar and a bop of mustard seed.” Can these contrarians reconcile? Things improve after Sour throws a pool party and invites every pickle—except Sweet. Sour feels guilty when he peers over the fence and spies an angry-looking Sweet in a tiny wading pool. For his part, Sweet considers that maybe the pair aren’t so different and writes Sour a note asking to meet. They become friends, share pickle puns, and build a community where all pickles are welcome. Though many children may dislike pickles (or perhaps haven’t yet tasted them), they’ll feel reassured by this humorous story about opposites discovering commonalities and becoming friends. Young kids may not get the puns, but grown-ups can help with that. Emergent readers should find the simple text easy to navigate. The colorful illustrations are lively; the unconventional protagonists are engaging, their body language and exaggerated expressions speaking volumes. Readers definitely won’t sour on this sweet friendship tale. (Picture book. 4-7)
LVIS	9780593807286	Sweet Valley twins. 7,Three's a crowd	Andelfinger, Nicole	
LVIS	9780593807323	Sweet Valley twins. 8,First place	Andelfinger, Nicole	
LVIS	9781713747871	Swish	Delle Donne, Elena	
LVIS	9798348042783	Tainted Jewel The Hope Diamond and Other Cursed Objects	Jackson, Tom	
LVIS	9798225089511	Take Cover	Deborah Hopkinson	When the World War II Blitz begins, two kids search desperately for their families as Nazi bombs rain down on London.Charlie "Sneak" Sawyer never wanted to leave London, despite his uneasy relationship with his grandfather. But when the orders come for children to evacuate as the world teeters on the brink of war, Grandad insists Charlie leaves with the rest. Months pass; the expected bombing of London doesn't happen, and kids begin drifting back from the countryside. After a year spent toiling for a grumpy farmer, Charlie's had enough. He decides to sneak home to London, whatever it takes.Shortly before he turns thirteen, Charlie does just that, only to be waylaid by Lucie Marie Meadows, a precocious eight-year-old girl with golden eyes.A girl who might be able to see ghosts. A girl who's keeping secrets.Charlie and Lucie arrive in London the afternoon of September 7, 1940—the very afternoon when Nazi planes cross the sky and drop their first deadly loads. The Blitz has begun.Suddenly, London is a fiery, smoking maze of rubble, danger, and chaos. The explosions are so terrifying even the ghost of a WWI soldier roams the theater he haunts, unable to rest. Somehow, with a rescued dog called Smoke, Charlie and Lucie must search for answers—and the people they love.Award-winning author Deborah Hopkinson weaves together a remarkable tale that is at once a rollicking, hair-raising adventure and a moving story about family, courage, and the heroism of everyday people during the devastating Blitz.
LVIS	9798765648568	Take it apart	Howes, Katey	School Library Journal starred (May 1, 2026) K-Gr 2-This rhyming picture book playfully celebrates curiosity and the joy of learning. "Some call you a Wrecking Ball, some say Destroyer," begins the text, before cleverly inverting that assertion: "But if they'd come closer, they'd see your gears spinning. Your eyes and hands busy. Creations beginning." Lively, energetic illustrations in watercolor, gouache, colored pencil, and digital surrounded by ample white space highlight all the ways we break things down into smaller pieces to understand them. From breaking down words into syllables to large numbers into smaller groups, patterns and building blocks, and examining nature through magnifying glasses-how else do we understand things? With myriad examples through illustration and text, the story is an ode to the balance of science and art and the thrill of discovery. Since "Wrecking Ball's" teacher is also a "Take-it-Aparter," there are ample opportunities to problem solve, from composting in the cafeteria to planning a big project by breaking it into smaller, more manageable pieces. At times the narrative feels overstuffed with examples, the illustrations slightly frenetic; still, readers will enjoy the many details and, perhaps, a new way to view a challenge. VERDICT Playful and original, this book will inspire readers to start their own "investigation stations" and explore the art of taking things apart.-Rebecca Kirshenbaum © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780063512962	Tales from Cabin 23 Night of the Living Head	Alkaf, Hanna	School Library Journal Xpress starred (October 18, 2024) Gr 5 Up-Alia has bad luck-really bad luck. She's always losing homework and tripping over her own feet, and her parents didn't even ask her before moving the family from Kuala Lumpur to a small village. Even her birthday is unlucky; she was born on Friday the 13th, and now that she's turning 12 her birthday falls on Friday the 13th again. Her parents might think she's just superstitious, but Alia keeps seeing dark shadows out of the corner of her eye, and her classmates whisper stories about penanggalan, women whose heads fly through the night, drinking children's blood and strangling them with their entrails. And now, as if things couldn't get worse, her estranged older sister is moving back in. Something is different about her now, something uncanny. Set in Malaysia, this horror story also explores themes of family and what it means to be home. The writing is evocative and suspenseful, even when painting everyday scenes, such as a sunny living room or a moonlit garden. With just the right amount of eerieness, this is a perfectly crafted horror read for tweens that celebrates determination, resilience, and making one's own luck. VERDICT Reminiscent of Coraline and the "Are You Afraid of the Dark" series, this book is original and heart-pounding. Recommended for middle grade collections.-Shelby Hogle © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780593890950	Talking rocks and minerals : fact-packed guide to geology	Towler, Paige	School Library Journal (July 1, 2025) Gr 1-3-An informative and colorful way to explore the vast world of geology. Reporter Pebble walks, or rocks, his way through a pun-filled formation of rocks. Beautiful and vibrant digital illustrations that integrate photos of real rocks provide a seamless style that is fun and visually accurate for identifying rocks in the real world. Geologic facts are presented through "interviews" with different rocks, letting them explain in their own words how they were created. Included throughout are illustrations of Pebble's notebook pages filled with interesting snippets of information that pertain to the rock presented in the layout. These factoids are not-so-hidden gems that add to the idea that Pebble is a reporter. The text provides a very basic explanation of the formation of rocks and gems that makes for a kid-friendly work for inclusion in science curriculum. A basic glossary is included as is a list of additional resources for further discovery and research. VERDICT An entertaining introduction to geology and the rocks that surround us, and a strong addition to elementary science and nature collections.-Elizabeth Speer © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781621459675	Taste of Home® All-New Most Requested Recipes		With All-New Most Requested Recipes, readers can indulge in 268 additional specialties (not found in the first book), sure to garner great reviews and requests for the recipes. These are the staples our favorite contributors go to when they're creating a menu, planning a buffet or serving a jaw-dropping dessert. Need a dish to pass? Try any of these mouthwatering party contributions our readers rely on. They're sure to steal the show. Inside, buyers will discover top-rated favorites from TasteofHome.com, contest winners and the most-requested recipes from our top contributors. Best of all, these family cooks share their kitchen secrets and heartwarming memories via interviews featured throughout the book, making this a book today's home cooks will reach for time and again.
LVIS	9798889771661	Taste of Home® Casseroles		With Taste of Home Casseroles, you'll serve hearty favorites no matter the meal, occasion or season. Best of all, you'll enjoy all the time-saving, cost-cutting benefits that meal-in-one recipes offer. Includes 108 casserole recipes.
LVIS	9781617658600	Taste of Home® Copycat Restaurant Favorites		Amp up your dinner routine with more than 100 restaurant copycat dishes made at home! Skip the delivery, avoid the drive thru and keep that tip money in your wallet, because Taste of Home Copycat Restaurant Favorites brings America's most popular menu items to your kitchen. You'll find more than 100 no-fuss recipes inspired by Olive Garden, Panera Bread, Pizza Hut, Cinnabon, Chipotle, Applebee's, Taco Bell, TGI Fridays, The Cheesecake Factory and so many others. Dig in to all of the hearty, savory (and sweet) menu classics you crave most—all from the comfort of your own home. Chapters include: Best Appetizers Ever, Coffee Shop Favorites, Specialty Soups, Salads & Sandwiches, Copycat Entrees, Favorite Odds & Ends, Double-Take Desserts
LVIS	9798889771104	Taste of Home® One-Dish Meals		Simplify mealtime with Taste of Home One Dish Meals, your ultimate cooking companion for flavorful, hassle-free dinners. This cookbook includes over 210 easy-to-make recipes that bring wholesome, home-cooked goodness to your table. Designed with busy cooks in mind, our expertly curated collection covers everything from hearty casseroles and skillet suppers to time-saving slow cooker meals, all prepared in a single dish. Over 210 hearty one dish recipes for stress free cooking and fewer dishes to clean. Features variety, including casseroles, skillet dishes, slow cooker meals, and more. Includes expert tasting notes, detailed nutrition facts, and easy-to-follow timelines. Versatile options for Dutch ovens, Instant Pots, air fryers, and grills. Perfect for busy cooks seeking quick hearty comfort food the whole family will love.
LVIS	9798889771647	Taste of Home® Pizza		This shaped board book includes 60+ family-pleasing pizza-night specialities you'll love!
LVIS	9798889772316	Taste of Home® Protein-Packed Meals		Take the guesswork out of mealtime with Protein-Packed Meals, the ultimate cookbook for today's busy families, fitness enthusiasts, and anyone looking to support their health goals—including those on GLP-1 medications. Packed with 250+ protein-rich recipes, this hardcover book makes it easy to whip up delicious, satisfying meals that keep you energized and on track.<p>From 30-minute dinners and 5-ingredient wonders to slow-cooker and air-fryer favorites, every recipe is designed for convenience and flavor. Handy icons highlight quick-prep options and dishes with extra protein per serving, while detailed nutrition facts-including protein grams-help you make informed choices.
LVIS	9798889771654	Taste of Home® Slow Cooker		Savor the hearty goodness of slow-cooker favorites any night of the week. It's easy, convenient and delicious with Taste of Home Slow Cooker.

LVIS	9798889771043	Taste of Home®: Kids Can Cook!		From toddlers to teens, this book features more than 170 family-approved recipes and ignites creativity, inspires young chefs, and offers up the kitchen tips, hints and know how everyone needs. Kids love getting creative in the kitchen, and the team at Taste of Home is here to help! From no-bake snacks little ones can make on their own to entrees teens can whip up with minimal supervision, these delicious ideas delight big and little chefs alike. Mermaid Toasts, Bunny Pancakes, Alien Cookies and Chocolate Fondue—these are just some of the foods kids like to make ... and eat! You'll find all of these fun and fantastic bites inside the all-new Kids Can Cook Cookbook! Special icons spotlight recipes applicable for particular ages. Like to spend time in the kitchen with your toddler? Build a cute, colorful snack board together! You'll also find adorable ways to dress up prepared cookies, snack cakes and brownies for sweets sure to bring a smile. Have a grade-schooler interested in the culinary world? They can stack up any of 15 sammies for lunch or toss together a salad they'll be proud to share at the dinner table. Seven-Layer Nachos, anyone? You bet! Sensational recipes for soups, pasta, tacos and pizzas are ideal for older chefs, and teens can dish out easy casseroles, simple sides and no-fuss desserts the whole family will love. Best all, you'll discover dozens of foods even the pickiest eaters will crave. In addition, a bonus chapter helps parents bake up birthday cakes kids love.
LVIS	9798225068639	Taylor Swift: Fact & Photo File: Ultimate Fan Edition	Grace Mack	This fan guide features all you need to know about Taylor Swift. Includes full-color images!
LVIS	9798225065140	Taylor Swift: Her Story: Updated Fan Edition	Lexi Ryals; Grace Mack	This easy-to-read biography of music superstar and beloved icon Taylor Swift is perfect for young fans. Now updated with all the latest Taylor facts and photos! Taylor Swift is the world's biggest music superstar! She's got millions of fans around the world. But before she was famous, Taylor was just a young girl who loved to sing and dreamed of sharing her music with others. Discover how Taylor made it all the way to the top in this exciting biography! It's perfect for fans who have just learned to read. And it's packed with over 40 pages of photos and illustrations of the beloved singer/songwriter! This ultimate updated fan edition also includes all the latest info about Taylor's latest albums, collabs, and awards—plus her engagement to football star Travis Kelce!
LVIS	9780063399174	Taylor Swift: wildest dreams : a biography	Wainer, Erica	Booklist (October 15, 2024 (Vol. 121, No. 4)) Preschool-Grade 2. Younger fans of the fervently adored musician will find this accessible summary of Swift's real-life fairy tale a tribute beyond their wildest dreams. Swift's path to stardom begins with tree-farm roots and an early foray into country music. With spare text and an emphasis on Swift's love of songwriting, Wainer hits the high notes of the superstar's success, including her genre-expansive lyricism, critical acclaim, social activism, and reclaiming of her recording archive. While the text makes liberal use of song-title references, some featured in a lavender cursive font, Stone highlights recognizable wardrobe choices (plus Swift's bold lip) on warmly neutral backgrounds that sustain the softness of the wholesome digital illustrations. Conspicuous pop culture iconography—think beaded bracelets—serves those newer in their fandom while more obscure Easter eggs, such as koi fish, will please ardent followers. Devotees in search of dishy new insights may need to calm down; long story short, this reassuring biography covers fairly familiar terrain but offers source notes for fans who want to research further. Are you ready for it?
LVIS	9780316516303	Teachers in the wild	Davidson, Brad	School Library Journal starred (June 1, 2026) PreS-Gr 2-Teachers are predictable creatures inside the classroom, but when they are roaming wild in the outside world, there is no telling what they might do. One astute student has documented a wide range of observations about teachers and is enthusiastic about sharing all their collected knowledge with others. From locations of teacher hangouts to guidance about how students can interact with teachers outside the classroom, important details are included that will promote positive interactions for all involved. This cleverly presented picture book explores the very real feelings that exist when teachers and their students encounter one another in the world outside of school. Told in the style of a nature documentary, the narrative is amusing for children and adults alike, particularly because everyone is likely to have had an experience like those presented. The limited text makes the book accessible to young readers, thanks in part to the use of both word bubbles and traditional narrative. And because the protagonist speaks directly to readers, this book is well suited to being read aloud. Featuring a varied blend of skin tones and teacher types, the illustrations invite readers to identify themselves in the story. Emotions are clear, and the settings in which the characters appear are familiar to a wide range of readers. VERDICT Amusing and heartwarming, this picture book reminds readers of all ages of the joy, and sometimes discomfort, of realizing a treasured teacher has a life outside of school.-Mary Lanni © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781662680175	Tee time on the Moon : how astronaut Alan Shepard played lunar golf	Kelly, David A	Horn Book Magazine (July/August, 2023) Although the book offers a factual recounting of the Apollo 14 moon landing, its true focus is astronaut Alan Shepard Jr.'s personal experiment to find out how far a golf ball can travel on the low-gravity, atmosphere-less surface of the moon. The book starts with a wink as Shepard surreptitiously sneaks a sockful of golf balls into the pocket of his space suit, then goes on to describe the spaceship's aim and the experiments that were planned for the third crewed moon-mission. And then comes the moment when, on live television, Shepard unexpectedly twists a metal golf club head onto the end of his rock scoop, pulls out several golf balls, and takes a few swings. Kelly's well-researched retelling of this unusual story also does a little fact-checking on Shepard, who didn't hit the ball quite as far as he believed -- but nevertheless became the "first human to play a sport on the Moon." Fotheringham's (illustrator of Most Wanted, rev. 5/20) digital art uses a limited color palette that gives the story a vintage feel. Extensive back matter includes an overview of all the Apollo missions, additional information on Shepard and his golf experiment, and a bibliography. Laura Koenig July/August 2023 p.142
LVIS	9798887244853	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles x Naruto	Caleb Goellner	It's the coolest ninja matchup you could have ever dreamed of! The Heroes in a Half-Shell meet the host of the Nine-Tailed Fox in this epic, action-packed graphic novel crossover!
LVIS	9798887242767	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles®: Saturday Morning Adventures, Volume 2	Erik Burnham	The adventures of the animated Turtles continue in this new series inspired by the '80s animated TV show. Grab a slice and settle in with the world's most fearsome fighting team! Cowabunga! After an accidental encounter with an unknown element in the sewers of the city, the Rat King finds his ability to control the hearts and minds of rodents is waning. But in its place, he finds the ability to control reptile life, which will totally make things harder for the Heroes in a Half Shell! Plus, the TMNT are stoked when Professor Mc Guffin sends them on a special expedition to the ocean floor where the heroes are shell-shocked to discover Turtlantis, a subaqueous civilization that reveres turtles! Then, after learning that the Shredder has stolen an indestructible meteorite from TCRI, Donatello discovers an interdimensional signal in the Deep South that he thinks might be connected, and gets some help from the Punk Frogs! Collects issues #1-5 of the new ongoing Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Saturday Morning Adventures series!
LVIS	9798887245744	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles™ x Godzilla	Tim Seeley	The Heroes in a Half-Shell are taking on the King of the Monsters as two of the biggest franchises of all time combine into one thrilling story...and as the characters combine into incredible new forms! To defeat Mechashredder, Leonardo, Raphael, Mikey, and Donny must combine forms with Godzilla, Rodan, King Ghidorah, and Jet Jaguar!
LVIS	9781546195610	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles™: Splinter's Dojo	Dan & Jason	Cowabunga, dudes and dudettes! This hilarious original novel is filled with comics, mischief, and action starring The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles! Splinter's Dojo takes the turtles to class at the most radical middle school around.When the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles—Leonardo, Michelangelo, Raphael, and Donatello—cause a city-wide blackout, their Master Splinter is at his wits' end. These out-of-control turtles need structure, routine, discipline... somewhere that will hold them accountable. Where could that be? Middle school, of course! And what better place for a school for mutants than the sewers of New York, with a faculty and student body full of fan favorites from the world of TMNT? Can these Turtles get their act together and become true ninjas? And just what are Bebop and Rocksteady—henchmen of the Turtles' archenemy Shredder—doing in class with the rest of their peers?Told through a mix of comics panels, artifacts, and text, this highly illustrated novel from the author/illustrator team of Barb the Last Berzerker is sure to be a totally tubular hit with middle grade readers.
LVIS	9798217039265	Teeny and Tilly	Feldstein, Beanie	School Library Journal (April 1, 2026) PreS-Gr 2-Valentina goes by the nickname Teeny. This is appropriate, as she is very small in stature. Her previous school was a bad fit, with classmates constantly teasing her. Nobody intervened when taller students blocked her during a class photo so that she is missing from the picture, except for her pink shoes. The story shows a happier outcome at Teeny's new school, where she takes her mom's advice to start a conversation with a new classmate. Tilly (Matilda) is extremely tall, and the two girls have things in common that go beyond their respective sizes. Friendship is clearly in the offing. Though somewhat predictable in its plot, the book offers a positive lesson about body image. This hopeful story will be especially valuable for kids who feel awkward about their physical traits, not only height or weight. Discussions in class or at home will also discourage mean comments or dismissive behavior on the part of others. The cartoon illustrations adequately accompany the story-showing the main protagonists as white with different shades of brown hair, and diversity in the classroom scenes-but the artwork and the writing are not as significant as the important message conveyed. VERDICT A worthwhile purchase to add to shelves about kindness and body positivity.-Gloria Koster © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781503878624	Texas A&M Aggies	Sveda, Emily	
LVIS	9781503850408	Texas Longhorns	Kelley, K. C	
LVIS	9798330925346	That Stinks! The Surprising Science of Smelly Stuff	Braun, Eric	
LVIS	9780593532652	The adventures of Invisible Boy	Horner, Doogie	School Library Journal Xpress (April 12, 2024) Gr 3-8-It's the day of the big science fair at school, and new kid Stanley spills Gene the Genius's project, leading to an accident that leaves both boys invisible. While Gene uses his new ability to wreak havoc around town, Stanley becomes Invisible Boy and spends his time helping others however he can. Desperate to find an antidote, Stanley visits Gene's lair and activates several of his inventions, leading to a bubble bath explosion, a robot Owl, freeze bombs, and more. When the invisible boys begin to work together to prepare the antidote, they discover the power of friendship and collaboration. This graphic novel is a quick read with fast-paced dialogue and inner-thought narration. With vibrant, cartoon-style illustrations of various sizes and panel designs, readers will stay engaged with the exciting adventures of the characters. Despite the light, comic tone of the superhero plotline, Horner skillfully delves into deep themes such as parental expectations, social acceptance, and self-worth in a manner that will resonate with middle graders. The exciting build-up to the epic climax of the story will keep readers wanting more and eager for the promised follow-up.VERDICT Packed with witty humor and thrilling adventure, this graphic novel will draw fans of "Captain Underpants" and belongs on middle grade library shelves. -Angie Jameson © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780593532706	The adventures of Invisible Boy. 2,Zeroes to heroes	Horner, Doogie	School Library Journal Xpress (January 10, 2025) Gr 3-6-This graphic novel sequel begins with a quick recap to catch readers up on former enemies, now friends, Stan and Gene. After an accident with Gene's enhanced stain remover, both boys have the power to tun invisible whenever they burp or sneeze. While their powers aren't new, their ability to control those powers is unique to the sequel, leading to Stan wanting to use his now-controllable invisibility to save their town from crime and become a superhero. However, a few problems delay his quest: Gene isn't interested in being a superhero, and he makes fun of Stan's dreams. While Stan tries to brush this aside, the lack of real crime in their town makes it difficult to save the day. Just as Stan is about to give up, a new villain joins the adventure. While the side plot exploring Gene and Stan's friendship provides a bit of depth, this sequel doesn't stand on its own. Plot holes abound that might have been answered in the first book but won't make sense to new readers, such as how they manage to follow each other through town when they can't see each other. The villains' journey to evil is less impactful when readers don't have a full understanding of their back story. Fans of series like "Hilo" or "The Last Kids on Earth" might try their luck with Invisible Boy's first volume, instead. VERDICT While this graphic novel will appeal to fans of the first book, it doesn't quite hold its own.-Annamarie Carlson © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780593532751	The adventures of Invisible Boy. 3,Monster mash	Horner, Doogie	School Library Journal (June 1, 2026) Gr 3-7-Invisible Boy Stanley and his best friend, Gene, are up against monsters in this third installment of the "Adventures of Invisible Boy" series. Stan's big sister, Nico, befriends a group of teens who figure out that Stan can become invisible. To protect his secret, Stan and Gene challenge them to a contest: if the two friends build a scarier haunted house than the teens, their secret remains safe. Things never go that easily, though, and when Gene's latest invention-a robot who is always right-sprays living spray on the animatronic monsters, it's up to Invisible Boy to save Halloween and his sister. Filled with wild gadgets and laugh-out-loud moments, expect this to keep readers chuckling and turning pages. Bonus points for a sibling relationship that examines the need for independence yet remains loving. While this series installment is Halloween themed, it can be enjoyed year-round. VERDICT Robots, gadgets, and monsters make this a match made in middle grade heaven. A recommended first purchase.-Rosemary Kiladitis © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781338881684	The adventures of the Bailey School Kids. 4, Dragons don't cook pizza	Rafer, Angeli	
LVIS	9780593889480	The After-School Kindness Crew Slam Dunk Day #2	Hawn, Goldie	
LVIS	9781664999848	The age of dinosaurs : the rise and fall of the world's most remarkable animals	Brusatte, Stephen	School Library Journal (March 1, 2021) Gr 5-8-Brusatte hits a perfect note for young readers, infusing the text with his enthusiasm while making sophisticated vocabulary and concepts readily accessible. First-person accounts of digs, gender-balanced profiles of an international array of leaders in the field, and deeper looks at the cutting-edge technology used for research make for compelling sidebar reading and complement the text. The artwork demonstrates an attention to detail that reflects descriptions of recent discoveries. The relationship between geology and paleontology makes this book a natural tie-in to earth science topics. A time line and chronology preface the text; captioned photos, a glossary, a pronunciation guide, and an index are included. A brief further reading section lists key texts for younger readers and adult titles penned by the author. VERDICT Brusatte's work pops with all the excitement of a dinosaur-themed "CSI" show. Budding scientists and dinosaur enthusiasts will relish this deep dive into the detective work that comprises a fascinating field.-Courtney Lewis, St. Catherine's Sch., Richmond, VA © Copyright 2021. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

LVIS	9780593691915	The age of enchantment	James, Anna	Booklist (April 1, 2025 (Vol. 121, No. 15)) Grades 4-7. Magic is common in Whetherwhy, and every 13-year-old is tested to determine their seasonal proficiency. When twins Juniper and Rafferty take the typical exam, the results are anything but ordinary: Juniper shows an aptitude for all four seasons, making her an Enchanter. She's enrolled at the kingdom's most-prestigious academy, while Rafferty accepts an apprenticeship at a nearby bookbindery—though strange occurrences conspire to keep them apart. As each is drawn into mysterious happenings in the city and at school, it's only a matter of time before their paths cross in an unnerving way. Can the twins still trust each other, work together to unravel the secrets, and save their magical community? The gripping series opener carefully conjures a wonderful world of inventive magic and unconventional villains, and the seasonal approach to abilities is particularly intriguing. The sharp siblings split narrative duties, resulting in a large cast and multiple threads that tie together in a satisfying finish while leaving plenty of room for future installments. An enchanting exploration of a new magical world anchored in family and friendship.
LVIS	9780310178750	The amazing brain club : God's special design for all brains	Viducich, Lindsey Goff	School Library Journal Xpress (March 20, 2026) PreS-Gr 2-This book, which celebrates neurodiversity and the value of all children and their unique brains, will appeal primarily to faith-based collections. The author's premise is that each brain was designed by God, not determined by genetics, and each brain is amazing. Some brains are "quiet" and "focused" while other brains are "zoomy," containing many ideas, interests, and questions. These latter brains, in children who would be described as having ADHD, are the focus of the story. The illustrations and metaphors used to describe the brains of children are clever and uplifting, allowing children with or without ADHD to have a much better understanding of how those with it learn and function. Rather than knowledge sorted into "file cabinets," in the "zoomy" brain, information is like "confetti." Ideas float like "glitter in a snow globe or feathers after a pillow fight." This allows for a different kind of problem-solving and a passion for understanding topics of interest with intensity and depth. Children with ADHD are said to have enough energy to "power a whole city," but the author also acknowledges that sometimes these children cannot pay attention, control their bodies, or conform to classroom expectations. However, every person has a "purpose and a role to play in God's story, using the bodies and minds we've been given." VERDICT A joyful, faith-based story about the brains of children with ADHD.-Sally James © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9788000075723	The amazing chemistry in your home	Karpiskova, Lenka	School Library Journal (January 1, 2026) Gr 3-7-In an easy, cartoon-style format, this slim book packs a lot of information into each page as it guides readers through a home and explains how people interact with chemistry in each room. The tone is set from the start with a spread of the periodic table in which the elements describe their individual identities and chemical properties in comic speech bubbles. Each room, from garage and kitchen to bedroom, living room, garden, and more, is explored on spreads, following an ethnically diverse group of children (and a gecko) through everyday activities, lightheartedly pointing out the essential chemical elements and reactions they encounter. In brightly colored text boxes, which are tab-labeled as materials, reactions, temperature, gases, food, and more, readers learn what chemicals make up toothpaste, what plants can be poisonous, and why LED lights are efficient. Simple experiments are sprinkled throughout; however, they do not warn readers to use safety goggles and only casually mention that "it is probably best to ask a grown-up" when handling hot water and open flames. Some recommendations, such as using warm water in the laundry, may be misleading. Since the information is random and not organized by topic, it probably works best to spark interest in chemistry and not as a research source. There is a glossary and suggestions for further reading appended but no index. VERDICT A fun, humorously written but superficial first introduction to chemistry and chemical reactions that may spark scientific curiosity.-MaryAnn Karre © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798217111916	The amazing generation : your guide to fun and freedom in a screen-filled world	Haidt, Jonathan	School Library Journal Xpress starred (December 12, 2025) Gr 6 Up-From the authors of The Anxious Generation, this lively, relevant guide speaks directly to young readers who have grown up with technology woven into their everyday lives. What makes this book stand out is its upbeat, encouraging approach: instead of shaming kids for using technology, it inspires them to discover balance, adventure, and creativity beyond the screen by viewing technology as a tool rather than something that dictates how they spend their time. Haidt and Price offer kid-friendly strategies, such as turning off notifications and using grounding techniques to increase self-focus, delivered in a warm and energetic tone that feels more like an invitation to explore than a rule to follow. The book contains relatable anecdotes about real teens and their technology use, as well as scientific explanations of the internet and other technologies' impact on teen brains. These are presented through colorful charts that break down scientific terms in playful ways kids will understand and recognize. While maintaining the book's upbeat tone, Haidt and Price also provide an unvarnished look at tech companies' profit motivation for ensnaring young and impressionable customers. Their book's illustrations and graphics are bright, fun, and engaging and feature a diverse set of teens. VERDICT A fresh, motivating guide recommended for students and educators who want to encourage independence, curiosity, and real-world adventures, and a fun reminder that life off-screen can be just as exciting as the digital world, if not more.-Margaret Auguste © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781546174363	The Baby-sitters Club Super Special Graphic Novel: Baby-sitters on Board!	Raina Telgemeier & Gale Galligan, based on the novel by Ann M. Martin	New York Times bestselling authors Raina Telgemeier and Gale Galligan team up and return to The Baby-sitters Club—both Raina and Gale adapt and illustrate this super special graphic novel!Kristy, Claudia, Mary Anne, Stacey, Dawn, Mallory, and Jessi are the luckiest baby-sitters in the world. This summer, they're going on what is sure to be the best vacation ever: a plane ride to Florida, a cruise to the Bahamas on an extravagant ship, and then back to Florida for three days of fun at a huge amusement park!The BSC has a million adventures, of course. And they still have time for what they like best of all—baby-sitting!
LVIS	9798318908798	The Bad Guys: breaking in. Best of the worst	Barbo, Maria S	
LVIS	9798318945151	The Bad Guys: breaking in. Moving on up	Barbo, Maria S	
LVIS	9781459824966	The bake sale with four phonics stories	Rae, Elspeth	School Library Journal (March 1, 2022) Gr 1-4-In four short phonics stories, friends Meg and Greg hold a bake sale, ride bikes, rope climb in a cove, and help June, a cute cat. What makes this series unique is its combination of a themed phonics reader narrative and a dual-reader level format. Each book focuses on one phonogram. This third entry introduces the "long vowel and silent e" concept using vocabulary (sale, ride, rope, cute) which demonstrates that phonogram and builds on skills introduced in previous titles. The left page is for the accomplished reader; the right is for the child learning to read and tells the story through comic-style illustrations providing textual clues and a simple narrative. Meg and Greg's high-interest adventures will engage older readers struggling with decoding or dyslexia. Practical tips, reading strategies, games, and exercises accompanying each story add a valuable instructional component. VERDICT Fills a void in resources for emerging readers; an essential purchase for school and public libraries. © Copyright 2022. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780753481295	The Baseball Encyclopedia		The Baseball Encyclopedia brings you all the latest info, stats, and facts from the big leagues and beyond. Read about the greatest players and managers in the history of the game, from Babe Ruth to Aaron Judge, along with recaps of epic and classic series. Get the scoop on the history and business of baseball while touring the most famous ballparks in the game.
LVIS	9780753481509	The Basketball Encyclopedia		The Basketball Encyclopedia brings you all the latest info, stats, and facts from pro and college hoops and beyond!
LVIS	9781400251100	The best kids cookbook : 60+ fun and simple recipes to get kids cooking	Kartes, Danielle	School Library Journal (June 1, 2025) Gr 5 Up-Kartes, best known for appearing on The Kelly Clarkson Show and The Today Show, divides this book into breakfast, lunch, dinner, dips, snacks, side dishes, and treats. Icons designate gluten-free, use of the stove, sharp tools, recipes with substitutions, or places where readers can skip spicy items. Packing this with subtle puns, the author adds some whimsy to savory dishes that are surprisingly easy to construct. Cooking tips are noted for chefs to have support, be adventurous, and plan ahead before attempting a recipe. Tips, especially about not overmixing pancake batter and how to pinch, splash, and dash, are essential for any chef, especially beginners. This book takes time to explain a lot of cooking nuances that other cookbooks neglect, like kitchen terms and how to multiply recipes. There are no ratings for easy, intermediate, or advanced. Bold chefs will be curious to try "spicy watermelon fries with chili powder," but they may hesitate over the generational staple, a fried bologna sandwich. VERDICT This book challenges teens to step out of their comfort zone with diverse spices, working with seafood, and tricky recipes, simplified but not condescending.-Laura Dooley-Taylor © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798348042752	The Best Mma Fighters	Cooke, Tim	
LVIS	9798348042714	The best MMA moments	Cooke, Tim	
LVIS	9798348042738	The Best Mma Rivalries	Cooke, Tim	
LVIS	9798348042721	The best pro wrestling moments	Jackson, Tom	
LVIS	9798348042745	The best pro wrestling rivalries	Jackson, Tom	
LVIS	9798348042769	The best pro wrestling stars	Jackson, Tom	
LVIS	9781536245073	The bestest big brother, ever	Mantle, Ben	School Library Journal (July 1, 2025) Gr 1-3-The dynamics of two brothers is charmingly centered in this book. The story is told by Nano (white with red hair) the younger brother who idolizes his older brother Felix (also white, with black curly hair). At the beginning, Nano is gushing about Felix, stating that they are "one person in two bodies." Meanwhile, the expression on Felix's face as well as his loud protestations tell a different story; he is the older brother who is often driven crazy by the younger one. Finally, Felix has had enough, blocking Nano from his treehouse and exclaiming, "Now stop copying me. And stop following me. And just leave me alone!" Nano responds with righteous indignation, stomping off to make his own house in the rain. Initially, Nano succeeds in cobbling together an umbrella house, but eventually the wind blows his house apart, and Felix does nothing to stop the destruction. Eventually, the brothers spend a joyful afternoon listening to and playing together in the rain. The illustrations are colorful, showing the way that Nano views the world, and the facial expressions on the brothers, particularly their expressive eyes, capture their whirlwind, ever-changing feelings. VERDICT Ideal for the sibling shelves, this book whimsically captures the very real turbulence of relationships. Young children will have fun watching Nano and Felix play, argue, and reconcile.-Sally James © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798217141425	The Bfg The Gloriumptious Giant Capture	Dahl, Roald	
LVIS	9798765627242	The big empty : a sagebrush survival story	Fagan, Kirbi	School Library Journal Xpress starred (August 8, 2025) K-Gr 3-Many books focus on the greener spaces, or perhaps watery biomes. Once in a while, there are books written of less picturesque, overlooked spaces, such as the sagebrush biome, one of the largest in the continental United States, located in the intermountain areas. Readers will be introduced to the beauty of the resilient sagebrush, living in relationship with the dramatic weather patterns and supporting hawks, snakes, rabbits and more. Vacillating between the dry weather, fire and the little rain or snow, sagebrush is dramatically shown living in arid land with cracks in the soil, with limited greenery and the animals that live among it, in barren sparseness after wildfire season and in full bloom when water is available. Humans are not actively seen as a part of this habitat, other than as a camping trailer that drives through "the big empty." Placed within the artwork are sparse poetic lines, describing the relationship between the animals and sagebrush and with connections to the ecology of the area. The book includes an appendix with information about sagebrush and a few of the native animals of the area and touches on the complications of invasive grasses. VERDICT With its lilting text and gorgeous artwork, this is the rare book that amplifies the ferocity and the necessity of fire in nature, employing the ecology of the sagebrush.-Vi Ha © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781536249538	The big green : a story about the Great Green Wall of Africa	Wilson-Max, Ken	School Library Journal Xpress starred (December 12, 2025) K-Gr 3-Wilson-Max's book begins with two small children, Mariam and Issa, excitedly holding hands and walking with their parents on a dry, dusty road in Mali. The children have been told that something exciting is going to happen today, and their mother and father are carrying supplies like a shovel and bags with leaves peeking out. Upon the family's arrival at a shady tree, digging commences, complete with onomatopoeia that captures the sounds of shovels and dirt flying. It's soon revealed that the family is making a garden. Mariam and Issa's Uncle Cedric arrives and tells them that the plants they will grow in the garden are their future. Unclear as to what that means, the children press him for further details. "These little trees will make life better for the animals, the birds, and all of us," he responds. Neighbors and friends arrive to help Mariam and Issa's family plant and water the plot. When they're done, all that's left is waiting for the trees to grow. An author's note at the end of the book explains that Issa and Mariam's parents are contributing to a tree-planting initiative called the Great Green Wall of Africa, which spans 11 African countries on the edge of the Sahara Desert. It is intended to stop desertification from spreading, provide habitats for wildlife, and promote food-cultivation. The book also shows readers how to plant and care for a young tree. VERDICT This lovely picture book is sure to be enjoyed by all patrons.-Tracy Cronce © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781970302028	The big sneeze	Alber, Diane	
LVIS	9781963915075	The big twitch	Miller, Kevin	
LVIS	9798887353814	The bird girl	Earley, Christina	

LVIS	9780802856470	The birds of Christmas	Armstrong, Olivia	School Library Journal Xpress (June 27, 2025) PreS-Gr 3-Raven is flying home in Bethlehem when a voice tells him that a child has been born this night and that he must go and tell all of the other birds. Raven takes on this duty and visits Wren, Nightingale, and Rooster, who attempts to do his normal cock-a-doodle-do but instead crows in Latin that "Christ is born!" Each bird says they will bring the child a gift; as Raven goes to the child, Stork beats him there to bring soft feathers for the child's pillow. A small bird who says she has nothing to give finds that her strength is enough-she fans the flames of the fire to keep the child warm on this cold night. A small, red ember lands on the bird's chest, and from then on, birds like her are called robins. This gentle book reminds children that they are enough of a gift themselves on Christmas. Hand-drawn illustrations guide readers through the night with calming winter tones and beautiful bursts of red and orange. This is a gentler take on the origin lore of robins, as they are traditionally associated with Christ's blood, not his birth. VERDICT An additional purchase, appropriate where Christian faith-based books are popular.-Kerri Williams © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798887350639	The blues duel	Earley, Christina	
LVIS	9780593377468	The blur	Le, Minh	School Library Journal Xpress starred (June 10, 2022) K-Gr 3-"While those early days were a total blur, every now and then, time stood perfectly still. Until one day...a first step, and the child became...THE BLUR." From infancy, to toddlerhood, and, in a blink of an eye, driving, Lê and Santat illustrate how quickly a child grows in the eyes of a parent. Similar to their prior collaboration, Drawn Together, Lê and Santat simultaneously showcase an Asian American family in the roles of the main characters, while also inviting all families to find themselves within the pages. Parents and caregivers will surely relate to the story. While it is traditional to provide some graduates with a book to honor their journey, this book may encourage a new tradition of gifting the parents and caregivers who assisted every step of the way. VERDICT This relatable tale documents the quick journey from infancy to graduation, which seems to happen in a blur. This book is a must-purchase.-Katherine Forsman © Copyright 2022. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798887350622	The boat	Earley, Christina	
LVIS	9780063225183	The book of Anansi	Thomas, Angie	Horn Book Magazine (November/December, 2025) This second book in a projected trilogy (The Manifestor Prophecy, rev. 5/23) is as energetic as the first. Recently relocated from Jackson, Mississippi, Nic Blake once again must adjust to a new town with new kids...but this town just happens to be Uhuru, an advanced world full of supernatural humans like her, known as the Remarkables. Because she and her father had "lived secretly as exiles in the Unremarkable world for ten years," Nic must adjust to living with her mom, twin brother Alex, and supportive if slightly aloof grandparents. As if that weren't enough, Nic must wrestle with the signs that have singled her out as the Manowari, the prophesied destroyer of the Remarkable world. Her newfound power further cements her fate, and her family is divided on how to keep her safe and her identity protected. When her secret is discovered, Nic is blackmailed into helping a shadowy organization find the Book of Anansi, an artifact no one is sure exists. As Nic, Alex, and best friend JP attempt to discover the lore behind the tale, they learn that Uhuru is a far cry from the utopia about which they have been told (particularly by Nic's grandmother, the president of Uhuru). In a fast-paced and intriguing narrative, Thomas infuses elements of tried-and-true mystical tales with a West African bent, with an exciting conclusion that will leave readers clamoring for more. Eboni Njoku November/December 2025 p.79
LVIS	9780593406380	The book that almost rhymed	Abed, Omar	School Library Journal Xpress starred (May 24, 2024) K-Gr 3-Creativity, imagination, and humor run wild in this story of a young protagonist thwarted by his younger sister. Despite his every effort to write a story filled with knights and treasure, she barges in, spoiling his perfect rhymes at each page turn, and pitching the story in one silly direction after the other. Frustrated at first to be sent into outer space, dropped onto a ship full of dancing pirates, and attacked by a fire-breathing armadillo, he begins to realize her contributions actually do have a rhyme and reason. In an if-you-can't-beat-them-join-them turn, he rolls with her creativity, and they embark together on a new adventure. This is clearly Interrupting Chicken meets Harold and the Purple Crayon. Aly's illustrations are vibrant and full of the action and energy relayed in the text. VERDICT Funny and wildly unpredictable, this will be a read-aloud hit. Recommended for all picture book collections.-Jennifer Noonan © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781664341005	The borrowed puppy	Webb, Holly	School Library Journal (October 1, 2025) Gr 2-4-This beloved series is back with yet another adorable dog gracing the cover. Jade desperately wants a puppy, but her little brother is too young for a pet in the house. When she starts volunteering with a dog walking service and meets a golden retriever puppy named Milo, Jade gets her hopes up that this is the solution to her puppy problem! With simple stories perfect for young readers, this series does a great job building tension and finding a solution in a satisfying way that keeps kids coming back for the cute animals. Black-and-white illustrations are sprinkled throughout the story, which features more words than pictures. VERDICT Recommended for collections where the other pet rescue series circulate well. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798217117345	The Boxcar Children graphic novel	Hashimoto, Meika	School Library Journal (July 1, 2026) Gr 1 Up-"The Boxcar Children" are back in an all-new comic adaptation. Siblings Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny are orphans on the run. In fear of having to live with their assumed-to-be unkind grandfather, the four set off to live on their own. From finding odd jobs to keep themselves fed, to discovering the actual boxcar that inspired their acclaimed nickname, readers can experience the origin story of one of literature's most famous quartets. The graphic novel works as a nice way to introduce young readers not only to the charms of the long-running franchise but also to comics in general. The story is immensely simple to follow, perhaps to a fault. While it may not offer enough breadth to hold middle grader attention in a crowded comics field, younger readers should appreciate the charm of the characters, plus the friendly, colorful artwork, making this perfect for early elementary students. Though the protagonists are famous for their knack at solving mysteries, there isn't much of that in this origin story. However, a sneak preview of another upcoming volume at the end teases that facet in future releases. This is a sweet gateway comic for those new to the franchise or to comics in general. Main characters are white. VERDICT Delightful with welcoming artwork and well-grounded lead characters. A lovely way to reintroduce this classic series to young readers.-Joe Pascullo © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780763698324	The boy and the gorilla	Azua Kramer, Jackie	Horn Book Magazine (March/April, 2021) A gorilla approaches a young boy after the death of the boy's mother ("Your mother's garden is beautiful. May I help?") and stays with him as the boy begins to process what happened and work through his grief. Sometimes the gorilla answers direct questions ("Where did Mom go?" "No one knows for sure"); at other moments, it simply provides affirmation ("Sometimes I want to be alone." "That's all right. Everyone needs quiet time"). Gorgeous collage illustrations, splotchy and watery almost as if tear-stained, follow the boy and gorilla from garden to beach to playground to classroom to treetop as the conversation continues, always (after the first introduction) initiated by the boy. As time passes and with the gorilla's help and gentle encouragement, the boy approaches his father -- who has been present in the background, but silent and separate -- and as the two begin to talk about their mutual grief and to comfort each other, the gorilla departs. Kramer's text is understated and powerful, and Derby's art, whether depicting a glorious seascape or a mundane school-bus interior, is invested with emotion. The gorilla -- enormous in comparison to its surroundings, standing out on each spread in deep colors of purple, blue, and gray -- is both a reassuring presence and a symbol of the immensity of the boy's grief. [See the similarly themed Bear Island, reviewed on page 53.] Martha V. Parravano March/April 2021 p.61
LVIS	9780802855169	The Boy Behind the Wardrobe	Harris, Suzanne Poulter	School Library Journal (August 1, 2026) Gr 2-5-This stunningly illustrated picture book biography leans into the influences and circumstances that inspired C.S. Lewis (1898-1963) to write his masterpiece series "The Chronicles of Narnia." From imaginative play with his brother in Belfast, through his mother's death, difficulties at boarding school, and the trenches of WWI, stories and writing were his comfort. Finally at peace in Oxford, he found his people in the Inklings club, and his writing blossomed. Then, while he boarded evacuee children during WWII, all his experiences and memories came together to create Narnia. The text is pleasant and informative without being too heavy, and except for the names of a few locations, should be accessible to the intended audience. The tone matches the digital illustrations well. A limited earthy color palette gives depth to simple line work and adds a sense of magic to the whole book. The main storyline is followed by notes from the author and illustrator about their inspirations and experiences creating this biography, a timeline of Lewis's life, and short lists of further reading, resources, and source citations. VERDICT A magical addition to any biography collection.-Virginia Pine © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781250424990	The Boy Who Knew Too Much	Blabey, Aaron	School Library Journal (August 1, 2026) Gr 5 Up-This wildly imaginative and very funny story starts with a game show that pits aliens against one another to see who can get humans to destroy their planet first. The aliens masquerade on Earth as pets who can control their owners' minds, forcing them to litter, pollute, and commit other random acts of environmental negligence. Griff, an unwitting 11-year-old, goes into a pet store one day to find a new furry friend-except Griff is allergic to fur and pathologically fearful of fish, so he ends up with an axolotl. Once the axolotl (whose name is Bob) contacts Griff, he tells Griff he's trying to save the Earth. Bob and Griff realize they need help and enlist pet store owner Carol, a paraplegic retired Marine who drives a monster truck named Armageddon. The book has a cliff-hanger ending, ensuring readers will be clamoring for the next volume and all the episodes after that. This book is very much suited for middle schoolers and older who will pick up on some of the terrible puns, understand the social commentary, and won't mind some of the strong language. VERDICT Highly recommended for older fans of Blabey, particularly those who enjoy satirical science fiction.-Debbie Tanner © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780316541084	The Brainstormerz. Money talks	Alexander, Kwame	School Library Journal starred (March 1, 2026) Gr 3-6-Electric, a vegetarian nine-year-old, lives with his family on top of The Lazy Bacon, his family's bookstore. Feeling guilty about asking his parents for the latest phone while bookstore sales are down, he and his best friends devise ways to save money for his 10th birthday. Amidst several failed ventures, from accidentally lacing the baked goods at their bake sale with Grandma's laxatives to losing all the dog walking money to pay for the hot dog stand the dogs cleaned out, Electric also begins to worry about his parents' financial stress related to their bookstore and its potential closing. When the three friends put their talents together, they find a solution that boosts sales enough for the bookstore to remain open. Filled with pulchritudinous artwork and scintillating storytelling, this graphic novel is an absolute standout. Sprinkled with rich vocabulary lessons throughout the text, including the two adjectives in the previous sentence, readers will enjoy learning new, exciting words. The diverse characters offer a range of perspectives, providing windows and mirrors for readers across a wide spectrum. With an emphasis on friendship and problem solving, Alexander and Dyce's characterization and use of humor will draw in readers and keep them hooked. VERDICT This must-read will delight graphic novel fans and self-proclaimed word nerds. Readers will be eagerly anticipating the sequel the minute they finish.-Angie Jameson © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780394896953	The bravest dog ever : the true story of Balto	Standiford, Natalie	School Library Journal (August 1, 2006) Gr 1-3-Balto, a sled dog, and his team traverse 53 miles of ice and snow in the Alaskan wilderness to deliver medicine in this 48-page beginning reader by Natalie Standiford (Random, 1989). Donald Cook's full-color illustrations are expressive, and John Gabriel's narration is slow enough for students to follow along. Music and sound effects add to the overall appeal of this story that is based on an actual event. One track has page-turn signals. Ideal for classroom listening or independent reading.-Leigh Ann Rumsey, Penn Yan Academy, NY Copyright 2006 Reed Business Information.
LVIS	9781503879539	The Building of the Panama Canal	Havemeyer, Janie	
LVIS	9781779460318	The burrowing owls of the prairie grasslands	Hodge, Deborah	School Library Journal starred (February 1, 2026) Gr 1-3-This beautifully crafted nonfiction book offers rich, luscious language that vividly evokes the prairie grasslands and the remarkable animals that call this ecosystem home. Children are introduced to essential ecological concepts and habitat-specific terminology in a way that feels accessible and engaging. Hodge thoughtfully explains the migration patterns of burrowing owls, why they travel long distances, and what other prairie species they encounter along the way. One of the book's most compelling features is its gentle but honest exploration of the challenges these owls face, particularly the loss of habitat due to agricultural development and the resulting threat of endangerment. The illustrations are wonderful; soft pastel tones create sweeping scenes that realistically portray both the birds and their environment. Because the artwork fills each page with text layered thoughtfully over the images, the book is highly inviting and will captivate emerging readers. The back matter is equally impressive, offering additional facts about Grasslands National Park, other native species, and practical ways children and families can support owl conservation. VERDICT An excellent choice for elementary classrooms, young naturalists, homeschooling families, and any child fascinated by animals, ecosystems, or environmental stewardship, filled with sensory language, and captivating images.-Tracey Hodges © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781771476171	The buzz on wild bees : the little-known pollinators that keep out planet humming	Vermond, Kira	School Library Journal starred (October 1, 2025) K-Gr 3-Though honeybees are some of the most recognized bees, about 20,000 species of bees are known to exist around the world. Some bees thrive in colonies while others are more solitary, and every bee plays an important role in the pollination of countless plants. Sadly, climate change is having a dramatic and negative effect on the habitat and survival of these important creatures. However, humans have begun making changes that may support the bee community for generations to come. This informative, approachable nonfiction title introduces readers of all ages to the many varieties of bees in the world and especially highlights the importance of wild bees. Narrative text explains featured concepts using rich descriptions that speak directly to readers. Though these passages are long, the content is intriguing, and the supporting elements on the page provide ample visual stimulus to balance the text. Colorful, detailed illustrations depict a variety of bees in their natural habitats, using hues and textures that are reminiscent of wildflower meadows. Additionally, a plethora of bee-themed jokes and puns enhance the enjoyment found in this book. A wealth of facts and encouraging guidance connect readers more deeply to bees in their vicinity, and back matter increases readers' learning potential. VERDICT Informative and engaging, this is an important addition to nonfiction library collections for elementary school-aged readers. -Mary Lanni © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781098255961	The buzzer beater	Walker, Lane	School Library Journal (October 1, 2025) Gr 4-6-This new six-title series features a different eighth-grade protagonist in each book, each living in a different city and playing a different sport: basketball, soccer, hockey, baseball, golf, and football. With fast-paced plots and a heavy focus on sports action, these books will appeal to upper elementary and middle school readers who love athletics. Each story also includes a compelling side plot that adds depth-addressing themes like anger, bullying, moving, and navigating competitive pressure. As the characters grow on and off the field, readers are treated to relatable moments of personal development. VERDICT A solid addition to sports fiction collections that's sure to score with young athletes. Recommended for purchase. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781955657518	The case of the Christmas caper	Kenney, Daniel	
LVIS	9781955657495	The case of the Claymore diamond	Kenney, Daniel	
LVIS	9781955657532	The case of the forgotten mine	Kenney, Daniel	

LVIS	9781955657525	The case of the Hamilton roller coaster	Kenney, Daniel	
LVIS	9781419766817	The case of the missing tadpole	Winkler, Henry	School Library Journal starred (October 1, 2024) Gr 2-4-Detective Duck is back on the case! Franny the Frog is frantic; her son, Tad the Tadpole, has gone missing. The ducky sleuth immediately sees Franny's problem and sets about solving it. She organizes the citizens of Dogwood Pond into a search party; two members, Beaver McBeaver and Harry the catfish, begin their search along the rim of the far side of the pond. They quickly uncover more problems than the missing Tad. They have trouble seeing in the murky brown water spilling out of a big metal pipe. Algae plants that have taken on a weird blue-green color are much thicker, making it harder to breathe. Gradually, a pond that has always felt safe is becoming dangerous, and there's still no sign of Tad. This second book in the "Detective Duck" series is perfect for young fans of read-aloud chapter books. Detailed, colorful artwork, drawn by Caldecott Award-winning illustrator Santat, brings Winkler and Oliver's story of perseverance and conservation to life. This is a message story, but it has plenty of spirit and character and offers readers a well-paced adventure that ends with, in the words of Detective Duck, "Poof! Problem solved!" VERDICT This entertaining sequel is recommended for chapter book read-alouds, and for those who appreciate children's stories that carry a gentle message of environmental awareness.-Cheryl Blevens © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781955657501	The case of the mysterious Mr. Jekyll	Kenney, Daniel	
LVIS	9781419755132	The case of the strange splash	Winkler, Henry	Booklist (September 1, 2023 (Vol. 120, No. 1)) Grades 1-3. Willow Feathers may be a little duckling, but she has big aspirations—namely, to become a detective. Her dream and curiosity are both supported by her loving father, Beaver McBeaver, who adopted the girl when she washed onto his dam as an egg. In her inaugural adventure, an unidentified flying object sails by Willow and lands in Dogwood Pond. What could the big circular thing be? She gathers her friends to get to the bottom of the mystery. Winkler and Oliver are old pros at writing fun and funny stories for kids, and they enter the early chapter-book space with ease. Thanks to Santat's wonderful full-color illustrations, readers will know from the start what the UFO really is and get a good laugh over Willow's salamander friend Sal's conviction that they're dealing with aliens. Once the truth is uncovered, the fast-paced story shifts to spotlight a rescue mission with teamwork and environmental messaging at its heart. The new Detective Duck series will go over swimmingly with young readers.
LVIS	9781416990017	The Christmas genie	Gutman, Dan	Booklist (December 1, 2009 (Vol. 106, No. 7)) Grades 3-6. Rising out of a meteorite that lands in Chase's fifth-grade classroom, a genie offers the class a Christmas wish if they can all agree on one in 40 minutes. They suggest everything from a wall-sized TV to peace on earth, but they can't settle on one choice. The suspense mounts as Chase's classmates' wishes—drawn one by one from a bowl—become more and more preposterous, the arguments against them become louder, and the clock ticks. Structurally easier to follow than Gutman's The Homework Machine (2006), the first-person narrative here moves chronologically and inexorably to a surprising climax. Supposedly "kind of into science stuff," Chase makes a basic mistake about the winter solstice on the third page that savvy middle-grade readers will catch, but that shouldn't lessen their enjoyment of the story. Two lessons are clearly stated: think now about your goals and dreams, and be careful what you wish for. Readers may be laughing too hard to notice. Illustrations not seen.
LVIS	9798890631237	The color of words	Legge, Krista	Kirkus Reviews (April 1, 2026) Well-paired prose and illustrations emphasize the power of words. Camila, pale-skinned with large, red-framed glasses and long brown hair, has a unique gift: "She can see the effect of the words people speak." As she walks through her diverse community, she catches conversations. Joyous words shine and shimmer around friends, creating colorful bubbles of letters, flowers, and fanciful flying creatures. Garlands of positivity wrap around Camila. Although the words fade with time, a single red flower remains, reminding Camila of their positivity. But some words have the opposite effect and create very different images. Negative and hurtful words loom over speakers as large gray abstract monsters. Camila tries to get away from them, but the dark words cling to her like a shadow. In a dramatic full-page spread, the gray gloom of negative comments surrounds a despondent Camila. But, because Camila wants everyone to have beautiful words swirling around them, she becomes the change she wishes to see and starts complimenting those around her. Not only does she brighten the lives of her neighbors, she also revives her own positive energy. Whimsical cameo illustrations highlighted against a white background translate words into emotional images. Together, the text and visuals create a book that fosters quiet contemplation and discussion about both the positive and negative effects of words. Gently encourages communication, reflection, and action. (Picture book. 5-9)
LVIS	9781547619177	The colors of nature : discover the beautiful colors that brighten our world!	Barr, Catherine	School Library Journal starred (September 1, 2025) Gr 1-3-This book successfully brings together two complementary ideas. First, readers learn how the sun's white light is separated into different color wavelengths. These wavelengths either "sink into" or "bounce off" objects to create the colors we see. Second, readers are introduced to the varied colors that can be seen in nature and learn fascinating facts about the stunning colorful world of animals, plants, and natural features such as rivers, clouds, stars, and planets. As a result, information about color is joined with an impressive array of fascinating illustrations and text. The text both informs and surprises. For example, a spread entitled "Wonderful white" shows illustrations and descriptions of white plants, animals, clouds, and sand dunes. Readers also learn that polar bears may look white, but their skin is actually black, and their white hair is hollow and full of air. The illustrations also delight. A section entitled "Gorgeous green" includes illustrations of animals, such as a green-blooded skink, a sloth, a green iguana, and a green bee-eater, which is actually a bird. Readers learn the surprising fact that green algae grows on a sloth's damp fur and serves to camouflage it from predators lurking in trees. VERDICT This book is a fine choice for supplementing and supporting studies of plants, animals, and natural settings. It is also useful for examining how written text and illustrations can work successfully together to inform and surprise readers.-Myra Zarnowski © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781942993162	The complete Chi's sweet home. Part 1	Konami, Kanata	School Library Journal (November 1, 2015) Gr 2-6-This manga series revolves around a kitten that gets separated from her family when they go for a walk one day. She is discovered by the Yamada family, who takes her home but cannot keep her because of their apartment's rules against pets. They do their best to find another home for the little one but soon find themselves growing fond of the kitten and making great efforts to keep her hidden from the neighbors. Chi is a just a baby, so she has trouble articulating some of her thoughts. Readers may find cutesy words like scarewy, pwease, and wittle a bit off-putting, but these speech patterns do gradually transition out of Chi's internal monologues as the kitten grows older. The artwork is delightful. The drawings are clean and simple and are beautifully colored in watercolors-even the sound effects and motion lines are colored. The panels brim with vitality, allowing readers to effortlessly join Chi in all her adventures. Individual volumes of this series have been available in English since 2010, but this book is a new omnibus edition that contains volumes one to three, plus three bonus comics. As with the individual volumes, this omnibus is "flipped," which means it reads left to right, allowing beginning manga readers to enjoy the tales with greater ease. Pair with Hero Cats by Kyle Puttkammer (Action Lab Entertainment, 2015) and Scratch9 by Rob M. Worley (Hermes Pr., 2015) for a truly paw-some trio of adorable graphic novels. VERDICT Funny, sweet, and sometimes poignant, this adorable series truly understands felines and the humans who love them, and is one of the rare manga series that is enjoyable for all ages.-Kelley Gile, Cheshire Public Library, CT © Copyright 2015. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780744059854	The Compsognathus chase	Stone, Rex	
LVIS	9780063254596	The cookie crumbles	Badua, Tracy	School Library Journal starred (June 1, 2024) Gr 5 Up-Badua and Dow's suspenseful, engaging book offers readers a plot-driven tale. Laila and Lucy have been best friends since kindergarten. Lucy loves journalism while Laila loves cooking. This year will be different, however, because they will have to go to different high schools. When Laila gets offered a spot in a baking competition to win a scholarship to Sunderland Academy, the two discover that the elite boarding school has both culinary and journalism programs. To get them noticed, Lucy reports on Laila's competition. When Chef Remy, a highly critical chef, collapses during competition, foul play is suspected, and everyone seems to think Laila did it. Can the best friends clear Laila's name, and figure out who hurt Chef Remy? Laila and Lucy are authentic, enjoyable characters readers will root for. Told through a mix of journal entries and chapter formats, the plot is complex and draws the readers into the duo's world. The authors adeptly describe the culinary elements of the novel while giving substance to the mystery. VERDICT This book features a diverse cast of characters for readers who like cooking, mysteries, and realistic fiction; it will circulate well in libraries where mysteries and friendship stories are popular.-Kira Moody © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780593694909	The Crayons' book of manners	Daywalt, Drew	School Library Journal (March 1, 2026) PreS-Gr 3-A charming, tongue-in-check primer on basic manners from a familiar, beloved source. "Duncan's crayons are perfect little angels who never, ever misbehave and always use their manners," except for the few who don't. The crayons are drawn in situations in which they're being impolite; the main text is in a black font, but the asides by the crayons are printed text in gray. Some of them model good behavior to the others, saying "You're welcome, by the way!" even when another crayon grabs their ball. The expressive colors pop on the white pages, and some drawings show the expected, much-revered sly sense of humor: the nude crayon, with its paper sleeve missing, announces "I'm naked." The narrative ends with a reminder that it's easy to be polite and then offers some common phrases of courtesy. VERDICT This amusing introduction and reminder of basic manners, similar to Sesyle Joslin's What Do You Say, Dear? is a great first buy.-Tamara Saarinen © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798887353715	The cruise	Earley, Christina	
LVIS	9798318910623	The cursed campground		School Library Journal (May 1, 2025) Gr 4-6-A wacky story written by YouTube's Family Gaming team about a family vacation at a haunted campground. Duddy, Moomy, and their four kids, Lexi, Mike, Chase, and Shawn, are visiting Camp Mekkarunphort. Unfortunately for them, the campground is quickly overrun by monsters like Bigfoot, Count Dracula, and werewolves. The family must figure out how to rid the property of these dangerous creatures before they become monster food. FGTeeV depart from their graphic novels in this illustrated middle grade novel. New readers will pick up on the family dynamic quickly enough and established fans of the YouTube channel will enjoy the new storytelling format. A fun example of content creators using multimedia to engage with their audiences. VERDICT For fans of FGTeeV and readers who enjoy humorous and absurd stories. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798887353807	The dark	Earley, Christina	
LVIS	9781955657709	The dark side of Mercury	Harbor, R. J	
LVIS	9781324053811	The deadliest sea creature	Spicer Rice, Eleanor	School Library Journal Xpress (October 24, 2025) Gr 4 Up-Who's the most dangerous creature in the sea? This book pits six contenders against one another in a game-show format: stonefish, pufferfish, box jellyfish, cone snail, blue-ringed octopus, and great white shark. Rice (Ants: Workers of the World) is concise and conversational. Each profile includes basic facts, like the animal's size, location, and Latin name. Key vocabulary terms like "venom" and "brackish" appear in breakout boxes. Each section ends with a surprisingly cheerful, cartoon-style depiction of exactly how this particular creature could kill you. (Many shut down your nervous system with poison; some eat you.) The deaths are mildly depicted, with the deceased youths shown with X's for eyes or floating face down. Temescu (Catch a Crayfish, Count the Stars) creates full-color graphic-novel art reminiscent of the popular work of Raina Telgemeier or Kayla Miller, featuring crisp lines and expressive human and aquatic characters. The humans are mostly preteens with a variety of skin tones, but all have the same general body type. The animals are mostly realistically depicted, but with comedic touches, such as an octopus squeezing a teddy bear or a fish's panicked expression as it is devoured. It's not all macabre subject matter: the book includes general marine facts and tips for overcoming fear of the ocean. VERDICT This blend of morbid humor and science will resonate with middle-grade fans of nonfiction and graphic novels.-Chance Lee Joyner © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780500653937	The Deep Dark Ocean	Scales, Helen	
LVIS	9780593889657	The dirt! : wild life under the soil's surface	Leigh, Lindsey	School Library Journal (October 1, 2025) Gr 2-6-Following the format of two previous titles, The Deep! (about oceans) and The Dark! (on caves), The Dirt! starts with introductory chapters on soil that set the stage for the following dive into the wildlife found there. Those four chapters are divided by size of the creatures-mico, meso, macro and mega. With varying levels of description, Leigh covers an astounding 75 kinds of flora and fauna, including nematodes, rotifers, springtails, potworms, antlions, gopher tortoise, and caecilians just to name a few. She ends with a two-page chapter on saving the soil and an index of soil creatures. The book's tone is light, fun, and informative while not shying away from key elements of soil, such as death, decomposition, and poop. The use of panels, word bubbles, inserts, and dynamic text placement keeps the format lively without crossing into frenetic. The illustrations are a humorous, accessible mix of realism and anthropomorphism which will have wide appeal. VERDICT This engaging starter look at soil and the variety of the flora and fauna that live in it is a solid and appealing purchase for all libraries.-Catherine Callegari © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798347111398	The Disappearance and the Diary	Biltmore, Eileen	
LVIS	9780358394051	The do-over	Yovaniniz, Coni	School Library Journal Xpress (April 21, 2023) Gr 4-8-When Mariana and her papá move from California to Ohio, Mariana would much rather text with her old friends and follow them on the Telepik social media platform than fully engage with her new life. Making new friends can be hard, and while Mariana wants to talk to people, as evidenced by her inner monologue, she can't always work up the courage to do it. At home, she wants to help take her papá's barber shop to the next level by creating a social media page for them, and is disappointed that he's not interested. Both miss Mariana's mom, who died. Everything changes when Zoe and Everly, two girls from her science class, walk into the shop and try to sell their homemade hair dye. Mariana befriends the duo, and the now trio decide to create True Colors-their own startup hair salon. When the salon gets too popular and creative differences threaten their friendship, Mariana will have to find the courage to speak up about what matters to her. Spanish phrases seamlessly integrate into the dialogue. Brightly colored expressive art, diverse main characters, and a story full of heart, humor, and the power of having supportive friends, make this title stand out among graphic novels with similar themes. Pair with Kayla Miller's "Click" graphic novels. VERDICT A first choice for all public and school middle grade graphic novel collections.-Marissa Lieberman © Copyright 2023. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781546171706	The Dodo: Chi Chi's Story	Aubre Andrus	The true story of how a heroic dog spread joy one step at a time—as seen on The Dodo! When the Howell family adopted Chi Chi, no one knew if this quadruple amputee golden retriever would ever run again. Chi Chi needed prosthetic limbs to help her walk on her own, and finding the right fit was sure to be a challenge. But this determined dog soon showed the world she could overcome any obstacle. And Chi Chi did it all while spreading hope, joy, and inspiration every step of the way!This story is perfect for middle-grade readers and comes with an eight-page full-color photo insert!

LVIS	9781546171690	The Dodo: Wallace's Story	Aubre Andrus	The true story of a cat with a giant heart who was healed with love—as seen on The Dodo!When Wallace was brought to Nikki's animal rescue as a kitten, she knew right away there was something wrong with his heart. She took him to a special vet who told her Wallace might not live long. Nikki was determined to give the kitten the best life possible—no matter how long it was.But as Wallace spent more time with Nikki, he grew stronger. And soon, despite all odds, his health seemed to be getting better! This true story teaches us that sometimes love and support is the key to healing.This story is perfect for middle-grade readers and comes with an eight-page full-color photo insert!
LVIS	9798887353784	The droid	Earley, Christina	
LVIS	9781250410962	The edge of forever	Browne, Meghan P	Horn Book Magazine (July/August, 2026) After her father□s death, twelve-year-old Maisie McMeans is spending the summer at her aunt Gertie□s ranch in Heaven, Texas, while her mother heads to rehab in Arizona. Maisie is initially skeptical about farm chores and rural life but comes to find plenty to like about being a free-range kid in a small town. The public library also offers her a place to belong; she starts out with a self-imposed reading project (all the Newbery Medal winners) and ends up diving into the archives to uncover the crooked mayor□s plans for a corrupt land deal. She also learns some difficult truths about her family; is introduced to the iconic local springs, a once-beloved twentieth-century destination; and finds a true friend in neighbor boy Walter Wise, whose outgoing nature and entrepreneurial skills soon introduce Maisie to everyone in Heaven, giving her another stake in the fate of the town. Any of the book□s many themes and tropes could have served as the premise for its own book, but Browne manages to keep the plot from feeling overstuffed. Solid character development, thoughtful metaphors (□my plan turned into a wide, stormy ocean of questions without good answers□), and lyrical writing keep the pages turning. Sarah Rettger July/August 2026 p.88
LVIS	9781537954240	The emerald tablet	Jolley, Dan	School Library Journal (August 1, 2016) Gr 5-8-The first installment in a middle grade occult series set in San Francisco in a twisted alternate world. Gabe Conway is miserable because his guardian, Uncle Steve, a peripatetic professor of the occult, is about to move their family away from Gabe's friends Kazuo "Kaz" Smith and twins Brett and Lily Hernandez. As a final adventure before Gabe's departure, the buddies steal a map from Gabe's uncle and follow it to a secret chamber within the city's old sewer tunnels. There, in what they think is a meaningless ritual, they bind themselves to one another and to the four elements of earth, air, water, and fire. The ritual turns out to be the real thing, and it sets off a lot of creepy consequences. What saves this book from the utter predictability of its setup are the gradual unfolding of characters' hidden motivations and the true scariness of the evil creatures released by the companions' explorations. While their ages and grades are never stated, the adventurers interact like middle schoolers. Their ethnicities reflect the cultural diversity of San Francisco, but the novel doesn't mention race or culture beyond a few Spanish words and some references to tea. Just a touch of self-aware humor leavens the blend of peril and action that drive the plot. As Kaz says of a newly discovered danger, "A cult. Of course it's a cult. And not just any cult! A magical doomsday cult! The only thing that would make it better is if aliens figured in somehow." Indeed. VERDICT Extremely entertaining and sure to be popular with fans of Rick Riordan's "Percy Jackson" books and the "39 Clues" series.-Beth Wright Redford, Richmond Elementary School Library, VT © Copyright 2016. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781665927154	The endless game	Amato, J. D	School Library Journal (March 1, 2026) Gr 3-8-Fred is the new kid in town, again. He is used to moving and tries to fly under the radar because he knows he's going to move again soon. But Lakeside, IL, is different. Every kid in town is caught up in one of the longest and most intense games of capture the flag to ever exist, a competition that has been running for generations. When Fred is pulled into the fray, his newfound friends show him the ropes. With that, Fred is determined to enjoy this summer and talk his parents into not moving again. This is an adventurous and fun tale about finding a place to belong to, even when it feels like an impossible task. Amato weaves in underlying messages about fitting in, friendship, and carrying on traditions. The graphics are vibrant and easy to follow, while each character has their own style and personality that shines through in their depictions. Fred cues white, his friends are depicted with a range of skin tones and hair textures. VERDICT An enjoyable, approachable story about being the new kid that would be a good addition to any library.-Harley Smith © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798899132445	The Ever-Changing Maze	Mather, Charis	
LVIS	9780063039476	The everybody experiment	Ramee, Lisa Moore	Horn Book Magazine (November/December, 2024) Kylie fears she's too babyish to make the leap from elementary school to middle school with her friends Mara, Nikila, and Naomi. She can't seem to wear the right clothes or say the right thing, she'd rather play with her little sister than watch the scary movies her friends like, and she cries way too much. So scientifically minded Kylie devises an experiment to make herself more mature. The criteria? Not crying, plus doing everything that everyone else is doing. The experiment ultimately leads Kylie into a series of "yeses" she doesn't want to give. Agreeing to a lunch out with her friends means giving up sushi with her mom, and going on an adult-free trip to the mall puts her into some uncomfortable situations. Through parties, beach days, and sleepovers, Kylie navigates her changing friendships as her familiar formulas no longer compute. In particular, Naomi, who becomes quick to tease, lie, and keep secrets, makes Kylie wonder what kind of maturity she really wants. Throughout, Kylie's self-reflection and steady growth convey her abiding belief in honesty toward oneself and others, building a convincing and earnest arc for this endearing narrator. A meaningful and methodological story of friendship, family, and finding one's own voice. Grace McKinney Beermann November/December 2024 p.96
LVIS	9781250374769	The experiment	Stead, Rebecca	School Library Journal Xpress starred (April 3, 2026) Gr 3-7-Nathan seems like a typical everytween. He has protective parents, a best friend, and a confusing long-distance clandestine crush, but he also has a big secret: he and his parents are not from Earth, and it is imperative that they maintain their human appearance. When Nathan starts to grow a tail, he and his parents are summoned to their cleverly disguised mothership, and Nathan is forced to consider whether he's got his story all wrong. Can he uncover the truth and set things right before it's too late? Narrator Sanderlin captures Nathan's earnest essence (though there's plenty of humor and snark) and the camaraderie he shares with his best friend, Vincent. Sanderlin's tone and pacing reflect Nathan's growing confusion, angst, and even dread as the truth comes to light. This fast-paced story offers adventure, humanity, and heart as Nathan ponders his identity (and that of his tail, cleverly nicknamed Tuck) and challenges readers to reflect on their own humanity-all of which shines through in the engaging narration. VERDICT This book will appeal to tweens who love page-turning adventures and are open to the idea of aliens among us, or who might feel a bit alien themselves.-Rachel Hitt © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798225054670	The Fabulous Guide to Lana's Life		Calling all fashionistas! YouTube superstar Lana is here to share all her tips and tricks on style, fashion, and gaming. Get ready for the ultimate guide to your favorite Roblox games.It's time to get in the game! Lana Rae is the ultimate gaming ambassador. As one of the largest female gaming creators across social media, Lana believes girls are meant to shine and be all they can be. The Lana's Life guidebook will feature Roblox tips and tricks, an insider look at Lana's new game, Style Lab, and so much more. The pages will be bursting with snippets straight from Lana herself about her fabulous life and exclusive details about getting all you can from Roblox.
LVIS	9798318942518	The fact-finders rainforest	Turner, Tracey	
LVIS	9781339034218	The Factory	Catherine Egan	Step inside the Factory in this suspenseful, page-turning exploration of power, exploitation, and the nature of time by Catherine Egan—perfect for fans of Margaret Peterson Haddix and Gordon Korman! Thirteen-year-old Asher Doyle is no stranger to misfortune. Bullied at school and struggling with problems at home, he dreams of the day he can leave it all behind him. That's when he receives an unexpected opportunity: an invitation to join the Factory—a top-secret research facility that's supposedly developing renewable energy—and Asher will be paid handsomely for his participation. It seems like the answer to all his problems. But not everything is as it seems at the Factory. The other kids in the program are tired and sullen, almost as if they've had the life sucked out of them, and the staff members are clearly hiding something. What's more, Asher discovers he wasn't chosen at random; someone in the program desperately wants him to participate. Asher can't help but feel that whatever the Factory is doing, it's not what he or any of the other kids signed up for. To Asher's horror, it turns out that the Factory isn't developing renewable energy at all. So what is the Factory up to, and more important, why? As conditions in the Factory worsen, Asher must team up with the other kids to uncover the sinister truth behind the experiment—and his personal connection to it—before someone gets seriously hurt.
LVIS	9798887350592	The feast	Earley, Christina	
LVIS	9781452172873	The fire of stars : the life and brilliance of the woman who discovered what stars are made of	Larson, Kirsten W	School Library Journal Xpress starred (January 20, 2023) Gr 2-6-A stellar subject, breathtaking artwork, and unique layout set this biography for young readers apart from the rest. It begins with two births: one of a young Cecilia Payne, toddling in the English countryside; and the other of a star, sleeping quietly in space. As the parallel stories progress, Payne grows into a Harvard-trained astrophysicist who isn't daunted by a scientific community that's largely male and reluctant to include her. Meanwhile, the star slowly develops and bursts into bright, blinding life. Back matter includes a time line of Payne's life and how her work changed modern astronomy, along with a fascinating and detailed look at how stars are born, grow old, and die. Payne's hard work, passion, curiosity, and self-belief shine through in this story and will inspire readers to persist in their own pursuits, whatever they may be. VERDICT Recommended for all collections.-Amy Fellows © Copyright 2023. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780062947826	The fire-breathing ferret fiasco	Bowles, David	
LVIS	9798887353722	The flight	Earley, Christina	
LVIS	9780753481189	The Football Encyclopedia		Discover everything you need to know about football in this detailed guide to America's favorite sport.
LVIS	9798318906558	The football encyclopedia	Williamson, Alicia	School Library Journal starred (January 1, 2026) Gr 5 Up-American football is the number one spectator sport in the U.S. and the most popular sport for boys in 43 states. This volume takes a deep dive into the game and covers a wide range of topics, from Yale coach Walter Camp, who adapted much of the game from rugby in the 19th century, to Super Bowl LVIII. Each spread typically covers a single topic like fans or NCAA football. Longer sections offer profiles of all the league's teams, divided by conference and division. Layouts are visually striking, with multiple narratives broken into chunks of text set off with blocks of color, sharing the page with abundant photos, charts, lists, and sidebar features. Profiles of players (Troy Polamalu, Emmitt Smith), coaches (Andy Reid, Mike Tomlin), and many others are included throughout. Offensive and defensive positions, the evolution of equipment, scoring, coaching, stadiums (Chicago's Soldier Field is the oldest, Lambeau Field in Green Bay is the coldest), strategy, and technique all get full treatment. VERDICT A handy reference or a comprehensive overview, this football compendium will be deservedly popular in virtually any school. © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798225004361	The forgotten war : a World War II battle on American soil	Fleming, Candace	School Library Journal starred (July 1, 2026) Gr 4-7-A visceral, meticulously researched passion project that uncovers a "forgotten" chapter of World War II-the battle on American soil in the Aleutian Islands. Most history books gloss over Alaska, but Fleming brings the conflict to life through an intimate, soldier-level view from both sides. The narrative primarily follows her father, Charlie Groth, a calm litter-bearer, and Paul Tatsuguchi, a Japanese surgeon whose loyalty was torn between his native land and his American medical training. The quality of writing is exceptional, balancing high-stakes military strategy with the heartbreaking reality of the "Cradle of Storms," where weather was as deadly as sniper fire. Information is drawn from a treasure trove of primary sources, including Tatsuguchi's poignant final diary entries. The book details the tragic internment of the Indigenous Saskinax people and the systemic segregation of Black soldiers. The historical photographs and maps are essential, moving from the explosive devastation of Pearl Harbor to the gooey, gummy mush of Attu's muskeg bog. These visuals ensure readers can see and feel the intensity of the banzai attacks and the exhaustion of the burial squads. Detailed back matter, including a bibliography and tips for family history research, adds further educational value. VERDICT This is a vital and uniquely empathetic account that captures the human cost of war with profound detail. It is an essential addition to any library collection seeking to provide a complete picture of the global conflict.-Richard Winters © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798225084165	The Fun Guy	Stef Wade	A hilariously punny read-aloud for fans of The Bad Seed and The Very Impatient Caterpillar! Myles Porcini loves to have fun. He loves his forest school, but why is being a mushroom so much work? Myles would rather daydream. But when Myles leads the other mushrooms astray, he learns there may be more to life than just being a fun guy. Full of engaging puns and laugh-out-loud jokes, The Fun Guy is an excellent read-aloud. Fans of The Food Group series are sure to devour this comical adventure!
LVIS	9798318935701	The funniest animal joke book ever for kids	Katz, Alan	
LVIS	9781098255978	The game changer	Walker, Lane	School Library Journal (October 1, 2025) Gr 4-6-This new six-title series features a different eighth-grade protagonist in each book, each living in a different city and playing a different sport: basketball, soccer, hockey, baseball, golf, and football. With fast-paced plots and a heavy focus on sports action, these books will appeal to upper elementary and middle school readers who love athletics. Each story also includes a compelling side plot that adds depth-addressing themes like anger, bullying, moving, and navigating competitive pressure. As the characters grow on and off the field, readers are treated to relatable moments of personal development. VERDICT A solid addition to sports fiction collections that's sure to score with young athletes. Recommended for purchase. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781534113572	The giRaft : a real-life giraffe rescue	Neme, Laurel Abrams	School Library Journal Xpress (November 21, 2025) K-Gr 3-From environmental journalist and animal advocate Neme comes another inspiring true story of wildlife conservation. When rising floodwaters strand Asiwa and seven other rare Nubian giraffes on a shrinking island in Kenya's Lake Baringo, rescuers must find a way to save them. The solution? A custom-built "GiRaft" designed to ferry the towering animals to safety. Paganelli's luminous watercolor illustrations capture the urgency of the rescue and the beauty of the Kenyan landscape. Back matter includes photos, details about the real-life operation, and interesting giraffe facts. VERDICT A suspenseful and heartwarming true rescue story to captivate readers and budding conservationists.-Heidi Dechief © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

LVIS	9780593690918	The girl who loved monsters	Fitzpatrick, Insha	School Library Journal (June 1, 2026) Gr 4-8-Charlotte is shocked to see Griffin and Molly back in town after they moved away and lost contact with her, leaving her wounded and guarded as she navigated the loss of her mother, who went missing. When she discovers the Book of Monsters at her school library, she starts seeing sinister visions at school. The same night Charlotte attempts a spell from the book, her teacher goes missing from his house. At parent-teacher conferences the next day, a monstrous being appears, warning Charlotte of the danger she has created. Her substitute teacher arrives to pick her father up for a date and flexes her fangs and echoes the same warning of the monstrous being from school. Charlotte is faced with saving her dad from the trance of the beautiful werewolf substitute-and from saving the world from the darkness she's summoned from the book. Fitzpatrick's story will appeal to middle grade readers, with a school setting and a focus on friendship. Charlotte's character arc reminds readers of the power of forgiveness and acceptance. Horror fans will enjoy several allusions to classic, otherworldly cultural touchstones like Carrie, Frankenstein, and Hamlet. Franklin's distinct art style with soft edges and muted colors, coupled with her unique use of engaging panels with varied sizes and dimensions, will keep readers moving quickly through this fast-paced, action-packed adventure. VERDICT Fans of friendship and scary stories will devour this middle grade graphic novel. © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781536230055	The girl who tested the waters : Ellen Swallow, environmental scientist	Daniele, Patricia	Booklist (February 1, 2025 (Online)) Grades K-4. In 1842, Ellen Swallow was born with weak lungs. Throughout her childhood, young Ellen's mother followed the doctor’s orders: long walks outdoors, fresh air, fresh foods, and clean water. Ellen grew stronger physically and intellectually. Homeschooled by her parents, she began working to earn money to pay for a college education in advanced math and science. She attended Vassar, where she studied applied chemistry. Later, she became the first woman student at MIT on a full scholarship. After a professor conducting an extensive water-quality survey for Boston chose her to collect and test samples, she began working on ways to provide clean water and test foods for impurities. Wu’s beautifully shaded, color-pencil illustrations will help young readers and listeners envision the historical era as well as Ellen Swallow. In addition to the clearly written text, the book includes an appended section with an author’s note, a useful time line, a bibliography, and source notes. An insightful picture-book biography introducing a trailblazer in the movement to provide clean, safe air, water, and food.
LVIS	9798347111428	The Girls and the Ghost	Biltmore, Eileen	
LVIS	9781665953337	The glass pyramid : a story of the Louvre Museum and architect I.M. Pei	Harvey, Jeanne Walker	School Library Journal Xpress (May 2, 2025) Gr 2-5-The author of poetic picture book biographies on artists, such as Maya Lin: Artist-Architect of Light and Lines, about another Asian American architect of a well-known monument, turns to Chinese American I.M. Pei for her latest work. Pei was already an acclaimed architect when he was tapped by the president of France to redesign the Louvre, home of the famous Mona Lisa. The text focuses on his creative process and how he was inspired by the bamboo trees and rocky retreats of his native country and the majestic pyramids of Egypt. The narrative is both lyrical and economical, every word carefully chosen. The digital illustrations are done in mostly neutral tones of browns, grays, and blues with pops of yellow and red. They sometimes feel staid and cold, but the clean lines are reminiscent of the beloved building and pair well with the text. An author's note includes a short description on what architects do; a brief biography of Pei; and the different STEM connections that can be made to details in the narrative, such as how a historic French glass company had to develop a way to manufacture a special glass for the beloved structure. The selected sources list and online videos offer additional research opportunities for students, but the most recent source is almost 15 years old. VERDICT An additional purchase for libraries looking for more picture book biographies about groundbreaking Asian American artists. Julie Leung's Mr. Pei's Perfect Shapes might be a more successful option.-Shelley Diaz © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780063303799	The gods' revenge	Marsh, Katherine	School Library Journal Xpress (May 16, 2025) Gr 3-7-Ava Baldwin and her brother Jax are heading back to the Accademia del Forte in Venice, Italy, for their second year at the boarding school for descendants of mythological monsters. Ava, who is a descendant of Medusa, is excited to see her best friends Fia, Layla, and Arnold. With high hopes of staying out of trouble (unlike last year), things quickly get interesting when her shape-shifting vampire vegan friend Layla is accused of biting and nearly killing the new student during a school dance. Ava and her friends discover that Layla has a curse placed on her and has been banished from the school. Now on a rescue mission, Ava, Jax, and their friends embark on a wild journey that involves kidnapping Cupid and finding the only being that can release the curse before Layla dies. Written in third person, Ava presents as a determined middle school student who seeks equality in a school that favors boys, and emanates power in all of her actions. Many mythological creatures are introduced, which is perfect for readers well-versed in Greek mythology. Eighth grader Ava's mythology-inspired adventures are sure to keep action-lovers turning the pages. Ava and her friend Layla are described as having olive skin and dark hair. Other characters read as white. VERDICT A solid purchase for all library shelves where the first book was enjoyed.-Tracy Cronce © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781098255985	The golden puck	Walker, Lane	School Library Journal (October 1, 2025) Gr 4-6-This new six-title series features a different eighth-grade protagonist in each book, each living in a different city and playing a different sport: basketball, soccer, hockey, baseball, golf, and football. With fast-paced plots and a heavy focus on sports action, these books will appeal to upper elementary and middle school readers who love athletics. Each story also includes a compelling side plot that adds depth-addressing themes like anger, bullying, moving, and navigating competitive pressure. As the characters grow on and off the field, readers are treated to relatable moments of personal development. VERDICT A solid addition to sports fiction collections that's sure to score with young athletes. Recommended for purchase. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798348042806	The Golden Touch King Midas and Other Mythical and Legendary Curses	Cooke, Tim	
LVIS	9781408738528	The Great British Baking Show: Favorite Flavors	Prue Leith; Paul Hollywood	The brand-new official book from The Great British Baking Show Tuck into your all-time favorite flavors and a good sprinkling of Bake Off magic with our easy-to-follow recipes. A feast for both the eyes and the taste buds, these flavorful bakes will leave you inspired to mix and match different combinations, or to indulge yourself with some classic tastes and textures. Whether you're looking for a tart blackcurrant millefeuille, a fresh passion fruit trifle, a sticky ginger treacle tart or a rich chocolate and speculoos cake - Paul, Prue, the Bake Off team and the 2022 bakers are here to show you how to get the perfect result. From earthy to spicy, and from tangy to creamy, this book showcases how to bring out the very best flavors in whatever you create.
LVIS	9781546127130	The great gift swap	Elliott, Rebecca	
LVIS	9781665966467	The great puppypalooza	Ecton, Emily	School Library Journal (October 1, 2025) Gr 2 Up-Finding a home for a lost puppy is a tough task, even for a human. Finding a home for multiple lost puppies is almost impossible. In this whimsical canine caper, Butterbean and friends are up to the challenge. Butterbean, Oscar the mynah bird, rats Marco and Polo, and an amazing octopus named Chad team up to find solutions. By combining their strengths and talents, they develop a marketing plan like no other-complete with printed flyers. Hilarious antics ensue while they try to care for a ragtag bunch of furry friends and struggle to keep the mission a secret from their beloved Mrs. Food. Delightful illustrations of those big puppy dog eyes will charm readers and have them rooting for every lost dog to find the perfect home. The Spicy Food Couple or even the Doorman could offer amazing homes, but the conniving canines are desperate to avoid Mrs. Hates Dogs from the Sixth Floor. A fun bonus includes wordplay with phrases like "wearing too many hats" and loads of confusion over using "moose" as a hair product. VERDICT A solid choice for readers looking for something light and entertaining. This could be a good read-aloud for those rowdy times after lunch or recess to help students settle and refocus. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780062869371	The Halloweeners	Reynolds, J. H	
LVIS	9781481410557	The haunted cave	Pike, Christopher	
LVIS	9781665984928	The haunted goldfish	McGee, Joe	School Library Journal Xpress (June 26, 2026) Gr 1-4-Young Victor is devastated to wake up and see that his beloved pet goldfish Doris has died. His parents gently encourage a toilet farewell so she can have "one last swim"-but it may not be her last after all! Soon Victor is hearing whispers at night, stepping in puddles, and smelling stinky dead fish smells, until Doris finally makes a ghastly return begging for "Fish Flakes NOW." Victor is terrified and obliges by pouring fish food into the spewing toilet, thinking that's the last he's seen of his old friend. But the book's conclusion implies that his new fish, Dorothy, may not be what she seems either. This "Ready to Read: Level 3" title, another installment in McGee's "Night Frights" series, will be well suited to independent readers looking to broaden their vocabulary and strengthen their skills. The story itself is playfully spooky and builds tension well. Solo readers will eagerly turn each page waiting for the zombie fish reveal, while storytime listeners will love the onomatopoeia and repetition built into the text. Skaffa's artwork is all sharp lines and vibrant colors that help set the tone, appearing abundantly in full-page spreads and spot art that complement the large font. Victor is depicted with brown skin and dark hair, as are his parents. VERDICT An elementary chapter book that provides plenty of silliness and scares; highly recommended for proficient independent readers and juvenile fiction collections.-Ashleigh Williams © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781549041334	The haunted house next door	Miedoso, Andres	Booklist (November 1, 2017 (Vol. 114, No. 5)) Grades 2-4. Miedoso casts himself as a timorous young narrator whose hopes of leading a “normal-boring” life are dashed immediately when the house he and his scientist parents move into proves to be haunted by a terrifying poltergeist. Fortunately, his outgoing next-door neighbor, African American Desmond, is an experienced exorcist with, it turns out, a large customer base. Unfortunately, before he gets a chance to help, Andres’ parents chow down on the lasagna Desmond’s mom has brought over, which turns out to be disgustingly haunted. In the midst of all this, it comes out that the ghost, named Zax, is a mischievous but friendly sort who doesn’t really want to scare anyone. So Andres loses his fear (if not his aversion to slime) and ends up poised to join his new friend in further ectoplasmic encounters. Black-and-white cartoon illustrations on almost every page of Andres’ large, well-leaded narrative add plenty of visual appeal to a crowd-pleasing setup episode aimed at fledgling chapter-book readers.
LVIS	9798217029280	The haunted playground	Palacio, R. J	Booklist starred (July 2026 (Vol. 122, No. 21)) Grades 1-3. On Halloween night when children lie fast asleep, Ghost King Rex Magnificus and his gathering of spectres swoop about a secret world open only to ghosts: The Haunted Playground. They don marvelous costumes and frolic among colorful jungle gyms, slides, and merry-go-rounds. But those ghosts are noisy, and they wake up a brother and sister nearby, who come to investigate. When Magnificus discovers the brave children eager to join in the fun, he invites them into his spectral world. From hula-hoop and hopscotch to hacky sack, together they play till dawn, when at last the ghosts and the children bid farewell, but not before Magnificus offers a final, compassionate proclamation. Palacio offers a playful story of surprising perspectives: macabre ghosts meant to inspire fear long for merrymaking, while the children, instead of shaking with fear, welcome them and shed tears upon their departure. Her whimsical rhymes amplify the gleeful-ghastly tone of the story, in bouncy lines that beg to be read aloud. Her themes are bolstered by Helquist’s wonderfully flowing illustrations of wispy white ghosts swirling around the carnivalesque playground. Together they create a whimsically eerie, timeless Halloween tale that’s likely to captivate young readers and hold them under Magnificus’ spell for years to come.
LVIS	9781955657716	The haze of Venus	Harbor, R. J	
LVIS	9781098255992	The high cheese	Walker, Lane	School Library Journal (October 1, 2025) Gr 4-6-This new six-title series features a different eighth-grade protagonist in each book, each living in a different city and playing a different sport: basketball, soccer, hockey, baseball, golf, and football. With fast-paced plots and a heavy focus on sports action, these books will appeal to upper elementary and middle school readers who love athletics. Each story also includes a compelling side plot that adds depth-addressing themes like anger, bullying, moving, and navigating competitive pressure. As the characters grow on and off the field, readers are treated to relatable moments of personal development. VERDICT A solid addition to sports fiction collections that's sure to score with young athletes. Recommended for purchase. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798899132421	The High Circle	Twiddy, Robin	
LVIS	9780593529140	The hole	Bonilla, Lindsay	School Library Journal Xpress (March 28, 2025) K-Gr 2-An initially bleak story of a child coping with the death of a younger brother. This loss appears as a physical hole that the nameless protagonist sees where brother Matty used to be. One day, the sibling decides to take a step into the hole. Here, the child grapples with despair and grief. With the help of a friend, the sibling realizes that memories of Matty are able to fill the darkness where the hole once was. Although this is a heavy and distressing topic, Bonilla presents it in a digestible way that will resonate with young readers. The language used in this title presents a new way of discussing and understanding grief. The illustrations pair well with the text, evoking the emotion of losing a loved one. Done with watercolor, colored pencils, and paper collage, the artwork is almost childlike, adding to the appeal. The light source is highlighted on most spreads, which works as a metaphor for the brightness on the other side of a bad situation. VERDICT Bonilla's latest displays an relevant and optimistic view of how a child might deal with grief. This book tackles a tough topic and will benefit any collection.-Sarah Clarke © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781546198352	The house with chicken legs runs away	Anderson, Sophie	School Library Journal (May 1, 2026) Gr 3-5-The sequel to the highly regarded novel The House with Chicken Legs now gives readers a chance to catch up with Marinka, a very special redheaded girl who lives in the house (with chicken legs) of a Yaga, a shepherd for souls making their way from the land of the living to the dead. For those who have not read the first book, the vivid details and rich storytelling make this novel work very well as a stand-alone read. After the death of her beloved Baba Yaga, Marinka and the house are now living with Tatyana Yaga; but the house is out of sorts, and Marinka is at a loss as to how to help her beloved home. Accompanied by her friend Benjamin and her jackdaw bird, Jack, they set off on a journey to heal the house, and along the way Marinka discovers strength within herself and the true meaning of love, loss, and family. Adventurous episodes will thrill readers as Marinka and Benjamin face numerous challenges and choices. The house itself is an engaging character and at the story's conclusion, readers who have yet to read the series opener will be clamoring to fill in the details of Marinka and the house's backstory. VERDICT A fresh and inviting take on the Slavic folktale of the Baba Yaga, this heartfelt story will capture the imagination of middle grade readers.-John Scott © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

LVIS	9781481410526	The howling ghost	Pike, Christopher	Horn Book Guide (Spring 2015) Spooksville is a strange town in which only kids see the scary things that happen. In Path, Adam, Sally, and Watch find a secret path that leads to other dimensions; in Ghost, the three help their friend Cindy find her brother when a ghost abducts him. Simplistic, stilted writing slows each book's pace and hampers what little entertainment value there is. [Review covers these Spooksville titles: The Howling Ghost and The Secret Path.]
LVIS	9798318965654	The Hybrid Prince	Sutherland, Tui T	
LVIS	9798899133183	The Hyper Zone	Mather, Charis	
LVIS	9781665968676	The Incorruptibles	Magaziner, Lauren	School Library Journal (November 1, 2025) Gr 5-7-Thirteen-year-old orphan Fiora's constrained life with her uncle is meant to keep her safe in a world where malicious sorcerers rule. A resistance group called the Incorruptibles is rumored to be fighting back, but Fiora isn't sure they're real. Then, when she clashes with two powerful sorcerers in her realm, she is granted a temporary placement in "Inc" Academy, the Incorruptibles' training school. What follows is a compelling story of friendship and rivalry, found families, and the cost of conflict as the academy discovers there is likely a saboteur in their midst. The inclusion of queer characters and the range of racial, cultural, and gender identities reflect the inclusive ethos of the academy. Narrator Kelly skillfully voices multiple characters and captures the visceral emotions that drive Fiora, whether it's fear, joy, outrage at a bully, or the beginning of a new (and unexpected) crush. Kelly's pacing reflects Fiora's mindset in both slower, contemplative moments and fast-paced, high-stakes action scenes. VERDICT Magaziner's book is recommended for those seeking a dynamic story mixing action, adventure, and friendship in a futuristic setting.-Rachel Hitt © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781955657693	The iron heart of Mars	Harbor, R. J	
LVIS	9781338686494	The island at the edge of night	Strange, Lucy	School Library Journal Xpress (May 2, 2026) Gr 3-7-After a night she can't remember ending in injury to both a beloved tree and her aunt, 12-year-old Faye Fitzgerald is sent to Auk Island to stay at a remote boarding school for children. Confused and homesick for the Forest House where she grew up with her father and surrounded by nature, Faye struggles to cope with her loneliness and the stark landscape of the island. Though she makes a tentative friend in brash Boudicca, the few schoolchildren are treated like prisoners rather than students, with cells to sleep in and moral instruction lessons to turn them from their wicked ways. When a student dies and Boudicca vanishes, Faye is left to find out what's really happening on Auk Island. Faye and the other students are diverse and interesting characters, but the setting of this novel is the true heart of the work. Faye's deep connection to nature is explored through her constant attraction to and interaction with a variety of landscapes: the forest of her home, the sea around the island, and the mountain on the island itself. Nature's endurance and oneness with nature are core themes throughout. Action and suspense keep readers engaged in the story, and excerpts from a pamphlet written by Faye's father, a botanist, add subtle foreshadowing. VERDICT Short chapters and a quick pace carry readers along with Faye as she finds her courage as well as her voice.-Maggie Mason Smith © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780316555814	The Jungle of Carabanana	McKinnon, Kate	Kirkus Reviews (June 15, 2026) The mad scientist Porch sisters finally face off against the abominable (and newly reanimated) Talon Sharktūth. Following their escapades at the titular hotel in Secrets of the Purple Pearl (2025), sisters Dee-Dee, Eugenia, and Gertrude, who are adopted, find themselves swept up in another adventure with the Lavinias, Aunt Desdemona, and their 98-year-old Grantie Lettuce in ParisToo, which is “like Paris but smaller, and it’s in upstate New York.” Of course, the girls’ beloved mentor and teacher, Millicent Quibb, pops in and out, both warning and helping the trio. The Porches are Apocryphs, and each one has a unique power. Their sightseeing trip around ParisToo feels a bit too convenient, and as suspicious coincidences mount (along with sightings of members of the KRA, the shadowy cabal that revived Sharktūth), the girls suspect that something sinister is afoot. They eventually learn the truth of Sharktūth’s scheme, but can they stop him and the KRA before it’s too late? This third series entry satisfyingly answers many of the lingering questions of its predecessors. With all the zest and zeal of a caffeinated squirrel, this installment delivers the series’ patented quirkiness and giggle-generating plotlines, footnotes, and illustrations. Millicent Quibb wisely opines that “it takes much bravery, to be different…but really, if no one dared to do it, who would save the day?” This is an endearing tale of found family and believing in oneself, with an ending that hints at further adventures. Another zippy charmer—no Quibbles here. (Adventure. 8-12)
LVIS	9798348042820	The Kennedy Curse The Kennedys and Other Us Presidential Curses	Cooke, Tim	
LVIS	9781680104059	The kitten nobody wanted and other tales	Webb, Holly	
LVIS	9780593526835	The last comics on Earth. #4,Across the Doodleverse	Brallier, Max	
LVIS	9781419784613	The last dragon house	Morris, Liv Mae	School Library Journal Xpress starred (March 27, 2026) Gr 4-7-Turning 11 in Aldea means leaving school to work in the factories, but Olly is not ready to give up his dreams. While searching for employment, he answers a mysterious advertisement and instead finds himself at a boardinghouse for dragons. Inside the TARDIS-like home lives a lively assortment of creatures, including fairy-, bat-, and rock-type dragons, along with a poetry-loving death wyrm who would rather eat Olly than befriend him. When Olly and his companions set out to retrieve a rare ingredient, the story unfolds into a quest filled with rough terrain, sharp humor, and steadily developing lore. Morris builds a whimsical fantasy world rich with playful names and layered mythos while grounding the adventure in Olly's struggle to define his own path. As the journey progresses, he must also navigate Aldea's political machinations and the secrets kept by those closest to him. The book's ending leaves room for future installments featuring this eccentric cast of dragons and wizards. Olly is cued white. VERDICT A must-purchase fantasy for middle grade collections. This imaginative dragon adventure with humor and heart is best suited to readers who enjoy immersive worldbuilding and quest-driven stories.-Rachel Joiner © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781098256005	The last green	Walker, Lane	School Library Journal (October 1, 2025) Gr 4-6-This new six-title series features a different eighth-grade protagonist in each book, each living in a different city and playing a different sport: basketball, soccer, hockey, baseball, golf, and football. With fast-paced plots and a heavy focus on sports action, these books will appeal to upper elementary and middle school readers who love athletics. Each story also includes a compelling side plot that adds depth-addressing themes like anger, bullying, moving, and navigating competitive pressure. As the characters grow on and off the field, readers are treated to relatable moments of personal development. VERDICT A solid addition to sports fiction collections that's sure to score with young athletes. Recommended for purchase. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798225091101	The Last Immortals: Dawn of the Axolotl	Kit Brooks	Abandoned at birth, Ace the axolotl struggles to survive both human and animal predators in his quest to save himself—and his entire species—in this epic middle grade fantasy for fans of Warrior Cats, with 24 black-and-white illustrations throughout. There's danger lurking in the depths of the lake. Ace learns this early—when his twin brother cruelly devours his tail and leaves him for dead. Separated from his family, Ace is cast into a perilous waterway. He is wary of trusting others, but his survival will depend on it as he navigates treacherous algae blooms and hunts for food while he waits for his tail to regenerate. And when he stumbles upon a glowing green axolotl named Ariel, he learns that, with training, axolotls can develop an incredible power: immortality. With high rewards come unspeakable risks, and Ace has been hurt before. But the potential to cheat death might be too hard to resist. This action-packed adventure explores the strength that develops through adversity as Ace confronts bullying, betrayal, poisoned waters, and vicious predators, all while forming lasting bonds with the courageous axolotls he meets along the way.Don't miss all the adventures in The Last Immortals!Dawn of the Axolotl (#1)Rise of the Rebels (#2)A Poison Descends (#3)
LVIS	9798887350561	The launch	Earley, Christina	
LVIS	9781546127192	The legend of the sea dragon	Elliott, Rebecca	
LVIS	9780525579045	The library of unruly treasures	Birdsall, Jeanne	School Library Journal starred (July 1, 2025) Gr 4-6-Two wonderful surprises await 11-year-old Gwen when her neglectful, divorced parents ship her off to Massachusetts to stay with never-before-seen Great-Uncle Matthew for two weeks: one, it will be her first experience of living in a stable home with a loving adult devoted to her happiness. The second is the existence of the Lahdukan, small-winged creatures with blue hair, who only children can see and live in the local public library. Their ancient prophecies name Gwen as their next Qalba, a leader destined to find them a new home in Boston's Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum and reunite two long-separated Lahdukan clans. Cautiously, Gwen accepts the challenge, and her magical hero's quest begins. Birdsall's writing, stellar as always, captivates with rich vocabulary, memorable characters, and sly humor as it weaves a convincing web between Gwen's real and enchanted worlds. The fantastical spell continues through the back matter that includes a pronunciation guide for Lahdukan terms but not their rituals as, "it would be dangerous for a regular person to say them correctly." An author's note uses the novel's characters to convey facts about the Gardner Museum, its history, and an infamous 1990 robbery. Phelan's illustrations add delicate charm and depict Gwen and Uncle Matthew as white. VERDICT Birdsall is so adept at magical realism that after finishing this book, readers will likely keep an eye out for fairylike creatures the next time they visit a museum or library. An essential purchase for all middle grade collections.-Marybeth Kozikowski © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781665949941	The long hike : the true story of the first Appalachian thru-hike	McCarthy, Meghan	School Library Journal (May 1, 2026) Gr 1-5-Earl Shaffer was a World War II veteran who had an idea to "walk the war out of his system" and set out to hike the Appalachian Trail from the beginning in Georgia to the end in Maine. In 1948, no one had ever hiked the trail all in one go, which is called a thru-hike. Because the trail is through forests and mountains, hikers must carry everything they need, including food, shelter, and their clothing. There is a wonderful image showing some of the things that Shaffer carried with him, in addition to the gorgeous mountain scenes. The book focuses on the journal that Shaffer kept during his walk, covering the joy of the endeavor, the arduous nature of the trip, the pleasure of being alone as well as the thrill of meeting someone else along the way. This is a terrific book for talking about the Appalachian Trail and hiking, and about dealing with post-traumatic stress, setting goals, and persevering. VERDICT An excellent addition to collections needing picture book biographies.-Debbie Tanner © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780823462735	The luminous life of Lucy Landry	Johnson, Anna Rose	School Library Journal (February 1, 2024) Gr 3-7-Selena Lucy Landry (Lucy, for short) is full of imagination, wonder, and a taste for adventure-with one exception. After losing her father in a shipwreck, she has an overwhelming fear of the sea. This proves particularly difficult when she is sent to live with the Martins, a large Anishinaabe family of lighthouse keepers on a tiny island in Lake Superior. She arrives desperate to be loved but can never seem to say or do the right thing. Soon, however, a window of opportunity appears. The Martins live close to Mermaid's Corner, the site of a shipwreck her father often told her about. Can she find the ship's treasure that her father longed to discover? Will seeking it bring her closer to the Martin family, or is Lucy destined to not only be an orphan, but an outcast forever? Lucy has an enchantment reminiscent of Anne Shirley's, but Johnson adds so much depth to the 19th-century orphan story by weaving it with the girl's self-discovery as she connects more deeply with her Ojibwe heritage through her newfound foster family. There is also a nod to homeschooling as the Martins live far from school, and take pride in having their mother as a teacher. VERDICT Fans of L.M. Montgomery seeking diverse characters will rejoice at this heart-warming, feel-good adventure, as will families looking for books representing home learners.-Amira Walker © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780063449527	The magic awakens	Hunter, Erin	Publishers Weekly (March 2, 2026) A briskly paced adventure in a gritty metropolitan setting follows a pair of orphaned cat sisters finding their way and learning to control their newfound magical abilities in this highly anticipated fantasy novel from Hunter (the Warriors series). Following a devastating fire at the diner where they live, kitty siblings Luna and Willow are forced to scavenge for food and shelter. They soon encounter a rat and dog who introduce the felines to a mystical network of covens composed of creatures who can perform magic. Because of the animals’ abilities, they are desirable as familiars by human witches, who seek to bind the creatures’ magic to their own. When Luna and Willow uncover a prophecy that dictates their divergent paths, they separate for the first time to embark on parallel journeys throughout a city that’s full of danger and intrigue as well as plagued by witches. Hunter crafts an intriguing social structure for the expansive cast, which includes wise old toads and a surprisingly kind young witch-in-training. Warriors fans and cat fanciers alike will find much to pounce on amid the suspenseful action and mysterious milieu that permeate a simultaneously dramatic and heartwarming series launch in which family ties and personal loyalties are put to the test. Ages 8-12. (May) © Copyright PWxyz, LLC. All rights reserved.
LVIS	9780063225145	The Manifestor prophecy	Thomas, Angie	School Library Journal Xpress starred (April 21, 2023) Gr 5 Up-Nic Blake is a Remarkable, but she and her dad Calvin live in the Unremarkable world, never staying in one place long. Calvin is stalling on teaching Nic to use her powers-apparently she's not mature enough for the immense responsibility. Then, a surprise encounter with someone from Calvin's past reveals that her entire life is much more complicated than she knew; her dad has been accused of kidnapping her and stealing a powerful magical object. Nic sets off on a quest with her Unremarkable best friend, her new brother, and a pet hellhound. Their goal: to clear Calvin's name, to find the Msaidizi, the magical object, and to keep it out of the hands of the Manowari, the person destined to destroy the Remarkable world. Thomas has been a force on the young adult scene, and her first middle grade novel proves her range extends across genre and age groups; she weaves complex fantasy stories as deftly as realistic ones. This novel in some ways feels like an homage to some of the best works in the genre, both modern and mythical, but the freshness of the story and characters, along with Thomas's control of a multilayered, nuanced plot, makes everything feel brand new. VERDICT A book that will delight young readers and adults alike. Nic Blake is entering the Black fantasy scene with all the confidence and energy of its main character, and we're so glad it's here.-Kristin Brynsvold © Copyright 2023. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

LVIS	9780316500036	The marvelous now	DiTerlizzi, Angela	School Library Journal Xpress (March 28, 2025) K-Gr 3-From the creator of The Magical Yet and The Curious Why comes another uplifting story about resilience and mindfulness. Using gentle rhyming text, DiTerlizzi introduces young readers to the Marvelous Now, a small blue creature that helps turn a bad day around through simple calming exercises. "No need to think of next week or next year. What matters most to the Now is right here." As the main character struggles through a day where everything seems to go wrong, this book offers tools to reset emotions and find inner calm. Readers are encouraged to explore creative outlets like art, origami, music, and yoga as ways to cultivate mindfulness. While many picture books address this theme, this one stands out by providing concrete, relatable strategies for emotional regulation; it's perfect for young readers navigating their own tough moments. Goméz's vibrant illustrations bring warmth and inclusivity, celebrating diverse children and adults with expressive artwork. VERDICT A strong addition to mindfulness-themed picture books, this engaging and accessible title is highly recommended for all collections.-Heidi Dechief © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798318942372	The menace at the mall	Behling, Steve	
LVIS	9781549091841	The Misfits Club	Crowley, Kieran Mark	School Library Journal (February 1, 2018) Gr 4-6-Sam, Chris, Brian, and Hannah have been solving mysteries together for years-or trying to. Their cases have always been a little bit lackluster, like the one with the cat burglar that turned out to be an actual cat, or the lost teapot that they never found. This time, though, they think they have discovered something big: while fulfilling a dare, newcomer Amelia stumbles onto what they first think is a ghost, but which turns out to be a smuggling operation. Together, the crew tracks down the bad guys using some questionable techniques, including hiding in the trunk of the villains' car and breaking into a house. With the help of a relative on the local police force, the bumbling criminals are brought to justice. The kids comeáfrom a diverse mix of backgrounds;áChris and Sam are of Nigerian heritage, Hannah is an adoptee born in Vietnam, and Brian and Amelia are White. This Irish import is a bit slow to start, but offers plenty of high jinks once it gets going, including a denouement featuring a honey badger. Some details require a hefty suspension of disbelief. VERDICT Hand this to readers with an uncritical love for kid sleuths. An additional purchase.-Misti -Tidman, Mansfield/Richland County Public Library, OH © Copyright 2018. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781680104158	The missing kitten and other tales	Webb, Holly	
LVIS	9781546150923	The missing magic of Sparrow Xia	Ham, Leia	Booklist (June 1, 2026 (Vol. 122, No. 19)) Grades 4-7. Sparrow Xia will be starting her first year as a rare fire mage at the Zenith Academy for Magical Development, where she'll be in the shadow of her antagonistic older brother, Ainsley. Mages are given pendants symbolic of their magical abilities (fire, water, air, and nature), which they must learn to harness before their powers disappear in adulthood. From the start, Sparrow is an empathetic character who quickly makes friends with other outsider students. When the group learns someone is stealing magic from the most powerful students and and depleting their pendants, the friends waste no time in trying to uncover the thief. Ham brings a high-stakes energy to the story's classic magic-school setting, which is further enhanced by her black-and-white digital artwork. The illustrations are varied and balanced, from full-page art to small supporting graphics, and have a polished, inky feel. Ham's compelling writing and dynamic illustrations make this debut feel truly alive. A great transition for avid graphic-novel readers.
LVIS	9781680104042	The missing puppy and other tales	Webb, Holly	
LVIS	9781536224481	The Moonlit Spiral	Maihack, Mike	School Library Journal (July 1, 2026) Gr 3-6-In the city of Dahl, treasure hunting was once a way of life. In fact, Rion's parents dedicated their lives to uncovering the long-lost treasure of Helixian adventurer Orion Flynn (Rion's namesake). But a tragic accident leaves Rion without his parents, after which he grows up in the care of foster parent Henry, forever wondering about their legacy. After his turbulent start, Rion's life is pretty unremarkable. All that changes when the once-in-a-lifetime silver lunar cycle starts and a fox girl named Quill ends up in his room needing help. Rion enlists his best friend Zyla, and the group sets out for the furthest reaches of Helix with Quill and his parents' cryptic treasure guide, in hopes of returning the fox girl home and finding the treasure that his parents so desperately sought. This graphic novel from Maihack will capture the hearts of K-Pop Demon Hunters fans. Beautiful artwork features a journey through secret passageways, into technicolor forests, and over rocky mountains. Helix is a world readers will be eager to revisit and to accompany Rion on many more adventures to come. Rion is depicted with brown skin. VERDICT An ideal blend of humor, adventure, and heart, this is a highly recommended read-alike for fans of K-Pop Demon Hunters who are eager to recreate those feels.-Sarah Simpson © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798887350608	The movie	Earley, Christina	
LVIS	9780593352212	The mystery of the love list	Glenn Marsh, Sarah	School Library Journal (September 1, 2022) PreS-Gr 2-Mystery-loving Pippa the porcupine has a problem: Valentine's Day is coming and her whole class is working on their "love lists" of "things that take up room in your heart." Pippa, who would rather read the latest "Sherlock Gnomes" mystery novel than make a list, sadly doesn't have a best friend to share things with. She soon learns, however, that a mysterious classmate has added Pippa to a love list and wants to be her friend. How can she figure out who it is? Using a variety of clues, Pippa sets about solving the mystery of the new best friend, who turns out to be quiet, shy, easily overlooked Mitzi the Mouse. Charming illustrations include several visual clues (such as Mitzi reading the same book Pippa loves) and the text includes a few silly puns (a game of "Deer, Deer, Moose" rather than "Duck, Duck, Goose") that are perfect for young readers. Though the opening line, "When you're the only porcupine in your class you stand out" doesn't lead anywhere-there is only one of each type of animal represented-this is a sweet Valentine's Day story with a mystery twist. VERDICT A fine addition to holiday story collections for young readers.-Sue Morgan © Copyright 2022. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781250419279	The mystery of the stolen World Cup trophy	Cervantes, Angela	School Library Journal (May 1, 2026) Gr 4-7-Twelve-year-old Diez Espada inherited his soccer knowledge from his father-he's named after Lionel Messi's jersey-and his love of solving mysteries from his late mother. After an attempt to catch a thief during his soccer game goes bust, Diez and his father are invited by his peer, Rio, to an event at her stepfather's hotel in Miami (where Diez's father works as a valet), to see the FIFA World Cup Trophy in person before the Final Match. When the trophy disappears, Diez teams up with Rio and world-famous Detective Enzo to narrow down the suspects amongst soccer legends, rich attendees, and hotel staff. Time is of the essence because once the trophy is gone, it's gone for good. Diez's investigation is layered with deductive reasoning, which keeps the plot and the narrative moving at an exciting pace. Readers will attempt to solve the mystery in tandem with the protagonist. The mystery, the sleuthing, the twists, the revelations, the soccer facts, and the secret tunnels make this narrative an enjoyable read for fans of Scooby-Doo and soccer. The characters are either white or Latine, which reflects the setting of the story. VERDICT A clever and convincing mystery for young readers of the genre and the sport. © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798887353821	The nerds	Earley, Christina	
LVIS	9781545836323	The New Adventures of...Disney Pixar Toy Story 5: A New Way to Play	Joshua Pruett	Four new stories featuring the characters from Toy Story 5 are collected in this OGN. Ready to play! Jessie, Woody, Buzz and the rest of the toys love to be there for their kid. But they have their own adventures, too! Woody rescues some tiny lost toys. Jessie and Buzz star in an action-packed sci-fi playtime. The Hi-Tech Edition Buzz Lightyears train in the great outdoors. And Jessie and Lilypad host a game night that quickly gets out of control. No matter what happens, the toys will always find a way to help one another and have fun! The New Adventures of Toy Story 5 Volume 1 contains 80 pages of stories that are perfect for readers aged 8 to 12.
LVIS	9781338762457	The New Girl	Cassandra Calin	Instagram sensation and Tapas webcomic superstar Cassandra Calin makes her long-form debut with this funny, feel-good middle-grade graphic novel about change. Goodbye, old life... Lia and her family are waiting to board a flight across the Atlantic, leaving behind family, friends, and Romania—the only home Lia has ever known. But Lia's heartache is overshadowed by the discomfort of her first period. As if things weren't difficult enough! Now Lia is thrust into a world where everything is different: her home, her language, and even her body. With so many changes happening at once, Lia struggles with schoolwork, has trouble communicating with classmates, and has no idea how to manage her unpleasant periods. Will she ever feel like herself again? Inspired by the author's own immigration experience, The New Girl is a comically charming story about change and acceptance.
LVIS	9781338762488	The New Girl: First Crush	Cassandra Calin	Cassandra Calin returns with this charming and comical follow-up to The New Girl, her long-form graphic novel debut that became a New York Times, USA Today, Publishers Weekly, and Indie bestseller! This middle-grade graphic novel about crushing and being crushed is the perfect next read for fans of Guts by Raina Telgemeier, Fruitcake by Rex Ogle and Dave Valeza, and Parachute Kids by Betty C. Tang.Lia is finally feeling settled into her new life. Her friends are amazing, her French is improving, and her periods... ugh, those are still terrible. But Lia's crush, Julien, is noticing her. Lia thinks he likes her, but she can't tell for sure. And while she's obsessing over him, Lia's not noticing another person's growing crush on HER. With so many big feelings and even bigger changes, could things get any worse?In this sophomore follow-up to the breakout hit The New Girl, Lia's relationships—with her friends, her crush, her mom, and even herself—are all tested like never before.
LVIS	9798217084913	The New York Times Cooking: Cookies: The Best Recipes for the Perfect Anytime Treat	Vaughn Vreenland	Dessert is sometimes seen as a bonus, but what could be more essential than delightful treats? From NYT Cooking and curated by recipe creator, video journalist, and YouTube personality Vaughn Vreeland, Cookies is the ultimate collection of treats-from classic recipes that taste like home, to flavor-packed bites that will become your new go-tos. When you need a trusted recipe for the Best Chocolate Chip or Classic Oatmeal Raisin Cookies, look no further. If you'd like something fresh, try the Salted Margarita Bars or Lemon-Turmeric Crinkle Cookies. Feeling a little nutty? Rum-Buttered Almond or Peanut Butter Miso Cookies might do the trick. And when you can't wait to break out the holiday cookie tin, Gochujang Caramel Cookies and Pistachio Pinwheels will have you feeling festive all year long. Featuring time-tested recipes and expert guidance from trusted writers Yossy Arefi, Melissa Clark, Dorie Greenspan, Eric Kim, Genevieve Ko, Yewande Komolafe, Samantha Seneviratne, Susan Spungen, Vaughn himself, and many others, Cookies will serve up delight and inspiration for any party, picnic, or regular Tuesday night. Because you deserve a cookie.
LVIS	9781665988568	The night crew	Higgins, Cam	
LVIS	9781338893076	The Official Harry Potter™ Cookbook	Joanna Farrow	Create delicious recipes inspired by the Wizarding World in The Official Harry Potter Cookbook—the companion to the #1 New York Times bestseller The Official Harry Potter Baking Book!Cook your way through Hogwarts and the rest of the Wizarding World in this official cookbook inspired by the Harry Potter films! This gorgeous book is packed with full-color photography and over 40 recipes—both savory and sweet—including snacks, desserts, drinks, and meals fit for a Hogwarts feast! Whip up some Owl Post savory crepes, Hagrid's hearty soup, Draco Malfoy blondies, Sir Cadogan's sword kebabs, a troll bogey smoothie, and more! Nutritional and dietary information is provided throughout, along with gluten-free, vegetarian, and vegan options. Plus, this cookbook features tons of cooking tips and advice for the youngest aspiring chefs, including recipes with step-by-step instructions that are easy for kids to follow. The perfect book for any beginning cook and Harry Potter fan!
LVIS	9798384970118	The origami encyclopedia	Richmond, Marley	
LVIS	9781978547131	The Panama Canal	Martin, Emmett	
LVIS	9781536237788	The peach thief	Smith, Linda Joan	School Library Journal starred (February 1, 2025) Gr 4-8-Smith's debut serves up a historical fiction tale not to be missed. Orphaned Scilla Brown had been living in a workhouse in Lancashire, England, in 1850. Tired and desperately hungry, she risks everything to scramble over the wall into the Earl of Havermore's garden to steal a peach. However, she is caught by the head gardener Mr. Layton who mistakes her for a boy. Despite her fears of being sent back to the workhouse or worse, Scilla is offered an option to scrub pots in the garden shed to atone for her transgressions. This transitions into a job working in the earl's beautiful gardens where she continues posing as a boy and develops a close friendship with Phin, who also works there. As the story unfolds, Scilla finds herself in some nail-biting situations while striving to please those she admires, and maybe even loves. Details about gardening, cooking, and cleaning in and around the home and acreage bring the story to life. Secondary characters, such as other boy gardeners and Mr. Layton's housekeeper, Mrs. Nandi, add depth to this touching novel. Notes by the author give further details about English gardens and the workers in them, as well as places that existed in mid-19th century England. VERDICT Hand to fans of Kimberly Brubaker Bradley's The War that Saved My Life and Kate Albus's A Place to Hang the Moon. A first purchase for all libraries.-Tracy Cronce © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798348042776	The Pharaoh's Revenge King Tut and Other Mummy Curses	Jackson, Tom	
LVIS	9798887350615	The pie	Earley, Christina	
LVIS	9781665988537	The pie-rat on Seventh Street	Higgins, Cam	
LVIS	9781454969150	The Pigeon Won't Pick a Color!		
LVIS	9781398850651	The Pixel Portal	Macphail, David	

LVIS	9781639933839	The playmakers	Morris, Chad	School Library Journal Xpress (March 28, 2025) Gr 4-7-Jax and Nic are best friends who get cut from the seventh grade basketball team. Jax may be the shortest kid in their grade, but he and Nic have worked hard all summer to garner spots on the team. Luke is the tallest kid, but he'd prefer a spot in the school play over playing basketball. When his plans also don't come to fruition, Jax and Nic decide to form their own team to challenge the school one, proving they deserve spots on the team. They enlist Luke, who begrudgingly joins them in exchange for their help with a theater competition. Miley may be the smartest kid in school, but she's facing her own difficulties-her parents are threatening to homeschool her if she doesn't make friends or join clubs. Miley believes the key to winning is math; if she can crack the statistical code of basketball, she can coach the boys (and girls who join the team of misfits) on how to pull off a win. The story unfolds with alternating first-person narratives from the three protagonists. Miley's entries are doodle-filled and graphic novel style, including conversations with her therapist, and her statistical finds. Bullies, challenging family situations, and a mix of supportive and nonsupportive teachers, create a story with teeth. VERDICT Morris and Brown have crafted a heartfelt story, full of relatable characters and experiences, with unbreakable friendship ties that will leave readers rooting for these underdogs.-Michele Shaw © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780063459175	The princess diaries, the graphic novel. 1	Cabot, Meg	School Library Journal Xpress (May 29, 2026) Gr 7 Up-Mia Thermopolis is just an average high school student with everyday issues. She's flunking algebra, her mom is dating her math teacher, and she's constantly fretting over the environment. Then her world is upended when Dad comes to New York City to have a talk, revealing that Mia is a princess and his heir. A compromise is reached with Mia staying in New York to finish high school but agreeing to perform princess duties and spend time in Genovia over the holidays. This graphic novel makeover is a faithful adaptation of the novel. Here, there is no sweet grandmother but instead the fierce, sidecar drinking, cigarette smoking Grandmère, who ruthlessly doles out criticism during princess lessons. The comedic style of the art lends itself to Mia's emotional outbursts and shifts, and expressions are a true strength brought out by Crandall. Those familiar with the diary-style format of the original novels will delight in seeing the homework, to-do lists, and notes that frequently closed out Mia's entries, used here to break up the scenes. The graphic novel does use a youthful art style, seemingly aimed at middle grade, but the content leans young adult, and future books in the series will likely progress to a more mature rating if the adaptations continue and to stay faithful to the original series. As is, mentions of underage drinking and partying, math teachers in their underwear, and brief talks about sex are present. VERDICT A faithful adaptation, recommended for upper middle grade readers.-Lisa Rowland © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798384909965	The Professional Wrestling Encyclopedia	Mary Gerard	The Professional Wrestling Encyclopedia introduces readers to a variety of wrestling stars, exploring their gimmicks, storylines, and accomplishments. In addition, the book offers an in-depth introduction covering the origins and history of professional wrestling.
LVIS	9781464268076	The pumpkin thief	Hemming, Alice	
LVIS	9788410438033	The quilt of our memories	Acevedo, Desiree	
LVIS	9798887350578	The ray	Earley, Christina	
LVIS	9781546126201	The Real Escape from the USS Indianapolis	Andy Marino	Do you know the real story of the Indianapolis?
LVIS	9781955657730	The red storm of Jupiter	Harbor, R. J	
LVIS	9781665981897	The replay trap	Brandt, Juliana	School Library Journal Xpress (June 26, 2026) Gr 5-7-Twelve-year-old Sydney, who is white, expects catastrophe when her mom arranges an invitation to the sleepover birthday party of a classmate Sydney barely knows. And things do go wrong. The party, held at a wildlife science center, takes an unexpected turn when birthday girl Ari reveals the gathering's true purpose: to film a documentary about a cryptid rumored to be lurking nearby. A frightening run-in with the creature knocks Sydney unconscious. When she wakes, Sydney discovers she is trapped in a time loop repeating the day of the party. Of course, her family and the other partygoers are unaware of the phenomenon. As Sydney learns to navigate many time loops, she becomes more self-accepting and confident, developing genuine friendships with four kid cryptid hunters at the party: leader Ari (Korean American), twins Gus and Uvie (described with fair skin), and Remy (Black). Sydney comes to suspect that someone in their midst may be the shape-shifting creature and the key to her freedom. Brandt deftly weaves mild frights, mystery, and science fiction in a pulse-pounding adventure with a visually cinematic climax. Readers will ask for more exploits with relatable, resourceful, inspiring Sydney. VERDICT Sci-fi with an undercurrent of personal growth; a recommended addition to middle grade collections.-Marybeth Kozikowski © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781955657723	The rift of the Moon	Harbor, R. J	
LVIS	9780593601563	The science fair sabotage	Laditan, Bunmi	
LVIS	9798887353852	The scout	Earley, Christina	
LVIS	9780063485952	The second life of Snap	Kelly, Erin Entrada	School Library Journal Xpress starred (February 27, 2026) Gr 3-8-Filipino American Zuzu is a girl who lives in a dusty part of Texas in a dystopian future. She and her dad live in a settlement that they call Bright Valley because the sun always shines so brightly. They live in a tiny trailer that is subsidized by the wealthier nearby town, Bountiful. Her dad had been working for Lockwood but was let go and given a guardian robot with a broken charger as part of his severance package. Zuzu is very much against the idea of a guardian robot, but her dad is unrelenting. Zuzu's best friend, Elias, likes to tinker with things and he tries to reboot the robot with great success. This is a story with tons of big ideas and questions-are mega corporations sucking the life out of communities and allowing the lower classes of workers to become disposable? Is there an "ethical" way to keep poor people oppressed? Are teachers whose teachings oppose the big corporations hurting or helping students by offering them ideas that are different from the company line? There are also themes of friendship, the use of technology, and the power of nature. As usual, Kelly spins a wonderful story with compelling characters and interesting conflicts that will give readers an opportunity to discuss and mull over its themes for a long time. VERDICT An excellent addition to any upper elementary or middle school library. This is dystopian fiction at its finest.-Debbie Tanner © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780744085280	The Secret Explorers and the cave crisis	King, SJ	
LVIS	9780744021066	The Secret Explorers and the comet collision	King, SJ	
LVIS	9780744069877	The Secret Explorers and the desert disappearance	King, SJ	
LVIS	9780744056785	The Secret Explorers and the haunted castle	King, SJ	
LVIS	9780744056488	The secret explorers and the ice age adventure	King, SJ	
LVIS	9780744021080	The Secret Explorers and the jurassic rescue	King, SJ	
LVIS	9780744021059	The Secret Explorers and the lost whales	King, SJ	
LVIS	9781465499899	The Secret Explorers and the missing scientist	King, SJ	School Library Journal starred (August 1, 2021) Gr 2-4-The Secret Explorers are back in a new action-packed adventure, heading up to the Arctic to rescue a missing scientist and save a trapped research ship. After Kiki, the group's Engineer Explorer and Connor, the Marine Explorer, jump into Beagle, their go-kart/transporter, they arrive in the Arctic. Trusty Beagle morphs into a snowmobile, so when the kids notice a huge ship stuck in the ice, he whisks them over to help. On board, they find out that the ship is in danger of sinking and that the scientist who went for help hasn't returned. Kiki and Connor know their mission! Beagle whirls them across the icy tundra in search of the scientist, but instead of finding her, they find some menacing looking footprints in the snow. Quickly discovering that they belong to a polar bear, Kiki and Connor realize that danger is about to get lot more real, and it's time to call the Secret Explorers for help. Thanks to some awesome science and great teammates, Kiki and Connor locate the scientist. But the polar bear is on their tail and the ship is running out of time. How can the Secret Explorers save the day when there is still so much to learn? Packed with almost as much STEM as action, this title keeps readers turning pages. Scientific concepts, like snowmobile engineering and polar bear biology, are illustrated through the easy-to-understand narrative, making science fun and memorable. The prose, pacing, and characterization are spot-on for readers moving on from books like the "Magic Treehouse" series. Racial diversity and gender equality take this book from fantastic to exceptional-a back cover illustration of the crew shows children of various skin tones. Kiki has dark brown hair and skin, while Connor has lighter brown hair and skin. Includes Mission Notes, a quiz, and a glossary. VERDICT Readers won't be able to put this Arctic adventure down; a must-buy for public and school libraries.-Kate Davis, Fort Lupton Pub. & Sch. Lib., CO © Copyright 2021. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780744049923	The Secret Explorers and the moon mission	King, SJ	
LVIS	9780744021356	The secret explorers and the plant poachers	King, SJ	
LVIS	9780744021363	The secret explorers and the rainforest rangers	King, SJ	
LVIS	9781465499882	The Secret Explorers and the smoking volcano	King, SJ	
LVIS	9780744080384	The Secret Explorers and the sunken treasure	King, SJ	
LVIS	9780744021073	The Secret Explorers and the tomb robbers	King, SJ	
LVIS	9781680104141	The secret puppy and other tales	Webb, Holly	
LVIS	9780500653944	The Secret World of Bird Nests	Menzies, Lucy	Kirkus Reviews (August 1, 2026) A gallery of architectural wonders ingeniously designed to keep eggs and hatchlings safe in a wide variety of hazardous environments. Niumim’s lovely, close-up portraits of bird parents are well worth lingering over, but she also does the 18 types of nests that Menzies describes ample justice, too—offering not just artfully angled images of finished ones, but cutaway views or sequences showing them under construction. After properly admonishing young nature lovers to keep their distance, the author begins with a song thrush’s cup nest, the most common type in nature. From there it’s on to nests as basic as a scraped spot on bare rock (for the blue-footed booby) and from a tunnel dug along the bank of a stream by common kingfishers to pendulous cradles built from hardened spit by Sarawak’s white-nest swiftlets and the mammoth constructs assembled by bald eagles and by generations of sociable weavers. It’s hard to think of some designs as only instinctive; Cape Penduline tits, for instance, build a false, dead-end second entrance to their enclosed nests to fool predators, and Australian brushturkey males actually build a layered compost heap that heats up as it decomposes to keep eggs warm. The spectacularly elaborate bower of the male satin bowerbird caps a show sure to leave readers marveling at the astonishing range of both shapes and materials on display. Fascinating and instructive. (glossary, index) (Informational picture book. 7-9)

LVIS	9781536251630	The secret world of seahorses	Davies, Nicola	School Library Journal starred (April 1, 2026) K-Gr 4-Davies and Baker-Smith take readers on a vibrant journey to the ocean and ocean grass beds to learn about seahorses. The mixed media artwork is stunning, showing the many different sizes, shapes, and colors of seahorses as well as all the things that make the species so interesting: the males give birth to the babies; they can camouflage themselves by changing the color of their skin; they are turned into tourist trinkets like keychains or lucky charms. The text is straightforward and spaced to give readers time to examine the pictures and consider the ideas presented. Young readers will love the opportunity to become an expert on seahorses with a book that is so beautiful and compelling. Teachers will like this one too for its information on seahorses as well as the impact humans have had on seahorses and the oceans around the world. VERDICT Don't let readers miss this gorgeously illustrated picture book full of facts about seahorses; it's perfect for any library needing picture books about ocean animals.-Debbie Tanner © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781797221977	The secrets of the jellies : amazing jellyfish and their surprising talents	Jameson, Karen	School Library Journal starred (December 1, 2025) K-Gr 3-Inspired by the Monterey Bay Aquarium and its amazing exhibit, this book offers a captivating exploration of jellyfish, presenting these creatures as stars of the ocean. The text details the amazing jellyfish and their surprising talents through a mix of lyrical verse and robust back matter. Readers learn that jellies are invertebrates with gelatinous bodies composed of about 95 percent water, and, perhaps surprisingly, they possess no bones or brains. The content covers the vast diversity of true jellies that come in a dazzling mix of shapes and sizes, from the tiny thimble jellyfish to the lion's mane jellyfish. Complex concepts like their unique anatomy, life cycles, and methods of self-propulsion using contracting subumbrella muscles are explained. Additionally, the book covers fascinating facts, such as how many species are bioluminescent and radiate a blue-green glow in the darkest depths of the ocean to lure prey or startle predators. Hermansson's illustrations, rendered digitally and beautifully complement the vibrant subject matter, showcasing the creatures in various colors and hues. The artwork includes informative diagrams that help explain complex biology, such as how jellies live and move despite lacking a brain. Her hand lettering also contributes to the design. The combination of engaging, poetic text and well-supported scientific details makes this an educational yet visually appealing title. VERDICT This engaging and detailed book is an excellent addition to school library collections. Its unique blend of artistic digital illustrations and fascinating biological content about these often-misunderstood ocean creatures makes it a worthwhile purchase for science and nature sections.-Richard Winters © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780062411686	The shadow city	Jolley, Dan	School Library Journal (May 1, 2017) Gr 4-7-The second installment of this series continues the momentum of The Emerald Tablet as the four child elementalists and the Ghost Boy work together to channel their powers and save Gabe's uncle and mother from the evil shadow dimension, Arcadia. Their efforts are dogged by the terrifying creatures hunting them on behalf of the Eternal Dawn, the apocalyptic cult bent on merging the shadow city with the real San Francisco to a destructive end. When one of the elementalists is possessed by cult leader Jonathan Thorne, his behavior turns treacherous and Thorne's bloodthirsty plans are revealed. Jolley provides thrilling entertainment as his child heroes deal with problems young readers may recognize, such as the emotional aftermath of a death in the family. The importance of books, teamwork, and perseverance is stressed, but amid the seriousness of the children's quest is a continuous stream of lighthearted, appropriate humor that is sure to bring a smile to any reader's face. VERDICT This fast-paced fantasy adventure should please readers of Cassandra Clare and Holly Black's "Magisterium" series as well as fans of the lesser-known but equally engaging "Century Quartet" series by Pierdomenico Baccalario.-Kerry Sutherland, Akron-Summit County Public Library, OH © Copyright 2017. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780593479254	The shape of things : how mapmakers picture our world	Robbins, Dean	Booklist (June 1, 2024 (Vol. 120, No. 19)) Grades K-3. Map lovers and readers interested in the development of knowledge and technology will be drawn to Robbins' look at how we, over millennia, have documented Earth's shape. A prehistoric family looks down on a valley, wondering where the rivers go, the trails lead, and the woods end. They draw protomaps on cave walls or in the sand. Much later, Robbins notes, mapmakers moved from depicting locales to wondering about the whole world, and readers will enjoy the speculation, rendered in soft, computer-generated blue, green, and sepia-toned images of the maybes: a rectangular world, a cylinder, a flat disk with monsters around the edges. More recognizable tools make their way into cartographers' arsenals, until Victorians, and then today's surveyors, are shown, each looking over the same valley once contemplated by the prehistoric family. For classrooms, a child's atlas will be a great accompaniment to this; it can also be used in makerspaces where mapmaking is offered. Closing notes on the instruments used in mapmaking and related subject areas are helpful. A worthwhile additional purchase.
LVIS	9780063265769	The Six Triple Eight : a true story of the Black woman battalion of World War II	Abari, Tonya	School Library Journal Xpress (August 8, 2025) Gr 2-4-Abari tells the story of how a group of Black women joined the Six Triple Eight, or the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion during World War II. Their job was to process a backlog of over 17 million pieces of mail. Abari describes how Black women had to advocate for their right to even enlist in the United States Army. Once there they proved themselves capable and committed. They boosted soldiers' morale by ensuring that they received letters from home. Evans's outstanding illustrations complement the text with their muted colors and solemn facial expressions, showing the determination of the characters against the bleak backgrounds war. VERDICT Abari's accessible text sheds light on a group of women who did not receive enough recognition during their time; students will be inspired by the story of this brave and hard-working battalion. A first purchase.-Mari Pongkhamsing © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798887350554	The sleigh	Earley, Christina	
LVIS	9781782509530	The slightly spooky tale of Fox and Mole	Heikkila, Cecilia	Kirkus Reviews starred (October 1, 2025) Ingratitude breeds monstrous results in this entrancing cautionary tale, originally published in Sweden. To say that there's an imbalance of power in Fox and Mole's friendship would be an understatement. Fox is responsible and generous, while Mole indiscriminately takes without regard. Even so, the two enjoy reading together each night. One day, Fox reads The Legend of the Scuffling Monster, about a raccoon who transforms into a horrifying creature. Soon after, Mole forgets Fox's birthday, coming over instead to eat anything on hand. "Something thorny [finds] its way to Fox's heart," and when he undergoes a grotesque transformation of his own that evening, Mole finds himself on the receiving end of a famished, voracious companion. When Heikkilä warns at the start that "the middle of the story might be a bit spooky," she isn't kidding; her standout illustrations are as capable of eliciting terror as laughs. One minute Fox is amusingly staring into space as an oblivious Mole prattles on; the next, a silent, two-page spread depicts two haunted yellow eyes against a dark background. Like Ed Young's Lon Po Po (1989), the tale is laced with hints of the monster in the shadows. Heikkilä infuses her compelling narrative with an important, though never heavy-handed, message about balance in relationships as she explores what happens when generous souls swallow down their irritations and resentment. A triumphant blend of humor and horror, perfect for teaching and scaring by turn. (Picture book. 4-7)
LVIS	9780593902363	The Space Race	Messner, Kate	School Library Journal (June 1, 2026) Gr 3-7-NASA's Artemis missions make this newest entry in the "History Smashers" series particularly well-timed. Taking readers back to the beginning of the space program, the book examines connections to science fiction writers who planted the seeds of possibility, and earlier rocket and bomb weapons development. Scientists became increasingly important to the military as Germany, the Soviet Union, and the United States each devoted resources to trying to gain superiority during World War II. Messner presents complex topics in a digestible fashion, breaking up the text with photos, spot illustrations, and graphic novel-style panels, pointing out misconceptions or exaggerations that should be "smashed" along the way. Messner's style can be humorous and entertaining, but she does not ignore more difficult elements, such as the people and animals who died in failed missions and the discrimination against women and people of color in the space program. Scientist Wernher von Braun's sizable contributions are detailed, as well as his pivotal role in Nazi rocket technology development. Ending with discussions of the Mars missions, Messner gives young readers plenty of inspiration for how they could prepare to carry on with research and exploration. VERDICT Make space for this fast-paced and fun selection in upper-elementary and middle school collections.-Lucinda Whitehurst © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798898801205	The Sphinx Buried in the Desert	Baumann, Kristoffer	
LVIS	9781662680359	The spider lady : Nan Songer and her arachnid WW II army	Klostermann, Penny Parker	Booklist (May 1, 2025 (Vol. 121, No. 17)) Grades 2-5. Self-taught naturalist Nan Songer turned her passion for insects and arachnids into a successful business venture by harvesting spider silk during WWII—specifically for use as crosshairs in weapons' sights. This picture-book biography begins with Songer's early love of nature, fostered by her neighbor Marie Meislahn, a biologist and naturalist, before moving quickly to Songer's adulthood, where her home was filled with live specimens and her brain was bursting with ideas. The prospect of using spider silk for anything but weaving webs will fascinate young readers, and Songer's creative efforts to collect the silk with homemade contraptions will easily hold their attention. All Songer's trial and error and eventual success are captured in sepia-toned illustrations, which contain historical and scientific details while creating a clear portrait of Songer herself. An extensive author's note offers more specifics on Songer's life, and quotes throughout the main text are sourced in the bibliography. An intriguing snapshot of the intersection of human invention and the natural world, perfect for STEM collections.
LVIS	9798887353845	The storm	Earley, Christina	
LVIS	9781098256012	The storm blitz	Walker, Lane	School Library Journal (October 1, 2025) Gr 4-6-This new six-title series features a different eighth-grade protagonist in each book, each living in a different city and playing a different sport: basketball, soccer, hockey, baseball, golf, and football. With fast-paced plots and a heavy focus on sports action, these books will appeal to upper elementary and middle school readers who love athletics. Each story also includes a compelling side plot that adds depth-addressing themes like anger, bullying, moving, and navigating competitive pressure. As the characters grow on and off the field, readers are treated to relatable moments of personal development. VERDICT A solid addition to sports fiction collections that's sure to score with young athletes. Recommended for purchase. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781797214511	The story of Gumluck and the dragon's eggs	Rex, Adam	Booklist starred (November 1, 2024 (Vol. 121, No. 5)) Grades 1-4. Helvetica the raven is in a bit of a jam—not through any fault of her own, she'll have you know. A series of nest-related catastrophes has left her with nowhere to lay her eggs, so when she spots a large, twiggy platform in a tree (far from the unintentionally destructive force known as Gumluck the Wizard), she quickly fashions a nest there and deposits three speckled, mint-green eggs. It's only later that Helvetica realizes she's built her nest inside the giant nest of Viridian, the green dragon. What ensues is a masterful display of giggle-inducing misunderstandings and flawed logic that results in Viridian believing the eggs are hers and that for Helvetica to be the mother, as she claims, Helvetica would also have to be a dragon. Fortunately, Gumluck knows just how to settle the dispute: a competition to determine the best dragon, winner gets the eggs. As an obvious raven, Helvetica has her work cut out for her, which only ramps up the situational humor and underscores the genuine love she has for her babies. Spot and full-page illustrations adorn the chapters, and Rex also sprinkles the narrative with seemingly random asides and funny gags that come together like magic by story's end. This second adventure in the Gumluck series is every bit as wonderful as the first.
LVIS	9781797214528	The story of Gumluck and the heroes	Rex, Adam	School Library Journal starred (March 1, 2025) Gr 1-3-Poor Gumluck! His crush, The Very Wise Wizard Who Lives in the Moon, has requested that he join a band of adventurers on their quest in her place. Gumluck obediently obeys and sets off with his pal, the mini-ghost Butterscotch. Left behind is a wise first-person narrator, the all-suffering raven Helvetica and her babies. Helvetica observes Gumluck's travels through a crystal ball, all while dealing with the sibling rivalry and growing pains of her offspring. Who are the adventurers and what is their quest? Eventually, all is revealed as Gumluck finds himself in a moral predicament and a sticky situation with a castle full of trolls. Will his magic save the day? Rex delivers a third entry in a hilarious series for emerging chapter book readers. Set within the framework of a familiar noodlehead tale, the comedy runs absurdist and clever, allowing children to get the jokes without relying on low hanging fruit. The black-and-white illustrations are plentiful; these are funny and warm, and help to move the plot along instead of simply serving as window dressing. Though previous knowledge of Gumluck's world is helpful, this title can stand alone and still make sense. Recommended for fans of notable series like "Dragonbreath," "The Princess in Black," and "How to Train Your Dragon." VERDICT A cut above the usual chapter book fare, this series is for clever kids who want a little substance and magic to their laughs.-Kate Nafz © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781797213231	The story of Gumluck the wizard	Rex, Adam	School Library Journal Xpress starred (October 20, 2023) Gr 1-3-Helvetica the raven wryly narrates the tale of Gumluck, an earnest little wizard who lives outside the village and grants magical favors to the ungrateful villagers who come knocking, even when it costs him. But Gumluck's refusal to cast a nefarious spell for the arrogant Prince Whoop-de-doo (who "look[s] like a fancy toilet brush") earns him the mockery of everyone in the village. Unaware of his new reputation, the eager-to-please Gumluck grants an unwise wish for the king, accidentally putting all the villagers in danger. After Helvetica, a tiny ghost named Butterscotch, and a straight-talking fairy convince Gumluck that he's been used and mistreated, the wizard has a choice to make: will he save the villagers from their imminent doom? Rex perfectly renders the wide-eyed Gumluck and his companions and naysayers with just a few deft strokes, both in the pencil illustrations and in the beautifully compact, emotionally profound text. Gumluck is wise but guileless, clumsy but powerful, tender-hearted but superbly courageous. Readers will fall in love with him just as cranky Helvetica does. VERDICT Purchase multiple copies-you'll want to put Gumluck into every little hand and heart that comes your way.-Rachel Owens © Copyright 2023. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798765683750	The story of the World Cup	Berne, Emma Carlson	School Library Journal (November 1, 2025) PreS-K-Each book in this simple collection for young soccer fans focuses on a different aspect of the sport, such as famous male and female players, unforgettable moments, and the World Cup. The content is presented through short text boxes of one or two sentences on colorful spreads with soccer ball overlays. Facing pages feature large action photographs that show players in their biggest moments. The writing is clear and simple, making the books easy to follow while still sparking curiosity and encouraging readers to learn more. Each book features a table of contents, a glossary, an index, and a "learn more" section. VERDICT A fine choice for beginning readers who want an introduction to the world's most popular sport. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781955657976	The stream team	Miller, Kevin	
LVIS	9780593601549	The summer camp disaster	Laditan, Bunmi	

LVIS	9781665982955	The super roomies. Lake of slime	Lerner, Jarrett	School Library Journal starred (April 1, 2026) K-Gr 3-Lerner's latest graphic novel is another creative and humorous addition to his beloved illustrated works. The story follows the four Super Roomies as they argue over an empty carton of milk while trying to stop Dr. Slimepeople's plot to fill the local lake with slime. This newest entry in the "Star Chapter Books" collection is a win for children moving between early readers and longer chapter books. Filled with engaging illustrations, wit, and fast-paced short chapters with only a few sentences per page, readers will be clamoring for more entries in this series. Lerner's bold, two-color yellow and grayscale illustrations are rendered digitally in Photoshop. With a lot of shelf appeal, the style will be a familiar treat to fans of the "Cat Kid" series by Dav Pilkey. The art is simple but clear with distinct faces between the four roomies, two of which have a darker skin tone. The shape-based art is accessible and inspiring for young artists hoping to create their own stories starring the Super Roomies. VERDICT A must purchase that will fly off the shelves. Hand this to fans of series like Jarrett J. Krosoczka's "Lunch Lady" and John Patrick Green's "InvestiGators."-Taylor Skorski © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781682637746	The sweet spot	Vickers, Elaine	School Library Journal starred (March 1, 2026) Gr 3-7-A warm, fast-paced novel about baseball, identity, and belonging that will resonate with middle graders, especially baseball fans. Twelve-year-old Trip-"the Third," proudly carrying a family name and a love of Little League-enters the summer with one clear goal: win the championship. When his father is unexpectedly deployed overseas and a new teammate, Sam (short for Samantha), joins the team, Trip's carefully balanced world begins to shift both on and off the field. As Trip navigates changing friendships, complicated family dynamics involving parents, siblings, and a memorably flatulent grandfather, he also grapples with leadership, fairness, and what it means to be part of a team. The presence of a girl on the team challenges long-held assumptions, opening space for growth, empathy, and self-reflection. Trip's internal struggle-wondering whether some people are born with advantages while others must fight harder for recognition-adds emotional depth without slowing the story's momentum. Humorous, honest, and heartfelt, this novel explores responsibility, loyalty, and standing up for what is right, while affirming that passion and compassion do not have to be at odds. Trip and his family are cued white. VERDICT A strong choice for school and public libraries, this is a positive, engaging story for upper middle graders and a welcome addition to baseball fiction collections.-Patricia Snoblen © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780744049961	The T-Rex attack	Stone, Rex	
LVIS	9798318906244	The terrible trio. 2,The day the mac 'n' cheese ran out	Haddow, Swapna	Booklist starred (February 1, 2026 (Vol. 122, No. 11)) Grades 2-4. This second installment in the Terrible Trio series is a laugh-out-loud adventure proving that creativity, positivity, kindness, and friendship are the true superpowers. Marg, Zeb, and Barry are back, finding inventive ways to use their wacky superpowers. Marg has suddenly lost her ability to make mac ’n’ cheese, the café’s signature dish. What seems like a minor problem quickly escalates into a high-stakes mission when Zeb accidentally angers a lion and promises to serve mac ’n’ cheese to the entire pride—including 16 adults and 28 cubs. If he fails, the friends will all be eaten! Their quest to retrieve Marg’s power takes them up a mountain, to the cheese market, and to a lion- packed barbecue. The story is packed with humor, witty wordplay, and zany illustrations that bring the trio’s antics to life. Marg’s culinary crisis, Zeb’s lion dilemma, and Barry’s unpredictable lemur logic combine into a whirlwind of hilarious mishaps and creative problem-solving. Readers will delight in the clever puns, the unexpected adventures, and the endearing friendship among the characters. Perfect for early-chapter-book readers who enjoy silly humor, imaginative scenarios, and quirky illustrations, this is a fun, fast-paced read that leaves you eagerly anticipating the next wild adventure of Marg, Zeb, and Barry.
LVIS	9781546183068	The terrible trio. 3,The mystery of the lost cape	Haddow, Swapna	School Library Journal Xpress (May 29, 2026) Gr 2-5-Haddow's third book in "The Terrible Trio" series is teeming with superheroes, cafe mysteries, and the importance of telling the truth. Zeb the zebra, Margarine the penguin, and Barry the lemur discover a box of lost and found items. Barry discovers a mysterious floating cape and thus begins his adventures as a secretive, masked crusader saving the city from villains and various crimes. He must decide whether he wants to share his new heroic identity or keep it a secret. The main characters are lovable, silly, and witty, and they each encourage each other to be the best version of themselves they can be. The dialogue is humorous and models the values of a genuine friendship. Dialogue drives the suspenseful plot forward and allows the characters to express feelings of joy, sadness, jealousy, anger and excitement. Speech bubbles contain simplistic yet meaningful language. The abundant black-and-white illustrations further enhance the text, adding contextual details supporting character development, conflict resolution, and setting. Character facial expressions add to the humor of the story. VERDICT A humorous, animal-centered chapter book that reinforces the importance of friendship, loyalty, and truth telling. Readers will learn that they can be the superhero of their own story without a fancy cape.-Brianna Amoscato © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798212538374	The terror in Jenny's armpit	Carman, Patrick	Kirkus Reviews (July 1, 2024) A girl and her friends scramble to find a solution to a peculiar ailment. Jenny Kim tends to leap before she looks, and it doesn’t usually end well. This time she’s really done it, though. When she and her equally adventurous classmates Fen Stenson and Barker Mifflin break into the abandoned Colossal Chemistry building, Jenny disturbs a fuzzy orange marble. Soon her armpit sprouts a bizarre, rapidly growing, one-eyed creation that’s nearly impossible to hide from everyone, including Jenny’s parents and the class bully. Papers that Fen stole from the Colossal Chemistry office reveal some important information: The thing is called a Snerb, it was created to fight pollution, and in order to remove it, they must locate its creator, Dr. Vernsy Von Vexler. Oh, and they need to move quickly, because the Snerb is voraciously hungry, and removing it will put the entire town of Nevermind at risk. Wacky humor and a breakneck pace make this tale perfect for middle graders. Readers will find Jenny’s story irresistibly compelling despite—or perhaps because of—the inventively grotesque depictions of the Snerb. The epilogue ties into the events of the next volume and promises more wild adventures. Characters’ descriptions are minimal, though Barker is depicted with brown skin in chapter heading illustrations, and artwork and the last name Kim suggest that Jenny has Asian ancestry. Charmingly absurd and hilariously icky. (Fiction. 8-12)
LVIS	9781536251333	The thing about giants	Galvin, Christopher	School Library Journal (April 1, 2026) Gr 4-7-Jacq is a girl with light skin and blue hair living in a community where giants are real and feared. Also, their bones are a primary source of energy. Her mom was a celebrated giant hunter, but Jacq isn't so sure that hunting giants is a good idea. Corman, a young giant with pale skin and brown hair, is out with his dad scavenging for plants that will help to heal his sister. Corman has never been above ground before because the giants he lives with have gone underground to keep themselves safe from treacherous humans. When Corman and his dad are attacked, Corman's dad creates a diversion so that Corman can escape. When the young giant gets lost, he crosses paths with Jacq and saves her life. Both marvel at the amazingness of the other and eventually find common ground to try to save the giants. This is a wonderfully told, exciting story about misperceptions, kindness, finding the truth even if it's hard to listen to, and family connections. The characters are well-crafted and relatable. Debut author Galvin's giant lore is intriguing and refreshing; there are different kinds of giants, hiding from humans and adapting to various environments (underwater, underground, in the sky). While giants are often characterized as mean and destructive, this novel offers a depiction of those who are kind, family-oriented, and creative. This is an entertaining offering and one that readers will enjoy. VERDICT A strong choice for any library needing middle grade speculative fiction.-Debbie Tanner © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781338770636	The three little superpigs. Trick or treat?	Evans, Claire	School Library Journal (September 1, 2021) PreS-K-The latest story about the three Superpigs finds them on a mission to save Fairyland's Halloween candy from the greedy Wicked Witch, only to have an unexpected encounter with the meddlesome Big Bad Wolf. With reimagined bits of "Hansel and Gretel," "The Three Little Pigs," and even "Goldilocks and the Three Bears," this story follows a simple if slightly crowded sequence, from the Superpigs' uncertainty about the right costumes to the Wicked Witch's trail of sweets to the pigs' subsequent capture by the Big Bad Wolf in a candied house. The happy resolution is sure to please the intended audience. Richly colored, digitally illustrated layouts offer close-ups of the roly-poly main characters. Crisp with smooth gradations, Evans's vividly saturated colors will tempt readers to follow the clumsy yet earnest three little heroes as they once again meet their nemesis. VERDICT This fairy tale mash-up adventure with a Halloween twist will make a great addition to festive read-alouds and plot sequence lessons.-Rachel Mulligan, Westampton, NJ © Copyright 2021. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780316447010	The time travel twins	Patterson, James	Kirkus Reviews (January 1, 2025) Twins Pew and Basket Church find clues to their pasts and a dangerous foe in a literally Revolutionary setting. Upon leaping through a time portal to escape 12 years of misery in the misleadingly named Sweet Loveliness Home for the Nurturing Development of De-Parented Children, the intrepid foundlings land back in 1777—not far from where George Washington, in the wake of the disastrous Battle of Brooklyn Heights, is on the verge of throwing in the towel. Can they convince him to change his mind? Their efforts are complicated by a hidden treasure lying at the end of a trail of riddles, a megalomaniacal fellow time traveler out to manipulate history rather than preserve it, and the fact that Pew is a Black boy and Basket is a white girl. A second, ill-managed time jaunt results in their hands being swapped on their bodies. Although this mishap leads to sibling strife—“Stop picking your nose with my fingers!”—the course of history is righted by the end of an expertly crafted whirl of chases, betrayals, escapes, and revelations. A flimsy rationale for not asking a grateful Washington to abolish slavery in return for the twins’ game-changing help sounds a sour note, but the parade of (more or less) accurately rendered historical persons and events, several tantalizing mysteries, and the smart and resourceful protagonists will be enough to carry readers through multiple sequels. Schweizer’s occasional illustrations add humor and liveliness. A promising, fast-paced series opener. (historical notes, bibliography) (Adventure. 9-13)
LVIS	9780593120439	The Titanic	Messner, Kate	
LVIS	9780063589834	The Toast of the Town	John, Jory	
LVIS	9780760396834	The totally awesome world of Caitlin Clark : learn all there is to know about your favorite all-star	Weiss, Sara	School Library Journal Xpress (June 20, 2025) FISCHER, Neal E. The Totally Awesome World of Steph Curry: Learn All There Is to Know About Your Favorite MVP. ISBN 9780760395417. ea vol: 128p. (Totally Awesome World). becker&mayer! kids. Apr. 2025. pap. $14.99. Gr 4-8-For a multifaceted approach to sports biographies, this series looks at many angles of the athletes' lives and the world around them. Featuring basketball's Steph Curry and Caitlin Clark and soccer's Cristiano Ronaldo, the books offer information on the childhood events and amateur achievements that led to their professional careers. Numerous sidebars include fast facts about their sports' origins and game play, as well as cultural information about where the athletes grew up and coinciding historical events. Curry and Ronaldo, now legends in their fields with numerous medals and championships under their belts, make for more robust biographies than Clark, just barely out of her rookie season. Including a rising female star in a sports series is commendable, however, fans have yet to see how Clark's WNBA career shapes up. The book about her fills the pages with emphasis on her time in college basketball and sidebar fluff. While the intersection of pop culture and history adds freshness to the "Totally Awesome World" books, there is not much this series achieves that readers cannot find in similar titles by Sports Illustrated or from Who HQ. VERDICT A serviceable sports series for libraries seeking additional titles on famous athletes.-Alexandra Quay © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781547619429	The trouble with heroes	Messner, Kate	School Library Journal Xpress starred (July 25, 2025) Gr 3-8-White seventh-grader Finn Connelly has started his summer off on the wrong foot. In danger of failing his ELA and physical education classes, being caught vandalizing an old woman's gravestone- Finn knows that grief has gotten the best of him. Now he must make restitution to the woman's family by climbing the Adirondack 46 mountain ranges, bringing along her dog Seymour. The assignments and the mountain trekking must be completed by Labor Day. But how does a middle schooler do all this with a broken heart? Messner's middle grade novel is artfully crafted in first person, giving readers a front row seat into Finn's poetry and letters detailing his thoughts on his father's life and death, while grappling with big emotions amid adolescent angst. Beautiful, factual descriptions of each mountain are moving and inspiring. These mountain hikes prove to be the right recipe for Finn to begin the difficult process of healing: "I'm starting to understand why people climb mountains on purpose. The view goes on forever, all white-cloud perfect sky, pine-tree greens and purple-mountain blue." Messner includes a note at the end describing her own journey with the Adirondack 46. VERDICT This is a must-purchase for all libraries. Finn's journey from loss to gain is both breathtaking and deeply satisfying.-Tracy Cronce © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798318942389	The trouble with toothoids	Behling, Steve	Kirkus Reviews (April 15, 2023) Lilo, Stitch, and members of the Galactic Detective Agency track down an unknown alien species taking over the New York City subway system. In the second installment of the Agent Stitch series, characters from the Disney film Lilo & Stitch (2002) take on aliens who pose a threat to Earth. In this case, the agents of the Galactic Federation are investigating reports of humans falling into a trance and dropping everything to descend into the subway tunnels, all the while repeating a bizarre rhyme. Stitch, eager to prove himself a worthy member of the agency, takes off on his own. It’s only when the agents realize they work best when they work together that they’re able to get a handle on the case. The omniscient narrator at times directly addresses readers: “How long have you been reading this book now?…You probably need a break—maybe go and stretch your legs, pet a dog or something, right?” The story’s conflict moves along at a good pace, each chapter bouncing back and forth between the separated agents. Overall, the style and tempo succeed. The final resolution, however, comes almost too easily, with a character anticlimactically uttering, “Ugh, I hate it when my plans fail. My bad.” Black-and-white comic strip–style scenes pepper the story. Fans of the film’s characters and of alien wackiness will appreciate the plot even if it’s lacking in depth. Fan fodder but not an out-of-this-world success. (Science fiction. 8-12)
LVIS	9781546179238	The ultimate rumble collection	Pallotta, Jerry	School Library Journal Xpress (October 3, 2025) Gr 1-4-Are you ready to rumble? Pallotta and Bolster have gathered reader-favorite battles from the last decade of the popular "Who Would Win?" series into one oversized volume. From sharks and lions to dinosaurs, and in the newest addition, it's animal against animal in hypothetical matchups that spark curiosity and provide facts in a way that everyone from reluctant readers to the fully proficient can enjoy. Bolster's illustrations bring each face-off to life by highlighting teeth, claws, scales, and speed in dynamic spreads that perfectly complement the fast-paced text. VERDICT The collection format makes it easy for libraries to offer multiple battles in one simple book and is a must-have for those serving elementary readers.-Jessica Clark © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798225019662	The Ultimate Survival Guide with Survival Tool		Get ready for an outdoor adventure! If you're out in the wilderness and disaster strikes, don't worry! This handbook will teach you how to handle any situation. It's packed with practical tips and step-by-step guides on building shelters, signaling for help, encourntering wild animals, learning how to navigate, and more. Plus a 4-in-1 survival tool with a flashlight, compass, whistle, and carabiner clip!
LVIS	9780063468405	The ultimate unofficial World Cup book : legends, stats, and stories from soccer's biggest game	Barbo, Maria S	School Library Journal (May 1, 2026) Gr 3-7-The entire world is excited for the upcoming World Cup Tournament, but what is the excitement about? This is a guidebook about the tournament's history, the rules of the sport, the teams, and notable players. Fans will appreciate the facts and the key moments of previous tournaments, as well as the attractive layout filled with bright colors, maps, infographics, and text boxes. Featured are facts and photos about the upcoming World Cup, photos from the previous 2022 World Cup, and most infamous and memorable tournament moments. Many readers will find "The Road to the World Cup" the most fascinating section, especially those who are watching the event for the first time. Hopefully, there will be a similar book for the Women's World Cup. VERDICT An excellent beginner's guide about the World Cup; even seasoned soccer buffs might learn something new about the sport. © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

LVIS	9781665955584	The underwearwolf	Sterer, Gideon	Kirkus Reviews starred (April 1, 2026) Werewolf? There wolf! Typically, kids don't get all that excited when they receive underwear for their birthdays, but when Uncle Larry sends the book's young narrator a strange pair of undies, our hero skips the warning label (something about not donning them during a full moon) and slips them on. Almost instantly the child begins to transform, becoming a creature of the night that's "hairier than a hundred hamsters." Hijinks ensue, and soon the youngster is running with a pack of wolves, making it home just before the sun rises. The book ends with a vow never to wear those undies again, "until the next full moon." Sterer leans hard into the funniest aspects of wearing transformative underpants. Three times the kid considers removing the undies only to realize that "I would have been butt naked" in increasingly visible and ridiculous situations. Santoso's visual gags aid in the hilarity, varying from the subtle (the child peering up at a huge moon that couldn't be rounder, thinking, "The moon didn't look too full to me") to (naturally) werewolf wedgies. Pair this tale with that fellow spooky, funny, tighty-whities-themed picture book Creepy Pair of Underwear by Aaron Reynolds and Peter Brown (2017). The protagonist and the rest of the family are pale-skinned and dark-haired. Best read beneath a gibbous moon to truly make your intended audience howl…with laughter. (Picture book. 3-6)
LVIS	9781956403909	The Unofficial Guide to Mario: All the Characters, Games, TV Shows, Movies & More!		Enter the world of Mario in this unofficial guide where you'll find all the characters, games, movies, trivia, and more.
LVIS	9781964487038	The Unofficial Guide to Sonic the Hedgehog		Find all you need to know about Sonic the Hedgehog in this unofficial guide. Discover character profiles, fun trivia, gaming tips, and much more in this ultimate fan guide.
LVIS	9781964487397	The Unofficial Guide to SpongeBob SquarePants		Explore a new side of Bikini Bottom with character bios of SpongeBob and all his friends, a guide to help you find your perfect episode of SpongeBob, and a behind-the-scenes deep dive into the movies, video games and so much more!
LVIS	9781507215852	The Unofficial TikTok Cookbook	Valentina Mussi	Create 75 of the most popular, post-worthy, and fun recipes straight from TikTok with The Unofficial TikTok Cookbook. Become the next viral sensation and make some delicious dishes that will impress all your friends with The Unofficial TikTok Cookbook. From whipped coffee to pancake cereal and mug cakes to seltzer slushies, you can find all the recipes you've seen on social media and have been dying to make in one place. Featuring simple, easy-to-follow instructions, you can now create the recipes you've seen all over the internet in the comfort of your own home. Whether you want to post your cooking creations online or just share them with your friends, this book is a must-have for chefs of all ages!
LVIS	9781797224596	The vanishing sea : the tale of how the Aral Sea became the Aral Desert	Mirtalipova, Dinara	School Library Journal starred (January 1, 2026) K-Gr 3-Mirtalipova offers a poignant and beautifully illustrated tale of warning that's important to share with children. The story of the Aral Sea is a recent lesson for most. In just a few decades, this vast sea that was formed in the Ice Age was reduced to a few small bodies of water surrounded by a toxic desert. The first portion of the book unfolds as an illustrative narrative, simply and effectively showing how greed led to the sea's disappearance. The story feels fluid and folksy, and the illustrations reflect both cultural heritage and environmental transformation. Mirtalipova's detailed yet raw artwork is rich in symbolism and texture, with a handcrafted feel that deepens the story's message. The people of the land are shown with care, wearing culturally accurate clothing and expressions that bring authenticity to the pages. The back matter includes a compelling author's note. The text offers information about the area, the ecological impact of the sea's disappearance, and ends with a brief but powerful call to action. Though it may be too late for the Aral Sea, this book will inspire young readers to care for Earth's resources with intention and respect. VERDICT With its brief, thoughtfully chosen words, parts of this title could easily serve as an introduction to climate issues, environmental justice, and biodiversity for young children. The book can broaden and strengthen collections while gently introducing young children to what can happen when the earth's resources are misused.-Cassie Veselovsky © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780063064553	The Verts : a story of introverts and extroverts	Patchett, Ann	Booklist (September 1, 2024 (Vol. 121, No. 1)) Preschool-Grade 2. It's Ivan Vert's birthday. He doesn't want to take the family photo his grandma insists on, but he relents and puts his foot in the frame. When Grandmother Vert comments on Ivan's party-pooper-ness, Ivan's big sister, Estie, gets the grand idea to turn this family gathering into an actual party and invite their whole apartment building. Estie is a whirl of entertaining energy, but for Ivan, the party highlights include quietly washing dishes with his mom and hiding in a blanket fort. A version of "Ivan is Ivan, and Estie is Estie. Which is just the way we like it" becomes the story's refrain. Award-winning adult novelist and bookseller Patchett's (Escape Goat, 2020) third picture book has fun lines and deadpan dialogue. Glasser, illustrator of the Fancy Nancy series and Patchett's previous children's books, fills Ivan and Estie's story with busy, brightly colored, movement-filled scenes. The littlest readers aren't likely to latch on to the book's ideas of introvertedness and extrovertedness, but it's a diverting reminder that a party isn't everyone's idea of a good time and that's OK.
LVIS	9781536231205	The wishkeeper's apprentice	Khoo, Rachel Chivers	School Library Journal (March 1, 2024) Gr 3-6-Felix Jones wishes more than anything that his 16-year-old sister liked him again. He feels silly dropping a penny into a fountain making this wish after Rebecca forgets to pick him up from soccer, but figures it's worth a try. As he thinks about how much his sister has changed over the past year, he notices a small man who appears to be stealing pennies (wishes!) from the fountain. And that is how Felix meets Rupus Beewinkle, the town Wishkeeper. Rupus explains that lately there have been lots of "wish snags," and other wish anomalies. Felix realizes that the terrifying creature he has been seeing in his nightmares might have something to do with all the messed up wishes in town. Rupus needs Felix's help to figure out what's going on, but it may be more than both of them have bargained for. Black-and-white illustrations, both spread-length and scattered throughout, bring Rupus and Felix to life. Young readers will love learning about the whimsical world of Wishkeeping in this well-realized story. A dramatic twist halfway through will keep the pages turning. VERDICT A quirky novel recommended for young fantasy lovers.-Mandy Laferriere © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780316125406	The wonderful flight to the Mushroom Planet	Cameron, Eleanor	Publishers Weekly (September 30, 1988) The classic science fiction fantasy, about two boys and their space ship, and adventures on a planet found not far away from Earth. Ages 8-12. (Sept.)
LVIS	9798887353760	The woods	Earley, Christina	
LVIS	9781797236643	The world's best soccer book : everything you need to know about soccer!	Ulane, Paul	School Library Journal Xpress (October 31, 2025) Gr 3-7-Sweepers and strikers and keepers...oh my! Join the world of soccer with this comprehensive encyclopedia for both newcomers and seasoned experts of the upper elementary set. Divided into five chapters mimicking the key stages of "the beautiful game," the book gives readers everything they need to feel ready to pull on a kit and head out to the pitch, or kick back and catch the next match on TV. While the text is dense, fun is kept at the center of every page, alongside techniques, life lessons, facts, global history, and profiles of iconic plays and devoted fans. Filled with a mixture of photographs and illustrative styles, and featuring comic interludes, the layout of several pages can feel visually overwhelming, requiring more time to pore over the valuable information. True visual success lies in the representation of players and fans from all walks of life, proving that soccer truly is a sport for everyone. VERDICT A worthwhile addition for expanding any nonfiction sports collections.-Bill Ives © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780763665579	There goes Ted Williams : the greatest hitter who ever lived	Tavares, Matt	School Library Journal (January 1, 2012) Gr 2-6-Following his outstanding Henry Aaron's Dream (Candlewick, 2010), Tavares has written an equally stunning book about another Baseball Hall of Famer. Even as a child, Williams had only one goal-to be the greatest hitter who ever lived. His work ethic, combined with immense talent, carried him through a career of 21 years, all with the Boston Red Sox, in which he seemed to conjure up magical moments at will. The author covers many of the highlights: Williams's game-winning home run in the 1941 All-Star game; his .406 season (a record that still stands); his numerous batting titles; his career-closing home run (immortalized by John Updike in a 1960 New Yorker article). In an author's note, Tavares shares how he learned to love the player, warts and all, through the stories his father told him. Williams's charisma dominates the illustrations, from the very first one of a scrawny boy swinging under the palm trees of a San Diego playground, to his final trip around the bases at Fenway. Due attention is also given to Williams's distinguished military career, which he approached with the same determination to dominate as he did hitting. The anecdote about him choosing to crash his disabled fighter jet rather than eject and risk breaking his legs-which would end his baseball career, if his age of 35 didn't-is a testament to the larger-than-life personality Tavares is trying to contain in his book. This is a glorious tribute to a baseball legend and a complicated human being.-Kara Schaff Dean, Walpole Public Library, MA (c) Copyright 2012. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781546138549	There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Shark!	Lucille Colandro	Splash into this colorful and hilarious installment of the bestselling Old Lady series! You'll never guess what she'll swallow next! There was an old lady who swallowed a shark. I don't know why she swallowed a shark, but there was no bite mark. The Old Lady is back and this time she's swallowing a shark, a hat, some shades, a boat... and more! This refreshing twist on the classic rhyme will delight and entertain all young readers!
LVIS	9781464246029	This Is a Door	Nayeri, Daniel	Kirkus Reviews starred (July 15, 2026) A boy, a dog, and a mouse embark on the journey of a lifetime—and well beyond. First introduced as Nothing the Younger, this story's protagonist is a boy called Nothing—Ing for short—whose existence evokes the familiar question: What's in a name? It also compels him to find his life's purpose in a world where folks' names "were their calling" and "everyone had good work to do." From the outset, this book offers an original reading experience through its spare, vivid prose that's enhanced by the playful arrangement and imaginative layout of the printed text, adding a distinct, interactive visual aspect to the narrative. Following Ing's trajectory, that of a hapless orphan whose quest accidentally transports him from the Land of the Living to the Land of the Dead and back again, the plot unfolds over 12 chapters comprising the classic hero's journey and imparts life lessons in unconventional ways. The fairy-tale setting "in the city on the mountaintop of a far-off and long-lost country" feels comfortingly familiar, as do the archetypal characters: the self-absorbed and materialistic king and queen, the Wander Prince who evolves into the Wonder Prince, the wimmelworm (a serpentine monster that must be subdued), the nurturing and wise mentor Nana, intuitive besties Pöppy the dog and mOmO the mouse, haunting spirits, and more. An author's note detailing the work's structure and format provides a mini-lesson on craft. Engaging, pensive, quirky: A portal that shows the transformative powers of creative thinking and life experiences. (Adventure. 8-12)
LVIS	9781525311567	This Is a Library Book : Check out the Places and People Sharing Knowledge and Building Communities	Grant, Joyce	Kirkus Reviews starred (June 15, 2026) A shoutout to libraries as centers for learning and for fostering community spirit. In this wide-ranging love letter, Grant sticks largely to libraries and library staffers who serve the general public but does a bang-up job of showing that providing books is only one of their many roles. Following a tantalizing overview describing a large and racially diverse cast of library users and workers sharing books, maps, and screens, she begins with a look back at great libraries of the past—offering a nod to Callimachus of Cyrene, creator of the first known library catalog—before turning to more recent years for a broad survey of library types, conventional or otherwise. Among the latter she salutes Little Free Libraries and Little Queer Libraries dotting the U.S., collections carried by camel in Pakistan, a lending library that popped up to serve Occupy Wall Street protesters, library services in prisons, and eight precious books secretly gathered by prisoners at Auschwitz. The author goes on to identify libraries that also loan out tools, prom dresses, and even sticks for visiting dogs. She frankly points out that public libraries in the U.S. have not always served Black patrons equitably (or fairly classified books about the Black experience), but her claim that many have long provided safe, supportive, and inclusive spaces in their communities still has merit overall. Nibbelink's illustrations feature smiles and warm colors that underscore the narrative's effervescent tone. A well-deserved, and well-researched, valentine; Grant does libraries proud. (websites, glossary, bibliography, index) (Nonfiction. 7-10)
LVIS	9798898801229	Thousands of Golden Mummies	Baumann, Kristoffer	
LVIS	9781665941839	Through the Black Gate	Caceres, Alfredo	School Library Journal (May 1, 2026) Gr 4 Up-What would most people do for one more conversation with a parent who had died? This is Irene's dilemma. Her parents perished in a house fire, and she's been living with their best friend, Ruth, since then. Just after the fire, Irene found a cat named Moses, whom she believes is the spirit of her father. The cat keeps trying to run away and manages to escape when Francis, Ruth's nephew and a musical prodigy, comes to live with them. When Francis plays his guitar, a gift from his musical mentor, Moses appears to glow. Irene and Francis follow Moses back to Irene's burned home and things get even more mysterious when they realize the house wasn't actually burned, only destroyed, broken, and left smoldering. Francis sings his song again, and the glow seems to open a portal that they all go through. The rest of their journey centers around grief and loss and moving forward, all big themes of the book. But there are also themes of hardship and resilience and human struggle. The story navigates through reality and dreams, and the gorgeous artwork helps readers to understand the conflict between them. Ultimately, the characters are crossing boundaries, learning lessons, and discovering strengths they didn't know they had. VERDICT A wonderful graphic novel with big, weighty themes that upper middle grade and older readers will enjoy. A strong first choice for libraries needing graphic novels.-Debbie Tanner © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798886872156	Tiger shark vs. leopard seal	Sommer, Nathan	
LVIS	9798318949944	Tiger Terror	Mara, Maddy	
LVIS	9798765628157	Tiger Woods vs. Jack Nicklaus : who would win?	Kelley, K. C	
LVIS	9798886879575	TikTok	Green, Sara	Booklist (August 2024 (Vol. 120, No. 22)) Grades 3-8. The Behind the Brand series (4 new titles) shares the history of popular brands in the U.S. through visually appealing hi/lo readers through short paragraphs and plenty of large, colorful photos and infographics. Each entry opens by showing young people interacting with the brand and continues with a brief overview of the brand's products, earnings, headquarters, and founder. The bulk of the books covers the creation of the brand and its rise to fame. TikTok describes how this app has become a cultural phenomenon through influencers and viral trends, as well as its controversial challenges and bans. The volumes conclude with a look at each brand's charitable efforts.

LVIS	9781459841505	Time for school : how humans learn	Payne, Leah	School Library Journal (April 1, 2026) Gr 4-7-These additions to the "Orca Timeline" series examine the past, present, and future of education and engineering. Time for School traces schooling from ancient Rome and one-room schoolhouses to modern classrooms, highlighting barriers faced by people living in poverty, women, and marginalized communities. Chapters explore changes in school buildings, curriculum, teaching methods, and when learning takes place, including after-school programs and homework. Why Communities Need Engineers introduces the many types of engineers solving complex problems. Chapters are organized by infrastructure areas, such as water, health, and shelter, and feature engineering achievements from prehistory to today, explaining how they served community needs. Diagrams, illustrations, and photographs support comprehension throughout the series. Each book concludes with a glossary, additional resources, and an index. VERDICT A strong, well-organized series that continues to expand in scope and relevance. © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781459842816	Time is wild : the life cycles of animals and you	Silver, Erin	School Library Journal (August 1, 2026) Gr 1-4-Using examples that apply to children's lives, this engaging, informational picture book explores just how long it takes for different animal species to accomplish various activities and milestones. From sleeping and eating to growing up, losing teeth, and even pooping, readers learn how long or frequently these activities occur and why that specific timing matters for their survival. Full-page illustrations depict one species engaged in an activity; text boxes include information about the timing of that particular task and other facts specific to the species. A sidebar on each page features small illustrations of other species, showing the wide variation in timelines throughout the animal kingdom; hungry human kids eat every two to three hours, but microscopic tardigrades can hibernate without food for up to 30 years! Back matter includes a glossary that defines selected vocabulary terms. VERDICT A well-crafted, approachable introduction to the wide diversity of animal behavior through the lens of passing time. A strong choice for library and classroom collections serving young animal enthusiasts.-Kirsten Caldwell © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798999815026	Tiny and Mighty Sock Rescue	Alber, Diane	
LVIS	9780375813573	Titanic	Osborne, Will	Horn Book Guide (Spring, 2003) Accompanied by black-and-white photos and illustrations, this simple narrative describes what life was like for the Titanic's passengers and the final hours of their doomed voyage. Jack and Annie, fictional characters from the chapter book, introduce this volume and "appear" in the margins to define terms and explain images. The authors shed no new light but get the job done. Bib., ind.
LVIS	**isbn13**	**title**	**author**	**description**
LVIS	9781419719066	To kick a corpse	Angleberger, Tom	Booklist (May 1, 2016 (Vol. 112, No. 17)) Grades 3-6. The final outing of the Qwikpick Adventure Society (under that name, at least) reunites Dave, Lyle, and Marilla for a mission of delayed but righteous vengeance. Enraged to learn that the deceased former owner of a now-decrepit mansion on the edge of town was buried on the property standing up so that he could continue to supervise his slaves, mover and shaker Marilla sweeps her reluctant schoolmates into a surreptitious expedition to deliver the titular retribution. As with the previous episodes (purportedly “found” by Angleberger), Lyle’s report on ensuing exchanges and events is formatted as a typescript, interspersed with frequent handwritten side comments and occasional drawings or snapshots. Along with presenting a picture of small-town lives transformed by the arrival of housing developments and superstores, the author offers a gigglefest of minor mishaps, often punctuated with grawlixes (“This @#&%*$% is the VILLAIN”) and climaxed not with a kick but a more pungent expression of disgust. A knee-slapper for fans of mildly transgressive humor.HIGH-DEMAND BACKSTORY: Angleberger’s back for another round of high-energy off-color humor—need we say more?
LVIS	9781665927734	To the top of the world : Barbara Hillary, the first Black woman to reach the North and South Poles	Blumenthal, Deborah	School Library Journal Xpress (October 3, 2025) K-Gr 3-It is rare to find a picture book biography that truly brings life to a subject. Blumenthal and Williams succeed wildly in this biography of Barbara Hillary, the first Black woman to reach both the North and South Poles. A nurse for over 55 years, Hillary, who was also a breast and lung cancer survivor, decides at the age of 75 to become the adventurer she has always wanted to be. Through fierce determination, grit, and accompanied by her wry sense of humor, Hillary goes dogsledding, photographs polar bears, and reaches both the poles by the time she was 79. The details of her journey are shown in illustrations that range in style from realism to more cartoonish; these provide admirable support to the book. Back matter is included. VERDICT Recommended for purchase for any collection wishing to spotlight a truly remarkable individual.-Maria Graybosch © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780063046979	To walk the sky : how Iroquois steelworkers helped build towering cities	Buckley, Patricia Morris	School Library Journal Xpress starred (December 20, 2024) Gr 1-5-"They sat with their feet dangling in thirty-five stories of air, eating lunch with the best views in the world. Generation after generation, skywalkers sculpted city skylines that pierced the clouds." The history of how Iroquois came to be well-known steel workers begins with the Caughnawaga requiring a railroad company to hire their people as workers on a bridge project in exchange for land. The Caughnawaga were considered "unskilled labor" but proved their skills and comfort with height. This led to more jobs on construction sites and skywalkers worked on major projects from infrastructure to buildings. A bridge collapse during construction was a tragedy with "Almost every tribal family losing a skywalker." The skywalkers continued in construction to support their families, and honored their lost with a memorial. Watercolor spreads, drawn primarily in soft blues, show men walking on cables or sitting on beams. The colors change to yellow and gray tones during disasters. The perspectives are mostly from looking up to the sky or the workers looking down, mixed with some panoramic drawings. The author notes their family's participation in steelwork, information about the bridge collapse, glossary, and a list of some the projects. VERDICT This fascinating narrative provides an in-depth history of skywalkers, the Caughnawaga, and their contributions to our cities and infrastructure. Strong first buy.-Tamara Saarinen © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780593750445	Tobey and Jones go places	Powell, Corey	
LVIS	9798765602423	Tom Brady vs. Joe Montana : who would win?	Stabler, David	School Library Journal (November 1, 2023) Gr 3-6-Not to be confused with Scholastic's popular "Who Would Win?" series, this sports-focused collection features feared athletes who have been known to eat the competition alive. Tina Charles and Lisa Leslie are both high-scoring centers capable of completely dominating their opponents, winning Olympic gold and WNBA championships, and earning MVP titles, but who's number one? Peyton Manning and Patrick Mahomes were born into sports families, picked in the first round of the NFL draft, and led teams to multiple Super Bowl titles, but who's really the GOAT? Each book in this series describes the path the players took to the pros, details some of their greatest moments, and highlights their jaw-dropping stats before declaring a winner. Before calling the matches (almost always for the veteran players), the authors remind readers that "best" is just a matter of opinion. With engaging text and plenty of photos, this well-crafted series will quench readers' thirst for knowledge. VERDICT Three cheers-and one add-to-cart-for this great series. © Copyright 2023. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781524787042	Tomorrow I'll be kind	Hische, Jessica	Kirkus Reviews (October 1, 2019) How will you behave tomorrow? Utilizing the same format and concept of her popular Tomorrow I’ll Be Brave (2018), Hische presents young listeners with short, studied rhymes that describe various positive attributes (being helpful, patient, gentle, honest, generous, graceful, and kind). Also included are kid-friendly ways to incorporate these behaviors into daily life, with the underlying goal of making the world a better place. The illustrations, which feature friends in the forms of a mouse, cat, and rabbit, are colorful and appealing, and they extend the text by showing some additional ways of realizing the characteristics mentioned. Overall, the intentions are aboveboard, but this is a volume intended to teach about positive values and behavior, and as such, it comes across as somewhat treacly and proselytizing. The key words, incorporated into the illustrations in a graphic manner, are sometimes a bit difficult to read, and occasionally, select vocabulary and phrases (“to myself I will be true”; “my heart, my guiding light”) seem better suited for an older readership. Still, as an introduction to personality characteristics, beneficial behaviors, and social-emotional skills, this is a solid choice, and fans of the previous volume are likely to embrace this one as well. “I’ll dream of all the good that comes / when we all just do our best,” the text explains—a sentiment that’s hard to rebut. Gently encourages empathy, compassion, and consideration. (Picture book. 3-5)
LVIS	9798225089146	Tot the Toad Makes a Mess	Jim Benton	Pig the Pug meets Pete the Cat in this hilarious new series starring a grumpy little toad with a big attitude. From the mind of master humorist Jim Benton! Tot the Toad is just like every grouchy kid: he doesn't want to clean up after himself, or go to bed, or do his homework. He hates loud noises, new situations, and anything that throws off his routine. And tonight, he definitely doesn't want to eat dinner! Relatable to picky kids and annoyed parents alike, this contrarian amphibian will turn even the biggest frowns upside down.Jim Benton is known for creating lovably grumpy characters like Catwad, Franny K. Stein, and Jamie Kelly (Dear Dumb Diary). Now he's bringing his trademark humor and illustrations to this hilarious new picture book!
LVIS	9781960643636	Toy mode	Alber, Diane	
LVIS	9781668838327	Tracking the diplodocus	Stone, Rex	
LVIS	9798348043452	Tractor Pulling Engines Unleashed	Leed, Percy	
LVIS	9780711292932	Trailblazers : fascinating facts you never knew about amazing trailblazers!	Huang, Eric	
LVIS	9798348042608	Travis Hunter vs. Charles Woodson : who would win?	Burns, Jason M	
LVIS	9798348028381	Travis Kelce vs. Rob Gronkowski : who would win?	Barth, Kelley	School Library Journal (April 1, 2026) Gr 2-4-The newest titles in this ongoing series continue the familiar format of comparing two high-profile athletes to examine whose career had the greater impact. Each book introduces both athletes, explores their early lives, highlights major accomplishments, and compares key statistics to support the discussion. This season's matchup Shohei Ohtani vs. David Ortiz is likely to be especially popular, driven by Ohtani's current visibility and appeal with young readers. Football, basketball, and soccer titles are also featured this season, maintaining the series' broad sports coverage. The writing is clear, direct, and fact-focused, making the content easy to follow. Bold layouts, full-page photographs, and strong graphics help sustain interest and make these books accessible to reluctant readers. VERDICT A strong addition for collections serving sports fans and students drawn to high-interest nonfiction. © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781536213423	True Survival Stories	Crowley Redding, Anna	School Library Journal (August 1, 2026) Gr 3-6-Five real-life survival stories present readers with a glimpse into what it took to survive some well-known and lesser-known disasters. Ada Blackjack travels to the Arctic with a group of explorers planning to assist with sewing during the trip, but poor planning and inexperience dooms the voyage, and Blackjack ends up alone trying to survive. The second story follows a group of firefighters who end up trapped in a wildfire in Montana. The eruption of Mount St. Helens comes as story three; story four looks at Hurricane Katrina and the devastation it caused; and the last story follows fisherman John Aldridge after he falls off his lobster boat in 2013. Each section highlights the experiences of eyewitnesses according to a specific timeline. Fact File sidebars and Danger clues help readers understand the significance of certain details of each survival case. Each story has one experiment for young readers to try that helps them understand an aspect of the situation. Black-and-white illustrations show brief glimpses of each of the disasters. While there are no detailed maps or photographs, each story is well told and engaging with an Impact section detailing changes that came about after each disaster. VERDICT An appealing narrative of people surviving difficult situations for libraries where such stories are needed. For general purchase.-Heidi Grange © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781970302134	Tryouts Tall Doesn't Mean Talent	Alber, Diane	
LVIS	9798887353838	Turbo	Earley, Christina	
LVIS	9781482480849	Uh-60 Black Hawk	Kingsley Troupe, Thomas	
LVIS	9781835555552	Ultimate Cars Head-to-Head		Get ready for the ultimate car showdown! From the Bugatti Chiron Super Sport 300 vs. Aston Martin Valkyrie to the GT-R NISMO vs. Toyota GR Supra 100 Edition, this book is packed with epic head-to-heads. Speed, power, innovation - only one car can win each battle. Who will rule the roads?
LVIS	9798368720449	Ultimate Pterosaur rumble	Pallotta, Jerry	
LVIS	9798318907883	Ultimate Snake Rumble	Pallotta, Jery	
LVIS	9781419772894	Unbreakable : a Japanese American family in an American incarceration camp	Tonai, Minoru	School Library Journal starred (January 1, 2026) Gr 2-5-Although a picture book, this work packs a punch. This story loosely follows the true story of Tonai's experience in the Japanese incarceration camps during the 1940s in America. Tonai's father was believed to be a Japanese spy and arrested. Not long after, he and the rest of his family were sent to a detention center in Santa Anita, CA, and then to Grenada, CO. Three years after his arrest, Tonai's father returns to his family in Colorado at Amache Camp. Over a year later, in 1945, the family and others were liberated and allowed to return to their home. This story is incredibly moving. Children will understand this accessible story, achieved without being watered down or condescending. The back matter of is also well written and aimed at the same audience. There's information about the time period and location of events. The dates are small and not on every page; to remedy that, a timeline is included in the back. The art was done digitally. It features soft muted colors of browns, blues, pinks, and more. Sasaki really captures the weighty emotions of this book within the characters' faces, both sadness and joy, tonally matching the art to the text. VERDICT A heavy book that is done with tact; with meaningful prose and incredible artwork, this is a highly recommended purchase for collections.-Sarah Clarke © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

LVIS	9781250364814	Unfunny bunny	Thompson, Kenan	School Library Journal (June 1, 2026) PreS-Gr 1-Bunny is about to start school and has to decide what type of bunny to be, finally landing on a funny bunny. Unfortunately, nobody laughs at the jokes Bunny tells. Bunny and new friend Hedgehog learn that it takes time and practice to become funny. This story is much more about how practice makes perfect than it is a joke book for kids. The point of the story may be lost on readers since the jokes at the beginning (when Bunny is not yet funny) are likely to be funny for the target audience. The central problem is in the presentation of the joke, making this a potentially difficult read-aloud. Furthermore, readers seeking a joke book may be disappointed that this is more about learning how to tell jokes than the jokes themselves. The jokes for readers to practice seem crammed in. But the plot is well paced and focused, and Bunny's lesson has a good moral and is easy to grasp. There are terrific highlights in the illustrations: Bunny's outfit is cute and details like freckles on the pig humanize the characters. VERDICT Despite its flaws, this is an interesting take on the first day of school; it defies expectations, and Bunny comes out on top. A good addition to larger libraries.-Veronika Parrone © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781546110460	Unico, Volume 2: Hunted	Samuel Sattin; created by Osamu Tezuka	Still hunted by Venus, Unico befriends a sickly girl imprisoned by an evil robotic machine.Lost in space and time, Unico awakens in an abandoned factory town. Saved by the resourceful mouse, Garapachi, Unico befriends Chiko, a human girl. But he soon learns that a sinister force is at work in the town's factory, bent on killing all living things. Meanwhile, Venus unleashes a fierce hunter who will stop at nothing to find Unico. Can Unico save Chiko? Can the West Wind save Unico?Conceived anew by Eisner-nominated author Samuel Sattin and Eisner-winning artist team Gurihiru, and developed in collaboration with Tezuka Productions, UNICO: Hunted is the second volume in a groundbreaking reboot of a beloved manga by Astro Boy creator Osamu Tezuka, the "God of Manga." With striking full-color artwork and reading left to right in the Western comics style to match the original manga, UNICO is a brilliant series featuring storytelling at its best. Join Unico on an unforgettable journey!
LVIS	9781546111214	Unico, Volume 3: Lost	Samuel Sattin; created by Osamu Tezuka	Unico's friends race to save him from the evil goddess Venus!Lost and alone in a windswept desert, Unico seeks help from the Fey queen Titania. But danger lurks. The goddess Venus and the monstrous hunter, Iver, remain bent on destroying Unico. Meanwhile, Starrow, a celestial scientist, trains Unico's friends, the cats Chloe and Toast, to travel across time and space. But can they reach Unico before Venus does?Conceived anew by Eisner-nominated author Samuel Sattin and Eisner-winning artist team Gurihiru, and developed in collaboration with Tezuka Productions, Unico: Lost is the third volume in a groundbreaking reboot of a beloved manga by Astro Boy creator Osamu Tezuka, the "God of Manga." With striking full-color artwork and reading left to right in the Western comics style to match the original manga, UNICO AWAKENING is a brilliant series featuring storytelling at its best. Join Unico on an unforgettable journey!
LVIS	9781645824565	Unicorn crossing : another Phoebe and her unicorn adventure	Simpson, Dana	
LVIS	9781645824572	Unicorn crush : another Phoebe and her unicorn adventure	Simpson, Dana	
LVIS	9781645824589	Unicorn for a day : another Phoebe and her unicorn adventure	Simpson, Dana	
LVIS	9781645824602	Unicorn time machine : another Phoebe and her unicorn adventure	Simpson, Dana	
LVIS	9781098299569	Unicorn Universe	Anderberg, Juliette	
LVIS	9781645828372	Unicorns	Terp, Gail	
LVIS	9798898801069	Universal Studios	Davies, Monika	
LVIS	9781482480870	V-22 Osprey	Kingsley Troupe, Thomas	
LVIS	9781644662335	V-22 Osprey	Peterson, Megan Cooley	
LVIS	9798889832706	Valentine's Day in the village	Alsdurf, Phyllis	School Library Journal (December 1, 2025) PreS-Gr 1-"When hearts hang in all the shop windows/ And chocolates sit boxed in a row,/ When a bouquet of pink and red roses/ Comes tied with a beautiful bow,/ That's when I know it's time/ For Valentine's Day in the village." The village bakery joins in preparations for Valentine's Day, lining shelves with red and pink heart-shaped treats. A young girl, with light hair and skin, savors the anticipation of the holiday as she helps decorate her grandpa's bakery with heart garland. However, from the shop windows, the girl observes the glum faces of some passersby; Grandpa says that Valentine's Day can be a lonely time for people. Wishing to warm the hearts of everyone in town, the girl imagines hosting a Valentine's Day celebration in the town square and organizes community contributions to bring the idea to life. An endearing addition to Alsdurf and Hunt's idyllic "Countryside Holidays" series, this Valentine's Day story does not focus on secret admirers but instead honors the love and belonging of everyone in a community. As is characteristic of the series, each spread ends with the phrase "Valentine's Day in the village," offering predictable repetition for young readers. Illustrations are soft and simply comforting, matching the wholesome tone of the story, and depict diversity among residents. Back matter provides recipes and craft instructions for readers to add a homemade touch to their Valentine's Day. VERDICT A community-oriented Valentine's Day story to sweeten any library holiday collection.-Emily Brush © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781482479485	Valuable Bacteria	Hoffman, Tricia	
LVIS	9781482479515	Valuable Bats	Hoffman, Tricia	
LVIS	9781482479546	Valuable Honeybees	Hoffman, Tricia	
LVIS	9781482479577	Valuable Plants	Hoffman, Tricia	
LVIS	9781482479607	Valuable Spiders	Hoffman, Tricia	
LVIS	9781482479638	Valuable Worms	Hoffman, Tricia	
LVIS	9798893047424	Vampire bat vs. elf owl	Sommer, Nathan	
LVIS	9798348043384	Vampire Vs. Werewolf A Legendary Smackdown	Troupe, Thomas Kingsley	
LVIS	9781647476274	Vanished in the hurricane : dolphin rescue!	Buckley, James	Booklist starred (May 15, 2021 (Vol. 117, No. 18)) Grades 3-6. Combining high-interest topics—natural disasters, animals, survival, and rescue—in an equally high-interest graphic-novel format, the Rescued! Animal Escapes series (6 titles) is a guaranteed hit. Each volume briefly explains the science behind a type of natural disaster before identifying a recent, real-life natural disaster and its threat to wildlife, farm animals, aquarium animals, and/or pets. Successive, short and easy-to-read chapters describe the rescue and aftercare of specific animals or types of animals, with dramatic and action-packed artwork adding intensity to the heroics. Vanished in the Hurricane relates how Hurricane Katrina destroyed the dolphin tank at an oceanarium in Gulfport, Mississippi, resulting in dolphins getting stranded in the Gulf, and their rescue by oceanarium workers. The books conclude with descriptions of two similar animal rescues, a glossary, and related resources. With reluctant readers in mind, this series is educational and engaging.
LVIS	9781250334473	Venus! : fierce and fabulous	McAnulty, Stacy	School Library Journal starred (November 1, 2025) Gr 1-3-In the same vein as Our Solar System! A Stellar Neighborhood in the "Our Universe" series, McAnulty and Lewis turn their humorous and informative focus to that glamorous and unique neighbor, Venus. Crushingly fabulous, the planet herself tells of her atmosphere that would, due to its density, flatten a human being should one ever try to visit her. Her blazing hot temperatures (hottest in the solar system) and the allure that she has had for people on Earth since time immemorial are shared with just the right balance of cheeky self-assuredness. Illustrations add to the humor and understanding of our size "twinsie" in the sky. Venus's interesting features, combined with her well-deserved spunkiness, will delight both casual readers and those fans of planet facts looking for a closer peek at the second planet from the sun. VERDICT The personification works to great effect in this addition to the series, and libraries should definitely give Venus her well-deserved spot on the shelves. Highly recommended.-John Scott © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781098288884	Vinicius Jr.	Abdo, Kenny	School Library Journal (November 1, 2025) Gr 1-3-Each book in this photo-rich series profiles a professional soccer player from their early life through their professional career and highlights their accomplishments, including major awards and game wins. While it does not offer play-by-play accounts of matches, it gives readers a solid sense of each player's journey and achievements. The writing is simple enough for emerging readers while still offering detail to hold kids' interest and build their knowledge. The books are filled with colorful action photos that bring the players and their stories to life, with images that emphasize key points in the text. Each book includes a table of contents, a glossary, online resources, and an index. VERDICT A fine series for soccer fans who enjoy lots of photos and accessible information. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781459833111	Walls : the long history of human barriers and why we build them	Craigie, Gregor	School Library Journal (December 1, 2023) Gr 4-8-Craigie's latest details the age-old practice of building walls and the reasons behind them, from ancient wonders like the Great Wall of China to modern border fences. The book explores the many motivations for creating walls, such as protecting communities from invasion, deterring illegal immigration, safeguarding farms from animals, and reversing the effects of climate change. It explores the nuanced consequences of walls, from maintaining safety to fostering inequity and harm. Beyond its research value, this will appeal to geography and travel enthusiasts who seek unique information about locations around the world. The writing adopts an academic tone and within concise, single-page narratives, conveys an abundance of information about unique locations across the globe. The digitally created artwork, featuring earthy tones, adds visual appeal, while the occasional photographs allow readers to observe the actual places firsthand. A table of contents, glossary, further resources, and an index are all included. VERDICT An attractive purchase for larger collections or populations interested in understanding the history of walls, geography, and the human tendency to build barriers.-Kate Rao © Copyright 2023. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798898801014	Walt Disney World	Davies, Monika	
LVIS	9798899132438	Wants to Be a Witch	Twiddy, Robin	
LVIS	9781338795059	War Boats	Nielsen, Jennifer A	
LVIS	9780061547942	Warriors : Tigerstar & Sasha.#3,Return to the clans	Jolley, Dan	
LVIS	9780062857378	Warriors. Skyclan & the stranger	Jolley, Dan	
LVIS	9780061478673	Warriors. Volume 1,The rise of Scourge	Jolley, Dan	School Library Journal (March 1, 2009) Gr 4-7-This adaptation provides a look at the origins of the cat Scourge, the evil leader of the Bloodclan. Tiny is a fearful house kitten who is the runt of the litter. Once he strikes out on his own, though, he renames himself Scourge and vows to take revenge on the wild forest cats who once attacked him. Though drawn and laid out in a manga style, the illustrations are more detailed than typical manga drawings and effectively bring out the cats' personalities and characters. This is not a cuddly animal tale: there are some vicious attacks, one ending in a death.-Lisa Goldstein, Brooklyn Public Library, NY Copyright 2009 Reed Business Information.
LVIS	9781647476281	Water everywhere : pig rescue!	Buckley, James	Booklist starred (May 15, 2021 (Vol. 117, No. 18)) Grades 3-6. Combining high-interest topics—natural disasters, animals, survival, and rescue—in an equally high-interest graphic-novel format, the Rescued! Animal Escapes series (6 titles) is a guaranteed hit. Each volume briefly explains the science behind a type of natural disaster before identifying a recent, real-life natural disaster and its threat to wildlife, farm animals, aquarium animals, and/or pets. Successive, short and easy-to-read chapters describe the rescue and aftercare of specific animals or types of animals, with dramatic and action-packed artwork adding intensity to the heroics. Water Everywhere highlights the extreme measures one Iowa farmer took to save his pigs before and after a flood. The books conclude with descriptions of two similar animal rescues, a glossary, and related resources. With reluctant readers in mind, this series is educational and engaging.

LVIS	9781774882023	We are definitely human	Fang, X	Booklist starred (August 2024 (Vol. 120, No. 22)) Preschool-Grade 3. On a starry night in the American countryside, “something” (clearly a flying saucer) crashes near Mr. and Mrs. Li’s house. Investigating by flashlight, Mr. Li discovers three oddly shaped and hued strangers (clearly aliens), but he is pacified by their quick assurance, “We are DEFINITELY human.” They only want to fix their car (spaceship), so after spending the night with the Lis, they visit the local general store, get what they need, and—with the help of the kind townsfolk—repair their car (spaceship) and return to . . . outer space. Matthew Forsythe meets Jon Agee in Fang’s wry, strikingly illustrated close-encounter story. Classic humor comes in through the absurdity of the aliens’ charade (“We are from . . . Europe”), made more hilarious by the gullibly wide-eyed farmer and his suspiciously leering dog. The gag only gets better as the trio struggles to dance, eat food (“Food goes into the mouth”), and hold interesting conversations (“‘Bark! Bark!’ said the dogs. ‘That’s very interesting,’ replied the shorter one”). The story proves more than just a gag, though, through its smoothly executed lesson on being kind to those in need. The textured, richly colored graphite-pencil landscapes and rounded characters are quite beautiful, making the blue-and-pink-shaded alien trio all the more awkward. Laugh-out-loud lovely.
LVIS	9798217033348	We are mighty : 12 ordinary Americans who did the next needed thing	McMahon, Sharon	School Library Journal Xpress (May 2, 2026) Gr 2-6-This engaging biography collection celebrates 12 ordinary Americans who make simple choices that ripple into meaningful change. For example, superintendent Virginia Randolph spots a school building that "no one had loved... for a very long time" and slowly transforms it into a beloved school that still stands today. Among the book's other subjects are María de López, Julius Rosenwald, Roberto Clemente, and Jim Thorpe. Each vignette is written in engaging, present tense, and events focus on a small, impactful detail rather than a whole life without diminishing each person's future path. Bright, detailed illustrations in watercolor, ink, crayon, and cut paper with a digital tweak fill each spread and highlight individual traits, such as bravery in the face of danger (Ida Lewis, a 15-year-old lighthouse keeper, was given the title of "bravest woman in America"). The choice to exclude dates or written references to race or ethnicity feels especially potent, rendering each act of change simultaneously timeless and current. Back matter includes a timeline, a selected bibliography, and source notes. VERDICT This original, uplifting volume highlights how small actions can create long-lasting effects. Recommended.-Rebecca Kirshenbaum © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798217005529	We Are the Wright Brothers	Meltzer, Brad	
LVIS	9788419898401	We're going to win this game	Casamayor, Alberto	School Library Journal (May 1, 2026) Gr 3-7-Alex, who has brown skin and brown hair, is obsessed with soccer and hopes to join the local soccer team, the Super Goals-but she must wait until she's nine years old, and she's only eight. Luckily for her, a new rule allows Alex to try out for the team. After she makes it, the new coach seems to have a grudge against her. But why? Will this grudge affect the way the new coach handles the team? And will the Super Goals get back to their winning streak? The cartoonish illustrations, complete with dialogue bubbles and "bam! pow!" side effects, are unique and silly, which matches the mood of the story. Based on these same illustrations-as well as the descriptions provided by the protagonist-the other characters represent a multicultural cast. VERDICT A humorous story about soccer and perseverance paired with entertaining artwork and dialogue. © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798318907197	What are Taylor Swift's eras?	Catherine, Niki	
LVIS	9781459836761	What do we eat? : how humans find, grow and share food	Clendenan, Megan	School Library Journal (August 1, 2024) Gr 3-7-This cheerful, informative title explores how humans have learned to grow, cook, and consume the food we eat. With engaging text, colorful photos, and a design-heavy treatment, this short nonfiction book approaches this kid-friendly topic by focusing on the utility of food-why we need it for nourishment and how many of the food-related discoveries occurred out of necessity. Explorers hoping to avoid scurvy, astronauts flying in space, and people in wartime have given rise to creative ways to consume for survival. The book highlights some of these issues and how groups overcame them with a "Challenges" sidebar, indicating what obstacles they faced in that specific event, and a "Menu" sidebar listing the foods that helped them be successful. These topics often expand to explore even more food-related threads. Interwoven throughout are intriguing tidbits about the history of food like how nutritional science and the knowledge of vitamins' impact on the body developed over time. Sometimes the text meanders, but kids will be so fascinated, they won't mind. The climate crisis and the importance of addressing the growing scarcity of resources are consistently addressed, making this a very relevant work for young people. Additional images include photos, charming illustrations, pithy chapter headings, and dynamic design. Back matter includes tips on how kids can explore food and help in the climate crisis, further reading, a glossary, and an index. VERDICT A browsable nonfiction work on an intriguing subject with many curricular tie-ins.-Shelley M. Diaz © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798217050345	What do we know about dragons?	Hubbard, Ben	
LVIS	9798217141579	What do we know about fairies?	Hubbard, Ben	
LVIS	9798217049202	What do we know about spontaneous human combustion?	Korte, Steve	
LVIS	9780593888575	What do we know about the curse of King Tut's tomb?	Hubbard, Ben	
LVIS	9780593752081	What do we know about the Lost Colony of Roanoke?	Berne, Emma Carlson	
LVIS	9798217141630	What do we know about werewolves?	Medina, Nico	
LVIS	9780593889893	What do we know about zombies?	Belviso, Meg	
LVIS	9798225098056	What Do We Know About...? Cryptids Pack		The What Do We Know About? series explores the mysterious, the unknown, and the unexplained. Are dragons, werewolves, and zombies real, myth, or legend? Find out everything we know about the history of these mythical creatures.
LVIS	9781728223056	What does it mean to be kind?	DiOrio, Rana	
LVIS	9781681157191	What Emma wrote : the woman behind the words on the Statue of Liberty	Koffsky, Ann D	School Library Journal starred (April 1, 2026) PreS-Gr 2-"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning," may be one of the most identifiable quotes in United States history, but few may know about the skilled author behind those words. Emma Lazarus (1849-1887) is presented as a writer whose devotion to language matures into moral clarity and civic purpose. From the outset, Lazarus's immersion in books is not only a pastime but also helps form her creative interests. Disciplined reading and writing become the means through which she claims identity. Lazarus turns to language as deliberate moral expression. Language shapes how she sees the world and how she understands her responsibility within it. Set against 19th-century immigration and rising anti-Semitism, the narrative shows how historical pressures sharpened her sense of agency. When Lazarus encounters Jewish refugees seeking safety, her poetry expands in scope. Verse becomes public address; "The New Colossus" stands as a literary achievement and a principled declaration, asserting belonging through artful intention. Tarcan's illustrations mirror this movement from interior reflection to outward voice with warm earthy tones and clean lines that ground the setting historically, while Lazarus's steady gaze signals resolve. VERDICT A measured, resonant biography that frames writing as civic engagement and self-authored identity. © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780593661550	What ended the golden age of airships? : the Hindenburg disaster	Kindred, Chris	
LVIS	9781250854346	What fell from the sky	Cuevas, Adrianna	School Library Journal starred (February 1, 2025) Gr 3-7-Set against the backdrop of Cold War-era paranoia, Cuevas's latest blends historical fiction with sci-fi intrigue in a story inspired by a real-life "drill" in Lampasas, TX, where a simulated Communist takeover terrified townsfolk. This novel explores identity, race, and belonging through the eyes of Pineda, a Cuban American boy navigating his heritage in a town where conformity is the norm. Pineda, who answers to "Pete" and avoids speaking Spanish, leads readers through a world of bomb drills, fear, and a tightly controlled sense of "American" identity. His life is upended when he encounters Luisa, a humanoid alien girl stranded on Earth. Alternating between Pineda's and Luisa's perspectives, the story highlights how soldiers and citizens alike grapple with fear and prejudice. Luisa's otherworldly perspective provides a fresh lens on issues like segregation and Pineda's internal conflict over his heritage, and challenges both the protagonist and readers to confront societal norms. As Pineda and his friends band together to hide Luisa and later rescue her from capture, they learn to embrace their identities and fight back against conformity. While the overuse of period slang like "holy baloney" can be distracting, the book's humor, action, and heartfelt themes make up for it. Adults like Shipley and Old Lady Kolachek provide wisdom and surprising support, showing that allies can come from unexpected places. VERDICT Historical realism blends with thrilling sci-fi to deliver a story that is as entertaining as it is thought-provoking. It's a timely and excellent choice for readers in a world that continues to struggle with both war and identity.-Lee De Groft © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780593972052	What if... every volcano erupted at once?	Young, E	
LVIS	9798217138500	What if... pigs could fly?	Young, E	School Library Journal Xpress (June 12, 2026) Gr 3-5-In this high-interest book of animal facts, curious readers find out if outrageous "What if?" questions stand up to credible research and information. Each spread tackles a single question, which could be philosophical ("What if rats never evolved?") or downright silly ("What if dogs had antenna?"). The design-forward, appealingly busy compositions feature bold cartoon-style art, small animal photographs, and fun fonts. Textual information is presented in small, approachable chunks peppered throughout; bolded headings help readers quickly browse for interesting factoids. Many of the wild proposals are roundly debunked-thank goodness it is biologically impossible for an alligator to cross breed with a great white shark-but Young deftly includes a variety of background information on the subjects that will help young readers understand not only the "how" but the "why" of the many bombastic propositions. This is not an informational book that will assist with subject area reports, but the wide range of questions might spark interest in topics that curious minds could explore further with more targeted books. Fans of all things weird will appreciate Super Freak's creepy mashed-up animal art. A table of contents, glossary, and an index are included. VERDICT An optional purchase to satisfy fans of the "Factopedia" series, The World Almanac Book of Why, or other highly visual nonfiction titles.-Angela Warsinske © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780593969045	What if... you didn't make snot? : and other amazing human body questions	Young, E	
LVIS	9798318949623	What is AI?	Locher, Wes	
LVIS	9798318944925	What is American Sign Language?	Herman, Gail	
LVIS	9798318949630	What is Greek mythology?	Waterfield, Kathryn	
LVIS	9798318907210	What is Lunar New Year?	Kirklin, Vivian Jun	
LVIS	9798217141609	What Is the Grand Ole Opry?	Stabler, David	
LVIS	9781524786472	What is the Stanley Cup?	Herman, Gail	
LVIS	9780593226056	What is the story of My little pony?	Mayer, Kirsten	
LVIS	9780593754252	What was the Industrial Revolution?	Gigliotti, Jim	
LVIS	9780593751862	What Was the Trail of Tears?	Teuton, Sean	

LVIS	9780593521700	What was the Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921?	Gayle, Caleb	School Library Journal Xpress (August 25, 2023) Gr 3-7-In the early 1920s, the Greenwood section of Tulsa, OK, was known as Black Wall Street. It was home to over 200 thriving businesses, many owned by Black residents. This all changed the weekend of May 31, 1921, when one of the worst moments of racial violence in America wiped out the district of Greenwood. This book chronicles the time period and the racial tensions of the time, providing contextual descriptions of things such as Jim Crow laws. The horrific massacre is described, when racial tensions led to a weekend of terror in which 300 black people were killed, 800 injured, homes and buildings were burned, and 10,000 became homeless. Tulsa's government tried to cover up the atrocities with widespread corruption and blaming the victims. Black-and-white illustrations and sketches are included throughout, as are interesting highlights from the time period such as the emergence of the Model T. Gayle tells of growing up as a Black youth in Tulsa and being unaware of the massacre. The Tulsa of today remains segregated, but the oral history of its powerful Black culture is working to educate and keep the history from disappearing. Included are a time line of the massacre with a corresponding time line of world events; a bibliography; and photographs showing Greenwood before, during, and after the violence. VERDICT A comprehensive account of this important historic atrocity, this accessible volume is not to be missed.-Michele Shaw © Copyright 2023. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781546166047	What we do at night	Stine, R. L	
LVIS	9781482478525	What's So Super About Supercomputers?	Gifford, Clive	
LVIS	9781797218670	When a tree falls : nurse logs and their incredible forest power	Pendreigh, Kirsten	Horn Book Magazine (May/June, 2025) Pendreigh outlines the critical role that a tree plays in its ecosystem, both when it's alive and upright and after it dies and has fallen. Spare, poetic text emulates the thrum of the forest: "Years pass. / Sapsuckers drill, / hidey-holes fill, / bear cubs rub / and claw." Standing for years, the tree offers shade and resting places for birds and some mammals. Then, after roots weaken and soil lets loose ("crasssshhhh!"), the tree takes on a new use as a nurse log, nurturing the forest in other ways. A collection of earthbound creatures finds "a place to grow, / to rest, / to shelter." Even as her bark decays, the nurse log continues to provide nutrients to bolster new trees growing atop her; she sustains a cycle of life until the next tree can do the same. Boschinger's detailed digital illustrations amplify the lushness of a diverse forest biome. Back matter follows a question-and-answer format, offering readers more to learn about the roles of nurse logs in their respective environments. Grace McKinney Beermann May/June 2025 p.116
LVIS	9781836006534	When Brian met Terry	Kane, Russell	Kirkus Reviews (April 1, 2026) Actor/comedian Kane and illustrator Salcedo once more collaborate on a pet-themed picture book. Terry, the beautiful blue-eyed Burmese cat, is a bit of a bully, demanding that his “hairless,” pale-skinned family (“Meow-mmy,” Daddy, and Minna) constantly meet his need to be “worshipped, pampered, waited on, and adored.” When Daddy announces that the family is welcoming a newcomer, Terry’s initially unbothered; after all, he already coexists with ragdoll Bobbins, “a bulging piece of chilled-out cotton wool.” A baby would just mean “another human to adore him!” But the new arrival is a puppy. Terry’s shock is electric: He simultaneously faints and farts. Fearing replacement, he plots to show the interloper who’s in charge. Brian the Chihuahua maintains a relentlessly positive attitude to Terry, and the pooch’s “love-heart laser eyes” endear him to his human family. Terry’s furious envy prompts a revenge poop on Daddy’s pillow. Terry’s tantrums escalate until his family takes him to the vet, who announces that he’s “just a bit…well, worried.” But the pup’s laser eyes gradually work on Terry, and the cat tolerates, and then accepts, Brian, who, as it turns out, is just one more family member willing to shower him with love. Salcedo’s brightly colored cartoon art contributes to the major comedy factors, like the quasi-human expressions on Terry’s face, and minor touches, like Brian briefly seizing Terry’s toy fish and cameos from Bobbin, a motionless lump in the background. A funny but meaningful parable of adjustment and acceptance. (Picture book. 3-7)
LVIS	9781771476553	When Bryn's ear went quiet	Hundal, Nancy	Booklist (January 1, 2026 (Vol. 122, No. 9)) Preschool-Grade 3. Seven-year-old Bryn remembers hearing birds chirping in tall trees when she was four, but since she had an illness, her right ear has gone silent. Bryn wants to hear with both ears again. Hearing aids help, but not enough. Her parents take her to a doctor, who explains cochlear implant surgery and answers her questions about it. Bryn decides to have surgery, which should partially restore the hearing in her right ear. The kind nurses in the surgery room help her fall asleep and the procedure goes well. A month later, when the implant is turned on, Bryn can hear her mother’s lullaby in both ears: “It sounded beautiful.” Written in first person from Bryn’s point of view, the narrative reflects her curiosity and concerns. While this picture book will particularly interest children with hearing loss, kids facing other types of surgery will also appreciate the reassuring information about hospital staff members and procedures. Rooney’s illustrations feature pleasing color combinations and amiable character portrayals. An involving, informative picture book.
LVIS	9780062972859	When Lola visits	Sterling, Michelle	School Library Journal (May 1, 2021) PreS-Gr 1-Lola isn't just anyone-she's a beloved grandmother, visiting from the Philippines, as she does every summer. In Asis's citrus-colored splashes of line and form and love, the joy of Lola's visit culminates in the Kamayan, with treats spread across bright green banana leaves that act as centerpiece and tablecloth. When the celebration is over and the family takes Lola back to the airport, "Our house is a little grayer without her soft, sweet singing in Tagalog and Ilocano. And the bitter melon tastes extra bitter in tonight's dinner-not like how Lola makes it at all." This book will make readers long for the scents and tastes the narrator describes, and the warmth and happiness of summertime. Whether cooking in the kitchen or cooling by the pool, Lola is the party, and readers are all invited to participate. VERDICT With a smooth flow of new vocabulary and a universal nod to the meaning of family, this will be a storytime favorite.-Kimberly Olson Fakih, School Library Journal © Copyright 2021. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781797216799	When twilight comes : the animals and plants that bring dawn and dusk to life	Atkins, Marcie Flinchum	School Library Journal starred (December 1, 2025) K-Gr 3-Amid the stillness of dawn and the restlessness of dusk, a secret world comes alive but only if one takes time to notice it. On a hillside, animals stir in the hours of twilight. Squashbees, beavers, bats, and more make an appearance; readers will glimpse the lives of critters on the edges of daylight. Atkins (One Step Forward) makes deliberate and atmospheric word choices to craft poetic prose, where each page turn reveals affecting, effective stanzas more than capable of standing alone. From endpapers to appendices, Morin's paintings in gouache and watercolor capture the vibrant beauty of the quiet moments in nature. Concluding with a visual guide, glossary, works cited, and further reading, this work has tools to satisfy curious minds and inspire further exploration by the next generation of naturalists. Perfect for bedtime stories and school lessons alike, words and art show there is no shortage of comfort and knowledge to be found in the spaces between day and night. VERDICT An informative visual feast that celebrates the natural world on the other side of the door.-Bill Ives © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781546007555	When you find a question	Millington, Allie	Publishers Weekly (February 23, 2026) A child’s discovery upends a town committed to digging for rocklike objects called Answers in this fable from Millington and Lambelet. Though the townsfolk’s constant labor "stirred up dust and smoke and made it difficult to see," the group’s commitment to finding Answers is complete; even when someone uncovers a luminous spherical Question, "most people buried them again." Upon unearthing a Question, a brown-skinned boy, intrigued, tucks it into his pocket, and subsequent fascination with the object propels him to share it with neighbors: "Maybe it was meant to be seen-even if it felt scary to share it." Illustrations differentiated by earthy-hued, wood-grain-like textures show the Question’s big reveal as the town’s inhabitants, portrayed with various skin tones, look on with awe and the Question lifts into the air, illuminating "new paths they’d never explored." The aftermath has a predictably transformative effect that highlights the power of inquisitiveness. Ages 4-7. (Mar.) © Copyright PWxyz, LLC. All rights reserved.
LVIS	9781664300880	When you meet my friend	Sperring, Mark	Publishers Weekly (April 27, 2026) In what feels like a gentle open letter to readers, an unseen narrator expresses all the ways they hope their pale-skinned, red-haired child companion will be welcomed on the first day of school: "Would you give a happy wave,/ then offer them a seat?// I promise you, this friend of mine/ is someone you should meet!" On the ensuing pages, readers follow a cheery cast of schoolmates, portrayed with various skin tones, who move from backpack cubbies to art activities, lunchtime, recess, and other typical school day exercises, all the while inviting the new kid to join in. The initially hesitant child soon eases into the group, sporting a smile and gamely taking part in the action before joyously reuniting with the narrator, revealed in a tail-wagging twist. Sprightly rhymes possess a heartfelt emotional core, and a sunny palette brings zip to tranquil images of happy-looking kids. Kindness prevails and new pals abound in this cozy, uplifting work. Back matter offers a sample school flow, from arrival to departure. Ages 3-7. (May) © Copyright PWxyz, LLC. All rights reserved.
LVIS	9780593754962	Where are the Everglades?	Medina, Nico	
LVIS	9780593890905	Where are the Rocky Mountains?	Fabiny, Sarah	
LVIS	9798217003198	Where do stories live?	Patel, Meenal	School Library Journal starred (February 1, 2026) PreS-Gr 2-A warm, beautifully illustrated picture book that guides young readers to discover that stories are everywhere: around us, within us, and woven through our cultures and families. The book opens as children search for inspiration for stories, looking to nature and the world around them. Then their adult guides them to gently expand their understanding, bringing out family photographs filled with cultural richness: traditional Indian clothing, henna patterns, meaningful prints, and a family tree that traces the roots of their heritage. Through these moments, the children realize that stories live not only in the world they see, but also in the traditions that shape who they are. Patel thoughtfully highlights how stories can be found in everyday cultural expressions, food, music, dance, memories, a hug, and, of course, within books. The narrative closes with an open-ended invitation, asking readers: Where do the stories live within you? The illustrations are vivid and inviting, making the book an excellent choice for read-alouds, identity projects, and discussions about culture, tradition, and the many places stories come from. VERDICT A gentle, inspiring addition to classroom, library, and community collections, perfect for helping children reflect on their own stories and honor the stories of others.-Susie Rios © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798217053407	Where is Arizona?	Marino Walters, Jennifer	
LVIS	9798217051281	Where is California?	Marino Walters, Jennifer	
LVIS	9798217244164	Where is Colorado?	Marino Walters, Jennifer	
LVIS	9798217051373	Where is Florida?	Marino Walters, Jennifer	
LVIS	9798217051526	Where is Georgia?	Marino Walters, Jennifer	
LVIS	9798217051465	Where is Illinois?	Vonder Brink, Tracy	
LVIS	9798217243372	Where is Indiana?	Vonder Brink, Tracy	
LVIS	9798217244041	Where is Maryland?	Marino Walters, Jennifer	
LVIS	9798217243068	Where is Massachusetts?	Calkhoven, Laurie	
LVIS	9798217053285	Where is Michigan?	Marino Walters, Jennifer	
LVIS	9798217243761	Where is Missouri?	Whipple, Annette	
LVIS	9798217053315	Where is New Jersey?	Vonder Brink, Tracy	
LVIS	9798217051403	Where is New York?	Marino Walters, Jennifer	
LVIS	9798217053254	Where is North Carolina?	Vonder Brink, Tracy	
LVIS	9798217051496	Where is Ohio?	Vonder Brink, Tracy	
LVIS	9798217051434	Where is Pennsylvania?	Whipple, Annette	
LVIS	9798217244249	Where is Puerto Rico?	Vonder Brink, Tracy	
LVIS	9798217053438	Where is Tennessee?	Whipple, Annette	
LVIS	9798217051311	Where is Texas?	Whipple, Annette	
LVIS	9780593752197	Where is Tornado Alley?	Locher, Wes	
LVIS	9798217053346	Where is Virginia?	Marino Walters, Jennifer	
LVIS	9798217053377	Where is Washington?	Vonder Brink, Tracy	

LVIS	9798217244133	Where is Wisconsin?	Whipple, Annette	
LVIS	9798217244744	Who are Suni and Butch?	Anderson, Kirsten	
LVIS	9798887771311	Who ate Steve?	Lloyd, Susannah	Kirkus Reviews (December 15, 2024) An early bird doesn't catch the worm. This U.K. import, ostensibly about size comparisons, has an unseen narrator loudly scolding Marcel, a large bird, who's apparently consumed Steve, a small worm. How does the unseen narrator know? The illustrations clearly show Marcel ambling off, a worm's body dangling from the bird's beak. Steve's released unharmed, though. The lesson resumes, but the disgruntled Marcel flies off with Steve again, disrupting the proceedings. Marcel smashes into a tree and falls to the ground, and Steve drops from Marcel's mouth. The narrator attempts the lesson again, and Marcel makes another grab for adorable, wide-eyed Steve, who's been unperturbed about everything and has simply adjusted his tiny hat. The narrator admonishes Marcel: "YOU ARE NOT JUST LETTING YOURSELF DOWN. YOU ARE LETTING EVERYBODY DOWN." The narrator issues an ultimate warning, finally getting around to the exercise's original point: Marcel is big, while Steve is small. The "math lesson" draws to a close. But Marcel is now missing. The final illustration's a hoot—Marcel finally gets some comeuppance upon encountering an even bigger predator. Talk about comparative sizes! The hilarious, crisp color illustrations incorporate creative typesetting into the artwork, wonderfully abetting the side-splitting proceedings. Kids won't want to eat the titular character, but they'll definitely gobble this tale up. (Picture book. 4-7)
LVIS	9780593886595	Who circled the globe in seventy-two days? : Nellie Bly	Gillman, Melanie	
LVIS	9780593385654	Who discovered how to breathe underwater? : Jacques Cousteau	Wolfe, Ned	
LVIS	9781482478556	Who Invented Inventing?	Gifford, Clive	
LVIS	9780593889695	Who is "Weird Al" Yankovic?	Locher, Wes	
LVIS	9798217141661	Who Is Bethany Hamilton?	Labrecque, Ellen	
LVIS	9798318949753	Who is Ilona Maher?	Labrecque, Ellen	
LVIS	9798217051557	Who is Jenna Ortega?	Anderson, Kirsten	
LVIS	9798217144112	Who is John Cena?	Van Cleave, Ryan G	
LVIS	9780593891445	Who is Vera Wang?	Kirklin, Vivian Jun	
LVIS	9780593886533	Who is Willie Nelson?	Stabler, David	
LVIS	9781665975407	Who nests here? : twenty-four extraordinary animal homes	Jameson, Karen	School Library Journal starred (February 1, 2026) Toddler-Gr 2-For children who ever wondered about the building of nests, this lovely rhyming book will offer a look inside some of the nests built by different kinds of animals. There are two spreads for each pairing. First, there are rhyming clues along with pictures that give readers an idea of how to identify each nest. The second set of images shows the animals in their nests, and the images help readers see how each nest is built. There are three different animals for every sort of nest: in grass, sand, and mud. The images have a warm, natural palette that is perfect for the depictions set in the natural world. Both plants and animals are true to life and will be endlessly interesting for young readers to examine. This would be an excellent introduction to a social studies unit on homes and home-building as well as a science unit on the needs of animals. It would also make a great bedtime story for some fact-loving readers. VERDICT This is a stunning collection of animals and their nests that will make an ideal addition to any nonfiction picture book collection.-Debbie Tanner © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780593224403	Who was the girl warrior of France? : Joan of Arc	Searle, Sarah Winifred	School Library Journal (December 1, 2021) Gr 4-6-An attempt to cast Joan of Arc as a hero falls largely flat. Though Joan's early experiences and later career are brushed in broadly, mostly in prose sections, her character is the focus of this mixed-format graphic episode. In a clear effort to make her more accessible (and perhaps more of a hero or role model) to modern young readers Searle takes liberties with history-Joan is repeatedly cast as a fighter for France's "freedom," when in fact her causes were obeying God's commands and driving the British from territory claimed by the French king. Illustrator Frantz likewise takes liberties, depicting people with a wide range of skin tones to imply an unlikely degree of racial diversity for the time and place. Still, her large-eyed, olive-hued heroine so strongly radiates grim determination and fortitude throughout that it takes a second look to notice how small she actually is next to the men around her. Joan's unshakable faith in God, herself, and her mission comes off as a steady, grinding persistence that first wears down the refusal of her local lord Robert de Baudricourt to allow her to travel to the court at Chinon, and then convinces the skeptical young Dauphin, future King Charles VII, to let her lead the relief of the English siege of Orléans. Off she rides to a destiny described (not in detail) in a conclusion that includes a time line and an audience appropriate reading list. VERDICT Conventional portraits such as Diane Stanley's or Margaret Hodges's works do Joan of Arc far better service. Not recommended.-John Peters, Children's Literature Consultant, NY © Copyright 2021. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781459840539	Why communities need engineers : helping humans live together	Liang, Helen	School Library Journal (April 1, 2026) Gr 4-7-These additions to the "Orca Timeline" series examine the past, present, and future of education and engineering. Time for School traces schooling from ancient Rome and one-room schoolhouses to modern classrooms, highlighting barriers faced by people living in poverty, women, and marginalized communities. Chapters explore changes in school buildings, curriculum, teaching methods, and when learning takes place, including after-school programs and homework. Why Communities Need Engineers introduces the many types of engineers solving complex problems. Chapters are organized by infrastructure areas, such as water, health, and shelter, and feature engineering achievements from prehistory to today, explaining how they served community needs. Diagrams, illustrations, and photographs support comprehension throughout the series. Each book concludes with a glossary, additional resources, and an index. VERDICT A strong, well-organized series that continues to expand in scope and relevance. © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781482478587	Why Do Phone Calls Travel into Space?	Gifford, Clive	
LVIS	9781459840560	Why Earth Needs Engineers Problem Solving for People andth e Planet	Liang, Helen	School Library Journal (April 1, 2026) Gr 4-7-Engineering projects around the world, from the past and into the future, fill the pages of this title. For instance, readers will learn about wetlands designed by ancient Mayans to purify water and how their ideas are being implemented today in the Florida Everglades. Other projects include towers to harvest water from fog or even masks to filter methane from cow belches. Middle grade students can explore career options in a variety of engineering fields and learn how those branches have developed in response to society's needs. Readers may be surprised that industrial scrubbers are not new inventions but were first used in 1859, although there have been many improvements since then. Sidebars offer details such as aluminum-can recycling facts and also introduce several notable women in engineering today. The various projects are shown in a mix of cartoon-style illustrations and photographs. A glossary, lists of print and online resources, and an index complete the book. VERDICT An excellent book for researching environmental engineering and the ongoing efforts to reduce waste, create clean energy, and help the environment.-Suzanne Costner © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781459836945	Why we need vaccines : how humans beat infectious diseases	Rae, Rowena	School Library Journal Xpress starred (September 6, 2024) Gr 6 Up-A thoroughly researched and accessible work for students interested in medicine and vaccines. Rae provides all the information readers want to know about vaccines: how diseases spread, how vaccines were created, how they work, what we can do to help keep our communities safe, and much more. Each chapter is presented in chronological order and features an "On the Job" section in which readers will discover how this information is used out in the world. Rae skillfully broaches the topic of anti-vaccination, highlighting the roles of misinformation, social media, and the misconception that a Google search can substitute for rigorous scientific research. This chapter concludes with a page on evaluating resources with the "5 Ws," which can connect to almost any subject area. Photographs and illustrations are featured throughout, as well as many graphs with information from the CDC, making this title visually pleasing for readers. More resources include a table of contents, glossary, index, and further reading. VERDICT An engaging and informative nonfiction text with all the facts about vaccinations. A must-have for middle school libraries.-Lisa Buffi © Copyright 2024. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798989858842	Wide open spaces	McGrath, Robyn	School Library Journal (April 1, 2026) PreS-Gr 1-After packing and planning, one fair-skinned family is ready to set out on a lengthy road trip to visit their beloved grandmother. With four children, one dog, and two parents all sharing a vehicle together, the journey is anything but smooth. But through mindfulness practices and the promise that the destination will eventually appear, one girl is able to weather anything that comes her way. This thoughtful picture book explores the idea of mindfulness through the lens of a girl who is surrounded by situations over which she has no control. Limited text and dense, detailed illustrations invite readers into the girl's experience, juxtaposing the chaotic nature and unpredictability of the lengthy drive against the wide-open spaces the girl creates inside her mind. Though the narrative feels disjointed at times, the overall premise of the story is clear with the use of layered imagery and repetitive phrasing. End matter offers readers tips and tools to find their own peace of mind when the world becomes overwhelming, helping to support the outcomes evidenced by the text. VERDICT Best for preschool and early elementary school-aged readers, this thoughtful picture book encourages readers to use mindfulness techniques to shift their perspectives and find joy in frustrating moments.-Mary Lanni © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798225089207	Wild Blizzard	Rodman Philbrick	When Jack's bus slides off the road in the middle of a blizzard, it's up to him to go for help through the raging storm. It's kids vs. nature in an edge-of-your seat read! Jack and his friends are on the school bus driving back from a science fair when a bomb cyclone hits. Out of nowhere, blinding snow fills the sky, and a powerful wind starts to shake the bus. Moments later, the bus swerves off the road, crashing into the trees, and leaving their teacher unconscious at the wheel. With minimal resources, limited fuel, the blizzard only getting worse, and the bus getting colder every minute, the kids will have to figure out how to get to safety before they freeze to death. Jack volunteers to head out into the snowy woods to make the long trek back to school . . . but what's that strange sound he hears in the trees? Will Jack's resourcefulness and determination—and the unexpected help of a wild dog—be enough to get them home alive?
LVIS	9781647476298	Wildfire escape : pet animals rescue!	Buckley, James	Booklist starred (May 15, 2021 (Vol. 117, No. 18)) Grades 3-6. Combining high-interest topics—natural disasters, animals, survival, and rescue—in an equally high-interest graphic-novel format, the Rescued! Animal Escapes series (6 titles) is a guaranteed hit. Each volume briefly explains the science behind a type of natural disaster before identifying a recent, real-life natural disaster and its threat to wildlife, farm animals, aquarium animals, and/or pets. Successive, short and easy-to-read chapters describe the rescue and aftercare of specific animals or types of animals, with dramatic and action-packed artwork adding intensity to the heroics. Wildfire Escape recounts the start of the Cedar Fire in San Diego and one woman's evacuation of her numerous pets before the wildfire reached her home. The books conclude with descriptions of two similar animal rescues, a glossary, and related resources. With reluctant readers in mind, this series is educational and engaging.
LVIS	9781482478617	Will Robots Take Over the World?	Gifford, Clive	
LVIS	9781524739683	Wish in a tree	Hunt, Lynda Mullaly	Booklist (May 1, 2025 (Vol. 121, No. 17)) Grades 1-3. Based on characters from Hunt's best- selling middle-grade novel Fish in a Tree (2015), this picture book brings neurodiversity to a younger audience. While his peers sit still at their desks, completing their assignments dutifully, Oliver fidgets and his "brain blazes" as he imagines his yellow no. 2 pencil as a rocket and questions zoom around his thoughts. Digitally enhanced photo-collage illustrations that feature childlike doodles and schoolthemed media, such as finger paint, a variety of writing papers, and real school supplies, relate Oliver's unspecified neurodivergence and the isolation he feels after classmate Shay taunts him. Like the original novel, this story uses a metaphor to help readers understand and appreciate Oliver's unique way of thinking. In this case, it's his love of ants and how they all have a colony in which they belong. Although some students occasionally talk like adults ("I would relish a brain like yours"), they also acknowledge Oliver's gifts and welcome him into their "colony." Once again, Hunt encourages compassion and self-acceptance in all readers.
LVIS	9781639935819	Wish on a Willow	Oka, Maria	School Library Journal starred (July 1, 2026) Gr 3-5-A heartwarming debut about 11-year-old Eloise, who unhappily gets sent to her gee-pa's over the summer while her dad recovers from a critical bike accident. Things start to look up when she finds her father's old journal in the attic and decides to visit Mama Willow, a weeping willow tree. There she meets and becomes fast friends with two girls her age. The girls discover magic powers within the weeping willow together and vow to become its protector against evil contract developers who want to tear it down. Oka employs unique narrative methods, opening each chapter with excerpts from Eloise's dad's journal that craft their own tale and intertwine with Eloise's journey through the magic and hardships of childhood. The young girls who form a strong friendship instantly under the tree are fleshed-out characters with distinct personalities, backgrounds, and motivations. This not only creates diversity in the story but also makes each of the girls authentic and relatable in their own way. Eloise's actions correspond accurately with a child in her position and are heartbreakingly understandable. While there are going to be big changes in Eloise's life, for the most part there is a happy ending. The illustrations in the book add to the whimsy of the magic tree. Eloise is described with green eyes and strawberry-blonde hair. VERDICT This book about enchantment, friendship, and daring to believe is everything a middle grade novel should be; a necessity for every collection.-Angela Warsinske © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

LVIS	9798348042790	Witch's Curse Salem and Other Cursed Places	Jackson, Tom	
LVIS	9781338745801	Witchlings: The Golden Frog Games	Claribel A. Ortega	Seven Salazar has a terrible secret. It's time for the Twelve Towns' legendary magical tournament—the Golden Frog Games! With Ravenskill hosting this year's games, all eyes are on the now-famous Witchling Spares: Seven Salazar, Valley Pepperhorn, and Thorn Laroux. Thorn is ready to compete as a fashion champion—until a forbidden hex is used to turn her teammate to stone. Suspicion quickly falls on Thorn and her friends. But as the Witchlings attempt to unravel the mystery, and more witches fall victim to the stone hex, they start to realize that Thorn may be the hexer's true target. Can Seven find out who is stonifying the champions . . . before Thorn becomes the next victim? This is the magical and unmissable sequel to the New York Times bestselling novel Witchlings.
LVIS	9781098299576	Wizard Wonders	Anderberg, Juliette	
LVIS	9780063221178	Wombat Waiting	Katherine Applegate	Wombat isn't actually a wombat—but when the homeless dog is discovered, singed and ash-covered after a terrible fire destroys a community, someone tags her with the nickname and it sticks. Wombat is a "destiny dog." Something inside of her (she nicknames it "Voice') keeps telling her there's a special someone out there who is meant to be her person. Surrounded by a devastated town, Wombat takes up residence on bench near the makeshift community center, an old brick warehouse that, for the most part, survived the flames. A small part of the community center evacuation site has been repurposed for the local wildlife rehab sanctuary that burned down. All of the animals were spared, and the temporary quarters include an elderly fruit bat and a young Northern saw-whet owl. No matter what, Wombat refuses to move from her perch, despite the efforts of many humans. Clearly the dog is waiting for someone. But for whom? And what are the odds they survived?
LVIS	9780063234437	Wombats are pretty weird : a not so serious guide	Cushman, Abi	Horn Book Magazine (July/August, 2023) Cushman combines clear, cartoonlike digital illustrations with a lucid and humorous narrative to introduce young readers to wombats. After outlining features of their genus of marsupials (e.g., the young are called joeys like all marsupials, but unlike others the mother's pouch faces backward), she introduces the three species: the Southern Hairy-Nosed, the Northern Hairy-Nosed, and the Bare-Nosed wombats. As a snake kibitzing throughout the pages states, these names are right "on the nose." The chatty text covers wombats' herbivorous diet, their cube-shaped poop, the fact that their teeth never stop growing, and their burrow homes. Conversational balloons add information with a touch of humor: "Guess what? I'm making BARK for dinner tonight." Appended with basic scientific facts, such as the size and weight of all three species; a glossary; and suggestions (primarily internet) for further inquiry. A visual game asking readers to identify additional Australian animals completes this entertaining and informative volume. Betty Carter July/August 2023 p. 138
LVIS	9781546138518	World of Chess: Everything You Need to Learn to Play with Magnetic Chess Set		Get into the game! Being a good chess player requires a lot of knowledge and skill. Whether you're a complete chess newbie or have been playing for a while, the tips and strategies in this book are sure to help you up your game. Soon you'll join millions of chess players all over the world that know the thrill of saying "Checkmate!" Includes a mini magnetic chess board and pieces to pack, play, and learn anywhere!
LVIS	9781546166566	World of Sharks with Shark Teeth		Get face to face with the most incredible creatures under the waves. Includes five replica shark teeth.
LVIS	9798765683767	World's top soccer leagues	Krenn, Cara	School Library Journal (November 1, 2025) PreS-K-Each book in this simple collection for young soccer fans focuses on a different aspect of the sport, such as famous male and female players, unforgettable moments, and the World Cup. The content is presented through short text boxes of one or two sentences on colorful spreads with soccer ball overlays. Facing pages feature large action photographs that show players in their biggest moments. The writing is clear and simple, making the books easy to follow while still sparking curiosity and encouraging readers to learn more. Each book features a table of contents, a glossary, an index, and a "learn more" section. VERDICT A fine choice for beginning readers who want an introduction to the world's most popular sport. © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9780063134768	Worst in show	Gardner, P. J	School Library Journal Xpress (March 20, 2026) Gr 3-7-Ferret Fil Furetto cannot believe he has lowered himself to lubing his body so he can shimmy through underground grates just to get rid of some rotten meat. But he knows it's the price he pays for having earned the ire of Uncle Giuseppe, and that he must accept his punishment of keeping the Jon Bon Jovi Arena in Hackensack, NJ, safe. He accidentally discovers a nefarious plan to ruin the upcoming dog show at the arena: someone is plotting to take out the main competition, corgi Dorotea (Dot) Gabriella Trujillo Hernandez, who has plans of taking her dog-show winnings to launch her own fashion line. Fil knows he must figure out a way to thwart the plot and hopefully return to Uncle Giuseppe's good graces. The ensuing friendship between Dot and Fil starts caustic but quickly warms to esteem for each other's ambitions. Young readers might not clue into the personification of the animals; Uncle Giuseppe and Fil's close-knit family definitely reads as an Italian crime family. Nevertheless, there is humor, suspense, and spunk in abundance with such quirky characters in attendance. Fans of upbeat animal fiction such as Kate DiCamillo's Flora and Ulysses or James Patterson and Steven Butler's "Dog Diaries" series will soak this furry tale up. The weasels in the story are Scandinavian, Dot, as well as another character, appear to be Latine, while Fil and his family are Italian. VERDICT Readers will be entertained by Fil's suspenseful, humorous adventure and unlikely friendship as he races to stop the scheme and protect his family.-Julie Shatterly © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798875232183	Would you rather be covered in snake scales or earthworm mucus? : questions about animals and nature	Kukla, Lauren	
LVIS	9798875256974	Would you rather get a hat trick or stop a penalty shot? : questions about pro soccer	Chandler, Matt	School Library Journal (May 1, 2026) Gr 2-5-It's a debate amongst fans and players alike: would you rather blank or blank during a soccer game? The book offers an interactive game of various prompts that could easily be read aloud in a living room or classroom. Each response is analyzed and explained with "Are You Sure?" text boxes adding key context and pros or cons of each choice. This book is an excellent portrayal of the reality of what a player should aim to accomplish during their career, and the professional paths of well-known players. Large-scale photographs are immersive and add to the energy of the text. Fans and readers get answers to questions about scoring, defending, awards, and legacy. Some of the questions don't have responses because it's up to readers to come up with their personal preference. VERDICT This interactive title is perfect for group discussion and provides excellent answers to common questions asked about the sport. © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9798225092382	Wrong Friend	Charise Mericle Harper	What happens when your BFF is no longer forever? A fresh and honest graphic novel about friendships lost and found.Perfect for fans of Raina Telgemeier! Charise and Casey have been best friends for years. It never mattered that Casey was older by two years—until she started high school. Now, the two barely talk, and Charise is on a mission to get a new best friend. But can she find that perfect person while navigating long-distance friendships, guinea pig allergies, and the embarrassing quirks of her family?
LVIS	9798217004911	Wump	DiTerlizzi, Tony	School Library Journal (July 1, 2026) Gr 4-7-From the Caldecott-winning author and illustrator of "The Spiderwick Chronicles" comes a novel that explores bullying and monstrous emotions. Timmy Quibble greets each resident of his insect zoo with a daily affirmation and classic rock music. His mother doesn't understand his fascination with them, saying, "the only good bug is a dead bug." Mom is too busy being a mega realtor, and Timmy's dad died before he was three, leaving Timmy alone with Mom's nasty teacup terrier, Lady Elizabeth Fluffbottom. Timmy faces bullies at home and school and only finds solace with his bug companions. Timmy and his best friend, Alberto, are tired of being bullied at school and on the bus (Timmy is nicknamed "Grub" by said bullies), then a monstrous, shadowy, shape emerges from Timmy's silhouette. When Timmy gets anxious or mad, the Shadow Monster comes out, and Timmy comes to the realization the "Wump" may be coming from within. As the Wump starts to possess Timmy, he battles with potentially metamorphosing into a bully himself. Timmy's close relationship with his grandparents helps him understand and begin to control his emotions. DiTerlizzi's two-color drawings highlight features of the Wump and other characters with a hint of spooky green and add the perfect dark elements. Tommy is cued white. VERDICT A deliciously supernatural tale sure to delight not just fans of the "Spiderwick Chronicles" series; readers will see there's a bit of a Wump in most of us, and it just may come out if emotions aren't managed.-Michele Shaw © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781665961141	Yarn is everything!	Reynolds, Aaron	School Library Journal (June 1, 2026) Gr 3-6-Reynolds and Brown return to the sinister world of Jasper Rabbit's "Creepy Tales!" with another entry that leans fully into its delightfully macabre premise. This time, the spotlight shifts to Winona Mole, a young crocheting prodigy whose love of yarn borders on obsession. After a visit to a museum of fiber arts, Winona comes into possession of a mysterious crochet hook that elevates her skills to uncanny heights. Her creations become so lifelike, they fool even those closest to her. As she prepares to compete on the reality show Yarn Is Everything!, ambition overtakes joy, and the story spirals toward an eerie, cautionary conclusion. Reynolds's ominous narrator guides readers through escalating absurdity with impeccable comic timing. The premise is as delightfully ridiculous as it is unsettling, and the text balances humor and creeping horror with a steady hand. Brown's illustrations, rendered in grayscale with pops of glowing aqua, heighten the unease, and Winona's tapered hook-which defies the mechanics of real-world crochet-reinforces the supernatural turn. The interplay between text and image is especially effective as ordinary objects subtly shift into something uncanny. Darkly funny with a sharp edge, this installment underscores the cost of perfectionism without losing its playful bite. VERDICT A creepy, clever cautionary tale; a strong addition for fans of lightly spooky, highly illustrated chapter books.-Rose Garrett © Copyright 2026. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781098253592	Yellowstone sabotage	Fulton, C. R	
LVIS	9781955657556	Yosemite fortune	Fulton, C. R	
LVIS	9781250859167	You are a champion : how to be the best you can be	Rashford, Marcus	
LVIS	9781250891143	You can sit with me	Tawil Kenyon, Rachel	Kirkus Reviews (March 15, 2025) The new kid on the block weathers ups and downs with guidance from a compassionate classmate. A light-skinned family—made up of two parents and two kids—unpacks their car in a suburban neighborhood. As one of the children gazes over uncertainly, a brown-skinned, bespectacled youngster sits on a nearby doorstep and waves: “If you need a friend, you can sit with me.” Smoothly rhyming text narrated by the brown-skinned neighbor describes a variety of disheartening experiences: nearly missing the bus, having nowhere to sit at lunch, and struggling academically. But the narrator is there to help: “When the group is leaving you out, / you may just want to shout! / You can sit with me.” Young readers will happily chime in as the child delivers the titular refrain each time. The youngster exhibits caring behaviors that go well beyond saving a seat, from sharing an umbrella on a rainy day to inviting the newcomer to a study session—activities shown to make the classroom a more welcoming place for all. Kamshilina’s artwork builds on Kenyon’s verse as the new kid slowly grows in confidence; it all culminates with the newcomer (a dinosaur lover) and the narrator throwing a dino-themed party attended by all their classmates. The simply drawn, endearing characters are diverse in skin tone and hair color. Kindness 101. (Picture book. 3-7)
LVIS	9798875345784	You Choose: Can You Survive? Pack	Blake Hoena; Rachael Hanel	Two edge-of-your-seat adventures that put you in the driver's seat. Make your best choices to find out if you can survive a unpredictable earthquake or a deadly supervolcano!
LVIS	9798318954917	Youngest Faircrest and the search for a sorcerer	Clark, Ollie George	
LVIS	9798887350585	Your brain	Earley, Christina	
LVIS	9798886875416	YouTube	Green, Sara	
LVIS	9780374391355	Yvonne Clark and her engineering spark	Wells, Allen R	Booklist (January 1, 2025 (Vol. 121, No. 9)) Grades K-3. This picture-book biography introduces Yvonne Clark, an African American mechanical engineer. Clark was a young tinkerer in the 1930s who liked taking things apart and fixing up things that had broken down. The action begins with her trying over and over to repair her family’s toaster and then moving on to other appliances—“Broken lamp? She screwed, rewired, and wrenched until . . .light! Wrecked radio? She twisted, switched, and hammered until . . . music!” and so on. Grown-up Clark and her engineering spark worked first at the Frankford Arsenal Gage Lab. After her male colleagues had given up, Yvonne determined why a new weapon kept jamming and came up with a working model. Then, when she joined NASA, she was the engineer who figured out how to eliminate confounding hot spots in the Saturn V rockets used for Apollo moon missions. Cheerful cartoon illustrations effectively convey Yvonne’s curiosity; there are concluding notes and references. Written by one of her former students at Tennessee State, this is an inspiring tribute to a woman who knew herself and followed her dreams.

LVIS	9780063354296	Zeb and Bel. A case of bird problems	Elliott, Rachel	School Library Journal (December 1, 2025) Gr 2-6-Bel the black cat is a detective. With her brother, Zeb the brown dog, she sets out to investigate the case of a missing neighborhood parakeet. The mystery takes the pair on a journey through their apartment building and across the city as they interact with and interrogate a quirky cast of human and animal characters. The human characters are illustrated with diverse skin colors and hair textures; Zeb and Bel's owner, Josephine, has two moms. This graphic novel includes clues in the text and images to help readers solve the mystery. Unique back matter panels will send readers back through the book to find hints they may have missed on their first readings. There are also tutorials on how to draw Zeb and Bel. Elliot's cartoon art style is a strong fit for this non-scary animal mystery. The content of the story-animals, magic shows, simple detective stories-is aligned to second and third-grade interests, but the more complex text features like running jokes, flashbacks, distinct character voices, and vocabulary may make this book more accessible for middle graders. VERDICT A fun graphic novel with cute characters, recommended for mystery and animal lovers alike.-Kat Mowczko © Copyright 2025. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.
LVIS	9781668806296	Zion Williamson	Wetzel, Dan	Booklist (March 15, 2021 (Vol. 117, No. 14)) Grades 4-7. Occasionally, a young basketball player thrills spectators with an unusual combination of talent, skills, and play-making magic. Zion Williamson, the first player chosen in the 2019 NBA draft, may be relatively new to pro sports, but fans who have seen him in action will want to read his story. Wetzel’s account begins in Zion’s childhood, portraying his family life, his parent’s emphasis on education, and their support of his childhood ambition to play collegiate basketball. Encouraging yet demanding, his mother coached his middle-school team. While attending a private high school on an academic scholarship, he played basketball on a tight-knit, competitive AAU team, steadily increasing his skills before going on to play under coach Mike Krzyzewski at Duke University. Like other books in the Epic Athletes series, this biography delivers a good deal of information within a well-paced narrative written in a concise, journalistic style. Each chapter begins with a full-page illustration, repeated in sequence within the book’s concluding graphic-novel-style section, which replays the electrifying climax of Williamson’s NBA debut. An engaging book for basketball fans.
LVIS	9798348043391	Zombie Vs. Mummy A Legendary Smackdown	Troupe, Thomas Kingsley	
LVIS	9781949078879	Zuri the golden dragon	Luzzader, Amanda	