



# Office of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment

## FORM FOR DONATED BOOKS

This is a formal request for donated library books procured through grants or donations to be included in the school library for circulation. If there is only one donated book, the lines below will be completed. Otherwise, attachments will be provided to this form.

Note for Librarians: If purchased from a vendor, print out the detailed list with reviews, annotations, etc. If not purchased through a vendor, the librarian will make a spreadsheet with the following information if there is more than one book..

- 1. Grade Level(s): \_\_\_\_\_ or  See Attached List
- 2. Title(s)/ Author(s): \_\_\_\_\_ or  See Attached List
- 3. Genre: \_\_\_\_\_ or  See Attached List
- 4. Format (e.g., graphic novels, chapter bks, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_ or  See Attached List

5. Content/Summary (below): \_\_\_\_\_ or  See Attached

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The librarian signing the form below certifies that the books meet the criteria listed in [Board Policy 2530](#) and that the book/books have been reviewed using professional resources endorsed by AASL, SLJ, and NJASL including but not limited to the following:

- Mackin Curator
- Junior Library Guild
- School Library Journal
- Various book awards, e.g., Newberry, Caldecott, JLG Gold Standard, etc.
- Horn Book
- Kirkus Review
- We Need Diverse Books

Melissa Antolovich	<i>M. Antolovich</i>	2/20/2024
Librarian	Signature	Date
SANDRA PAUL	<i>Sandra Paul</i>	2/21/24
Supervisor/Director*	Signature	Date

\*The Director will inform the building administration of the book(s) being added to the school's library once s/he has approved the form.

**The book(s) on this form may not be added until they have received Board of Education approval.**

- Reading Warehouse

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**Available Titles**

Title	Series Title	Author	ISBN	Publisher	DOP	Dewey	Genre	RL	Gr/IL	Product	Edition	Price	Qty	Ext Price	Priority
12 REASONS TO LOVE LACROSSE	SPORTS REPORT	KORTEMEIER, TODD	9781632354983	12-STORY LIBRARY PAPERBACKS	2018	796.36		5	3-6	Paperback		\$11.16	1	\$11.16	A

**Annotation:** Provides information about the sport of lacrosse, including how the game is played, notable players and coaches, and some of the memorable moments in the history of lacrosse. Includes color photographs, statistics, a fact sheet, a glossary, sources for further information, and an index.

**Review Sources:** School Library Journal - April 2018, Booklist - 05/15/2018

**Full Text Reviews:**

- Booklist May 2018 Grades 4-7 - The colorful introductory books in the Sports Report series feature 12 two-page chapters devoted to aspects of the sport discussed. While the two "Think about It" boxes in each book pose open-ended questions, the main text is not aimed specifically at kids, and most of the clearly reproduced photos show adults and teens playing the sport on professional teams, in the Olympics, or in other world championships. The writing uses short sentences effectively, and the look of these books will appeal to somewhat older readers reading below grade level. Although all four books include women athletes, the male-female balance in the pictures is particularly good in Lacrosse and in Volleyball. Lacrosse discusses the game's American Indian roots and its growing worldwide popularity as well as the speed of both the players and the ball. Action photos on the covers will help attract sports fans to these accessible books.
- School Library Journal April 2018 Gr 4-6—Each book in this series describes exactly a dozen reasons why the titular activity is one to love. In each title, intermittent critical thinking sections prompt students to consider different angles. For example, Track and Field notes how sprinting record times get shorter and shorter while asking readers if they think the current record can be broken or if that is the limit of human speed. A spread in Lacrosse acknowledges the game's roots in many American Indian nations; however, much of the discussion is clumsily handled ("Colonial Europeans discovered the game after entering the New World"). While the titles are mostly useful for the uninitiated, kids who enjoy more will come away with some new trivia. VERDICT A supplementary purchase. Copyright 2018 Reed Business Information.

AUNTIE CLAUS AUNTIE CLAUS PRIMAVERA, ELISE 9780544538726 HMH BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS 2015 E 3.5 K-2 Hardcover DELUXE \$18.42 1 \$18.42 A

**Annotation:** When her eccentric Auntie Claus leaves for her annual business trip, Sophie stows away in her luggage, travels with her to the North Pole, and discovers that her aunt is really Santa's sister and helper.

**Review Sources:** Booklist - 09/01/1999, Horn Book Guide - April 2000, Kirkus Review - 09/01/1999, Publishers Weekly - 09/27/1999, School Library Journal - October 1999, Horn Book Guide - April 2016

**Full Text Reviews:**

- Horn Book Guide April 2016 When Sophie stows away on her mysterious great-aunt's "annual business trip," she not only discovers that Auntie Claus is Santa Claus's sister, but she also learns a much-needed lesson about giving. With their imaginative details and interesting perspectives, the vibrant illustrations lend pizzazz to this holiday story, which offers a whimsical view of what goes on at the North Pole.
- Horn Book Guide April 2000 When Sophie stows away on her mysterious great-aunt's "annual business trip," she not only discovers that Auntie Claus is Santa Claus's sister, but she also learns a much-needed lesson about giving. With their imaginative details and interesting perspectives, the vibrant illustrations lend pizzazz to this holiday story, which offers a whimsical view of what goes on at the North Pole. Reviewed by: mfs Copyright 2000 of The Horn Book, Inc. All rights reserved.
- School Library Journal October 1999 K-Gr 2-Why does the elegant and mysterious Auntie Claus go away on a "business trip" every year, from November to February? Young Sophie Kringle, whose family loves Christmas so much they keep their tree up all year long, wants to find out. Stowing away in her aunt's luggage, she becomes a worker elf in a place readers will recognize as Santa's workshop. Illustrated with flair in gouache and pastels in deep, vibrant colors, the engaging pictures brim with funny and surreal details, such as Christmas-tree shaped hairdos. The none-too-subtle message—that it's better to give than to receive—nearly overwhelms the story, but the narrative is ultimately successful. Readers will end up cheering for Sophie as she discovers the true meaning of the season.—S.P. Copyright 1999 Cahners Business Information.
- Publishers Weekly September 1999 A healthy dose of holiday magic abounds in a picture book poised to make a big splash. A little bit Auntie Mame, a little bit Coco Chanel, Sophie Kringle's glamorous great-aunt lives in a penthouse atop Manhattan's Bing Cherry Hotel. Auntie Claus disappears every holiday season on a mysterious business trip and, determined to discover her destination, Sophie stows away and follows her. Larded with scrumptious visual foreshadowing, Primavera's hilariously arch gouache and pastel illustrations are the highlight of this merry confection. Ages 4-8. (Oct.) FYI: The author has established a Web site for the book at [www.aunteclaus.com](http://www.aunteclaus.com), and Saks Fifth Avenue in New York City has chosen Primavera's tale as the theme for its holiday window display. Copyright 1999 Cahners Business Information.
- Kirkus Review September 1999 A grand, if unsubtle, cousin to William Joyce's Santa Calls (1993). Smug little rich girl Sophie Kringle has a great-aunt who lives in high style atop the palatial Bing Cherry Hotel, vacating only for her mysterious annual "business trip" between Halloween and Valentine's Day. One year, Sophie stows away in Auntie Claus's luggage, and ends up at the North Pole, pressed into hard service as an elf. When she catches sight of the Bad-Boys-And-Girls list, and finds her little brother's name on it, she reacts with uncharacteristic, newly mustered compassion, erasing his name and adding her own in its place; suddenly she's sharing a stage with Auntie, who turns out to be Santa's sister and, having learned that it is better to

receive ("the first and final rule," as Auntie calls it), is whisked home just in time for Christmas. Tall and slender in fur-trimmed red, Auntie Claus cuts as elegant a figure amidst the North Pole's snowy bustle as she does in her sparsely appointed New York digs; most of Primavera's expansive scenes are underlit to add an air of mystery, and presided over by looming background figures: Santa, the Statue of Liberty, a huge, moon-faced snowman. A promising bid for holiday bestsellerdom. (Picture book. 6-8)

BEAGLES DOGGIE DATA MINCKS, MARGARET 9781644661888 CREATIVE COMPANY 2017 636.753 3.1 4-6 Paperback \$9.29 1 \$9.29 A

**Annotation:** Highlights the typical physical features and behaviors of beagles, exploring traits that might make it a good or bad pet for the reader, depending on their needs. Includes diagrams, text-related questions, a glossary, resources for further information, and color photographs.

**Review Sources:** Horn Book Guide - April 2018  
**Full Text Reviews:**

- Horn Book Guide April 2018 This series adorns its perennially high-interest material with flashy graphics inspired by comics and plentiful photos and infographics. Describing dog breeds' characteristics and care, the accessible texts target newly independent readers. Design flaws, including the occasional photograph distorted as it crosses the gutter, detract from otherwise appealing nonfiction. There are four other fall 2017 books in this series. Reading list, websites. Glos., ind.

THE BIG COWHUNA WELCOME TO ALBERT  
 BERMWOODAI: LITWIN, MIKE 9780807587140 WHITMAN & COMPANY 2015 FIC Humor 4.8 2-5 Paperback \$4.84 1 \$4.84 A

**Annotation:** Cows Chuck and Dakota Porter cannot wait for Bermwood's annual surf contest, when they will see Wahu Brahman claim the surf victory. However, before they can, the two cows discover a mysterious magic seashell on the beach, with Zephyr the talking tornado inside. Zephyr grants wishes, but soon Chuck and Dakota's wishes start to backfire, and they will have to put things back to rights before the surfing contest can get going.

**Review Sources:** Horn Book Guide - April 2016  
**Full Text Reviews:**

- Horn Book Guide April 2016 In their third adventure on the island of Bermwood, Chuck and Dakota (Lost in Bermwood; Crown of the Cowibean) encounter a mysterious genie-in-a-shell on the beach. Set against the backdrop of the "legen-dairy" Cowabunga Classic surf competition, the friends learn that not all wishes are equal. Filled with bovine wordplay galore, this is a solid addition to the transitional reader series.

THE BIG FREEZE DIARY OF AN SOONTORWAT, 97813383354010 SCHOLASTIC 2020 FIC Fantasy 4.1 1-3 Paperback \$5.81 1 \$5.81 A  
 ICE PRINCESS CHRISTINA : 4

**Tags:** Asian/Pacific Islander/Asian-American, Early Chapter, Own Voices  
**Annotation:** Lina and Claudia are working on their biggest art project of the year but Lina is having a difficult time. She wants to express herself in sparkly snowflakes but is afraid her Winterheart secret will be exposed. Lina will have to come up with something fast because she's running out of time.

BUGS WORLD OF HARDYMAN, 9781933834368 BROWN BEAR BOOKS / BLACK HARDcover \$33.20 1 \$33.20 A  
 ANIMALS ROBYN RABBIT BOOKS LIBRARY

**Annotation:** Describes the behavior, physical characteristics, and habitats of common insects and spiders.

BULLDOGS DOGGIE DATA MINCKS, MARGARET 9781644661901 CREATIVE COMPANY 2017 636.72 3.1 4-6 Paperback \$9.29 1 \$9.29 A

**Annotation:** Describes the physical traits, behaviors, and life cycle of the bulldog breed; and offers practical advice for owning one as a pet. Features color photographs and diagrams, infographics, a quiz, a glossary, and further resources.

THE BUTTERFLY STRAWBERRY ACKELSBERG, 9780593520574 PENGUIN YOUNG READERS 2022 E 2.9 PS-K \$3.68 1 \$3.68 A  
 SHORTCAKE AMY EBOOKS

MackinVIA 90-DAY SUBSCRIPTION/CLASS SET: 1 STUDENT COPY EBOOK

**Annotation:** When Strawberry Shortcake and her friends go on a butterfly ride adventure, Orange doesn't want to go home at the end of the day. However, she soon realizes that she would rather be with her friends in Berry Bitty City than be alone. Includes a sheet of stickers.

BUTTERFLY?	WHAT'S IT LIKE TO BE...?	JOHNSON, JINNY	9781607532729	AMICUS PUBLISHING EBOOKS SU	2011	595.78	PS-2 Set: 1 Student Copy	MackinVIA eBook Class	WWR/6-MONTH SUBSCRIPTION/CLASS SET: 1 STUDENT COPY EBOOK	\$6.18	1	\$6.18	A
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**Annotation:** Explores the life cycle of a butterfly, chronicling its development from a caterpillar into a full-grown butterfly. Includes full-color illustrations and a glossary.

**Review Sources:** Library Media Connection - May 2012  
**Full Text Reviews:**

- Library Media Connection May 2012 This informative series will engage the interests of young children, as well as explain the life cycles of the animals covered. The animal tells the reader some interesting facts about being that animal, followed by its life cycle, from when it was born/laid, to how it came to be an adult, to finding a mate. The captions lend fun facts throughout the books. Each book contains highlighted vocabulary words. Each book ends with a few extra interesting facts about the featured animal. Glossary. Table of Contents. Samantha L. Farcher, Graduate Student, State University of New Paltz, New York. RECOMMENDED.

CAMEL	BIG BEASTS	TURNBULL, STEPHANIE	9781625881649	SMART APPLE MED / BLACK RABBIT BOOKS	2015	599.63	3.4	1-4	Hardcover Library	\$33.20	1	\$33.20	A
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**Annotation:** Explores the physical characteristics, behaviors, life cycle, and habitats of camels. Features color photographs throughout.

**Review Sources:** Horn Book Guide - April 2016

**Full Text Reviews:**

- Horn Book Guide April 2016 These books introduce large mammals, covering physical characteristics and adaptations, diet, behavior, habitat, and care of young. The presentation is formulaic, but plenty of colorful photographs support the accessible texts, which include kid-pleasing details: "Hippos sprint faster than a human..."; camels' "pee is a thick syrup...". Each volume concludes with a "BIG Facts" spread providing readers with comparisons and additional information. Glos., ind.

THE CASE OF PIGGY'S BANK	DETECTIVE PAW OF THE LA	ARCHER, DOSH	9780807515648	ALBERT WHITMAN & COMPANY	2019	FIC	Mystery / Suspense	1-3	Paperback	\$3.87	1	\$3.87	A
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**Tags:** Early Chapter

**Annotation:** When Piggy's bank gets emptied out and all evidence points to an inside job, Detective Paw and Patrol Officer Prickles are on the case.

**Review Sources:** Horn Book Guide - April 2019

**Full Text Reviews:**

- Horn Book Guide April 2019 In each of these lively beginning-chapter-book whodunits, Detective Paw, a Hercule Poirot-esque canine, and Patrol Officer Prickles, an action-oriented porcupine employing crime-fighting gadgets, follow the same procedural pattern to solve a robbery (Bank) and a band instrument theft (Drumsticks). Given the illustrations' visual hints, young readers may well guess the straightforward outcomes, but in doing so they're also working each case and learning that reading is an active process.

THE CASE OF THE MISSING PAINTING	DETECTIVE PAW OF THE LA	ARCHER, DOSH	9780807515709	ALBERT WHITMAN & COMPANY	2020	FIC	Mystery / Suspense	1-3	Paperback	\$3.87	1	\$3.87	A
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**Annotation:** Detective Paw and Patrol Officer Prickles must find the thief who stole a famous painting from a fancy art gallery.

CHICKENS	GROW WITH ME	DITTMER, LORI	9781640003644	CREATIVE COMPANY EBOOKS	2019	636.5	3.7	2-4	MackinVIA eBook Class Set: 1 Student Copy	WWR/6-MONTH SUBSCRIPTION/CLASS SET: 1 STUDENT COPY	\$6.76	1	\$6.76	A
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**Annotation:** Provides information about the physical characteristics, life cycle, habitat, behavior, and diet of chickens. Includes color photographs, fact boxes, a glossary, and additional resources.  
**Review Sources:** School Library Journal - April 2020

DINOSAUR MYTHS, BUSTED! : 12 GROUNDBREAKING DISCOVERIES	SCIENCE MYTHS, BUSTED!	RINGSTAD, ARNOLD	9781632353511	12-STORY LIBRARY PAPERBACKS	2017	567.9	5.6	3-6	Paperback		\$11.16	1	\$11.16	A
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**Annotation:** Explores common myths and misconceptions about dinosaurs and prehistoric times. Discusses dinosaur intelligence, fossils, prehistoric water animals, and extinction. Includes a glossary, index, and resources for further information.

DO YOU REALLY WANT TO MEET A BADGER?	DO YOU REALLY WANT TO MEET...?	HEOS, BRIDGET	9781681521152	CREATIVE COMPANY	2017	599.76	2.4	1-3	Paperback		\$9.29	1	\$9.29	A
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**Annotation:** Explores some of the typical behavior, physical characteristics, and habitat of a badger, as well as the danger of getting too close to a badger in the wild.  
**Review Sources:** School Library Journal - November 2016

**Full Text Reviews:**

- School Library Journal November 2016 Gr 1-4—One of the few informational series to incorporate the use of illustrations instead of photographs into the narrative, the style of which matches the text well. The titles follow a pattern of a child going off to "meet" or see a particular animal in the wild, learning more about their behavior and habitats along the way, and answering the question of why one may or may not want to meet one of these wild creatures. This structure makes the series well suited to share with a group. There is a nice mix of subjects, from orcas to badgers, camels to owls. VERDICT Because of its uncommon format (for series nonfiction), this is a pleasant addition to animal collections for the very young. Copyright 2016 Reed Business Information.

DO YOU REALLY WANT TO MEET A CAMEL?	DO YOU REALLY WANT TO MEET...?	HEOS, BRIDGET	9781681521169	CREATIVE COMPANY	2017	599.63	2.6	1-3	Paperback		\$9.29	1	\$9.29	A
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**Annotation:** Explores some of the typical behavior, physical characteristics, and habitat of a camel, as well as the danger of getting too close to a camel in the wild.

**Review Sources:** School Library Journal - November 2016

**Full Text Reviews:**

- School Library Journal November 2016 Gr 1-4—One of the few informational series to incorporate the use of illustrations instead of photographs into the narrative, the style of which matches the text well. The titles follow a pattern of a child going off to "meet" or see a particular animal in the wild, learning more about their behavior and habitats along the way, and answering the question of why one may or may not want to meet one of these wild creatures. This structure makes the series well suited to share with a group. There is a nice mix of subjects, from orcas to badgers, camels to owls. VERDICT Because of its uncommon format (for series nonfiction), this is a pleasant addition to animal collections for the very young. Copyright 2016 Reed Business Information.

DO YOU REALLY WANT TO MEET A HIPPOPOTAMUS?	DO YOU REALLY WANT TO MEET...?	HEOS, BRIDGET	9781681521176	CREATIVE COMPANY	2017	599.63	2.6	1-3	Paperback		\$10.22	1	\$10.22	A
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**Annotation:** Explores some of the typical behavior, physical characteristics, and habitat of a hippopotamus, as well as the danger of getting too close to a hippopotamus in the wild.

**Review Sources:** School Library Journal - November 2016

**Full Text Reviews:**

- School Library Journal November 2016 Gr 1-4—One of the few informational series to incorporate the use of illustrations instead of photographs into the narrative, the style of which matches the text well. The titles follow a pattern of a child going off to "meet" or see a particular animal in the wild, learning more about their behavior and habitats along the way, and answering the question of why one may or may not want to meet one of these wild creatures. This structure makes the series well suited to share with a group. There is a nice mix of subjects, from orcas to badgers, camels to owls. VERDICT Because of its uncommon format (for series nonfiction), this is a pleasant addition to animal collections for the very young. Copyright 2016 Reed Business Information.

DO YOU REALLY WANT TO MEET A KANGAROO?	DO YOU REALLY WANT TO MEET...?	MEISTER, CARI	9781681520087	CREATIVE COMPANY	2016	599.2	2.7	1-3	Paperback	\$10.22	1	\$10.22	A
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**Tags:** Australia/Oceania

**Annotation:** Follows a child on a trip to Australia as they learn about the habitat, behaviors, and physical characteristics of kangaroos. Includes a map, a glossary, and resources for further information.

**Review Sources:** Horn Book Guide - April 2016

**Full Text Reviews:**

- Horn Book Guide April 2016 In each book, readers accompany an inquisitive child on a journey to observe wild animals in their natural habitat. Bold cartoon illustrations and the second-person text add to the immediacy of the experience. Peppered with facts, warnings, and questions, the texts focus mainly on the dangers of interacting with wild animals rather than on their habitat, diet, and behaviors. Map, reading list, websites. Glos.

DO YOU REALLY WANT TO MEET A WEASEL?	DO YOU REALLY WANT TO MEET...?	MEISTER, CARI	9781681523132	CREATIVE COMPANY	2018	599.76	2.6	1-3	Paperback	\$10.22	1	\$10.22	A
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**Annotation:** Describes the typical physical features and behaviors of weasels. Presents tips for finding a weasel in the wild and shows how the weasel kills its prey. Includes a map, a glossary, and resources for further information.

**Review Sources:** Booklist - 10/15/2018

**Full Text Reviews:**

- Booklist October 2018 Grades K-3 - Curious animal lovers will likely answer yes when they see the creatures profiled in the Do You Really Want to Meet . . . ? series. Using a picture-book format, each volume follows a fictional child on a journey to visit an interesting animal in the wild. The world's smallest meat-eating mammal stars in Weasel, which imparts such interesting tidbits as how a weasel's "war dance" is used to distract prey before attacking it. Friendly paintings illustrate the text, incorporating scientifically accurate depictions of the animals, especially when it comes to showing their size; the text directly poses questions to readers as it describes the featured animal. Each closing spread in these approachable animal introductions consists of a range map and brief glossary of terms.

DO YOU REALLY WANT TO MEET ALLOSAURUS?	DO YOU REALLY WANT TO MEET A DINOSAUR?	PIMENTEL, ANNETTE BAY	9781681524948	CREATIVE COMPANY	2019	567.912	2.4	1-3	Paperback	\$10.22	1	\$10.22	A
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**Annotation:** Simple text and colorful illustrations take young readers back in time with a young boy to learn all about the Allosaurus. A meat-eating dinosaur that lived millions of years ago, the Allosaurus shows the young boy how it hunts and lives in prehistoric times. Includes a glossary.

DO YOU REALLY WANT TO MEET AN ORCA?	DO YOU REALLY WANT TO MEET...?	HEOS, BRIDGET	9781681521183	CREATIVE COMPANY	2017	599.53	2.6	1-3	Paperback	\$10.22	1	\$10.22	A
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**Annotation:** Explores the typical physical features, behaviors, and habitats of orca. Includes a map, a glossary, and resources for further information.

**Review Sources:** School Library Journal - November 2016

**Full Text Reviews:**

- School Library Journal November 2016 Gr 1-4—One of the few informational series to incorporate the use of illustrations instead of photographs into the narrative, the style of which matches the text well. The titles follow a pattern of a child going off to "meet" or see a particular animal in the wild, learning more about their behavior and habitats along the way, and answering the question of why one may or may not want to meet one of these wild creatures. This structure makes the series well suited to share with a group. There is a nice mix of subjects, from orcas to badgers, camels to owls. VERDICT Because of its uncommon format (for series nonfiction), this is a pleasant addition to animal collections for the very young. Copyright 2016 Reed Business Information.

DO YOU REALLY DO YOU REALLY HEOS, BRIDGET 9781681521190 CREATIVE 2017 598.9 2.4 1-3 Paperback \$10.22 1 \$10.22 A  
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**Annotation:** Highlights typical physical features, behaviors, and habitats of owls. Includes a map, glossary, and resources for further information.  
**Review Sources:** School Library Journal - November 2016  
**Full Text Reviews:**

- School Library Journal November 2016 Gr 1-4—One of the few informational series to incorporate the use of illustrations instead of photographs into the narrative, the style of which matches the text well. The titles follow a pattern of a child going off to "meet" or see a particular animal in the wild, learning more about their behavior and habitats along the way, and answering the question of why one may or may not want to meet one of these wild creatures. This structure makes the series well suited to share with a group. There is a nice mix of subjects, from orcas to badgers, camels to owls. VERDICT Because of its uncommon format (for series nonfiction), this is a pleasant addition to animal collections for the very young. Copyright 2016 Reed Business Information.

DO YOU REALLY DO YOU REALLY PIMENTEL, 9781681524955 CREATIVE 2019 567.915 2.3 1-3 Paperback \$10.22 1 \$10.22 A  
 WANT TO MEET REALLY WANT TO MEET A ANNETTE BAY COMPANY  
 ANKYLOSOSAURUS? DINOSAUR?

**Annotation:** Join a young boy as he travels back in time to the age when the Ankylosaurus lived, learning about its physical traits, diet, and habitat. Includes a map, a glossary, and further resources.

DO YOU REALLY DO YOU REALLY PIMENTEL, 9781681524962 CREATIVE 2019 567.914 2.5 1-3 Paperback \$10.22 1 \$10.22 A  
 WANT TO MEET REALLY WANT TO MEET A ANNETTE BAY COMPANY  
 EDMONTOSAURUS? DINOSAUR?

**Annotation:** Readers join a young child who travels back in time to the age when the Edmontosaurus lived, learning about its physical traits, diet, and habitat. Includes a map, a glossary, and further resources.

DO YOU REALLY DO YOU REALLY PIMENTEL, 9781681524931 CREATIVE 2019 567.912 2.3 1-3 Paperback \$10.22 1 \$10.22 A  
 WANT TO MEET REALLY WANT TO MEET A ANNETTE BAY COMPANY  
 SPINOSAURUS? DINOSAUR?

**Annotation:** Join a young boy as he travels back in time to the age when the Spinosaurus lived, learning about its physical traits, diet, and habitat. Includes a map, a glossary, and further resources.

DOLPHINS ANIMAL BROWN BEAR  
 FAMILIES HARRIS, TIM 9781781210024 BOOKS / BLACK 2012 599.53 3-6 Hardcover \$33.20 1 \$33.20 A  
 RABBIT BOOKS Library

**Annotation:** Examines the physical and behavioral characteristics of dolphins, and outlines the benefits dolphins gain from living together in groups. Includes color photographs, a glossary, and further reading sources.

**Review Sources:** School Library Journal - November 2012, Horn Book Guide - April 2013, Library Media Connection - May 2013

**Full Text Reviews:**

- Library Media Connection May 2013 This is a colorful, attractive, and well-designed series on animals that thrive in various habitats by being in a family. Beginning with eye-catching photographs on the cover, each book has a general introduction of the animal and its characteristics, as well as a sidebar highlighting a unique trait or feature. This entire series is most distinctive with its use of various size fonts, making it attractive for reluctant readers and easy-to-read for most levels. Chapters include descriptions of the male and female members of the family, as well as general habits, mating habits, eating habits, and enemies. Striking photographs support the information presented on every spread. The attractive placement of headlines, subheads, sidebars, white space, and photographs contribute to the wide appeal of this series. Librarians will find this a useful addition. Bibliography. Glossary. Websites. Index. Sheila Acosta, Children's Librarian, Cody Library, San Antonio, Texas. RECOMMENDED

- Horn Book Guide April 2013 In this series focused on the importance of family to wild animals, each well-designed and attractive book provides accessible, wide-reaching information on the title mammal: stages of development, behavior, physical characteristics, habitats, and ancestors are all touched on. Sidebars, maps, full-color photos, and occasional diagrams extend the text. Reading list, websites. Glos., ind.
- School Library Journal November 2012 Gr 4-7—This series focuses on animal interactions within family units or social groups, but it also covers physical descriptions, diets, habitats, and life cycles. The content is detailed enough to appeal to report writers, but the flow can be disjointed, and spelling and grammatical errors are distracting. There are several disconcerting examples of anthropomorphism. For example, in Chimpanzee the text says, "From the age of about 10, a female chimp knows she can win useful friends among the males in a group by mating with them. When she comes into breeding condition every month, she starts getting friendly with high-ranking males." Photos are plentiful, and back matter is thorough, although the texts do not bold words that are defined in the glossaries. Copyright 2012 Reed Business Information.

DRAGONFLY? WHAT'S IT LIKE TO BE...? JOHNSON, JINNY 9781622430475 RIVERSTREAM 2012 595.7 PS-2 Paperback \$9.29 1 \$9.29 A

**Annotation:** A dragonfly tells the story of his life, and describes how he begins life as a dragonfly nymph and has to shed his skin several times before growing into a dragonfly. Includes full-color illustrations and a glossary.

**Review Sources:** Library Media Connection - May 2012

**Full Text Reviews:**

- Library Media Connection May 2012 This informative series will engage the interests of young children, as well as explain the life cycles of the animals covered. The animal tells the reader some interesting facts about being that animal, followed by its life cycle, from when it was born/laid, to how it came to be an adult, to finding a mate. The captions lend fun facts throughout the books. Each book contains highlighted vocabulary words. Each book ends with a few extra interesting facts about the featured animal. Glossary. Table of Contents. Samantha L. Farcher, Graduate Student, State University of New Paltz, New Paltz, New York. RECOMMENDED.

ELEPHANT BIG BEASTS TURNBULL, STEPHANIE 9781625887795 MEDIA EBOOKS 2015 599.67 1-4 eBook Single- MackinVIA WWR/PERPETUAL/SINGLE- \$26.44 1 \$26.44 A  
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**Annotation:** Explores the characteristics, behaviors, life cycle, and habitats of elephants.

**Review Sources:** School Library Journal - April 2013, Science Books and Films - May 2013, Horn Book Guide - October 2013, Library Media Connection - November 2013

**Full Text Reviews:**

- Library Media Connection November 2013 This series will be welcomed by all your animal hounds! Readers will learn new animal facts after reading the titles in the series. Youngsters learn how each animal moves, hunts, attacks, protects its young, and communicates. The photos, though not original, are full-color. Glossary. Websites. Table of Contents. Index. Joanne Ligamari, Teacher Librarian, Foothill High School, Sacramento, California. RECOMMENDED
- Horn Book Guide October 2013 Color photographs combine with simple texts to superficially introduce these large mammals. Chapters touch on physical traits, unique behaviors, and differences between types of elephant, whale, etc. Each title begins with a strong but shallow declarative statement regarding size ("Whales are gigantic!") and concludes with a "BIG Facts" feature providing relatable comparisons that make the scale comprehensible for young readers. Glos., ind.
- School Library Journal/April 2013 K-Gr 2—This series is mix of positives and negatives. On the plus side, the books are informative, not badly organized, and have reasonably decent photographs that include close-ups and action shots. On the negative, Turnbull seems to have a penchant for avoiding the use of numbers, which could prove confusing for readers. The animals' sizes are often described with odd comparisons. For example, "The biggest alligators weigh about the same as a racehorse." This is an interesting fact, but does nothing to inform students, who probably have no idea how much a racehorse itself weighs. Though these titles contain plenty of facts about these creatures, the sometimes-graphic descriptions and depictions of how they attack and devour their prey might be disturbing to the targeted readership. For example, one photo shows polar bear cubs covered in blood, and another features a tiger tucking into a bloody carcass. In each volume, the glossary includes only three or four words, the index is negligible, and the single website listed is ephemeral. Copyright 2013 Reed Business Information.

ESIO TROT DAHL, ROALD 9780142413821 PUFFIN BOOKS 2009 FIC Fantasy 4.4 3-5 Paperback \$7.75 1 \$7.75 A

**Annotation:** Shy Mr. Hoppy devises a plan to win the heart of his true love by teaching her a spell to make her tortoise grow bigger.

**Review Sources:** Booklist - 10/15/1990, Horn Book Guide - March 1991, Publishers Weekly - 11/09/1990, School Library Journal - November 1990

**Full Text Reviews:**

- Horn Book Guide March 1991 Fiction: Y Mr. Hoppy plots to impress his secret love, who only has eyes for her pet tortoise; he gives her a special backward chant which he claims will help her pet grow bigger. His plan involves stealing her animal and replacing it with larger tortoises until Mrs. Silver is convinced of his cleverness and agrees to marry him. A slight, amusing story, full of trickery. Horn Rating: Recommended, with minor flaws. Reviewed by: ef



- Publishers Weekly November 1990 This celebrated, splendidly matched author-illustrator team here present a 64-page love story that is equally sweet and silly. For years, Mr. Hoppy has leaned over his balcony rail to gaze longingly at Mrs. Silver, who lives one floor below him. But all of her attention and affection is showered upon her pet tortoise, Alfie. Although the creature seems content, his devoted owner is concerned because he has gained a mere three ounces in the 11 years she has owned him. When the distressed Mrs. Silver tells her neighbor that she will be his "slave for life" if he can find a way to make Alfie grow, the determined Mr. Hoppy devises an elaborate scheme to make her think the tortoise is growing. (Since tortoises, according to Mr. Hoppy, are backward creatures that "can only understand words that are written backwards," his exhortation to the pet begins "Esio Trot"--which is "tortoise" reversed.) It is a happy Hoppy who gets all the credit--and Mrs. Silver's hand. Adults and older children will appreciate Dahl's superior storytelling skills, and will chuckle at Blake's animated, cartoony drawings. But the book's length and subtle humor make it less suitable for beginning readers. All ages. (Oct.)
- School Library Journal November 1990 Gr 3-6--What is this? A love story by Dahl? By the master of the malign, the nabob of the nasty, the king of the coarse, the baron of the body function? Can it truly be he? Well, in a word...yes--it can. And to those who still disbelieve, it's a sweetly insouciant love story at that. For years, old Mr. Hoppy has loved his neighbor, Mrs. Silver, a widow who, alas, only has eyes for her pet tortoise, Alfie. The details of how her wish that Alfie would grow a little faster inspires Mr. Hoppy to win the widow's heart will not be divulged here (but it has something to do with the fact that "Esio Trot" is "tortoise" spelled backward). There's not much room for character development in this slender story, but Blake's jauntily scribbled illustrations are--as always--the perfect comic complement and manage to give even Alfie a personality.--Michael Cart, Beverly Hills Public Library

GERMAN DOGGIE DATA NOLL, ELIZABETH 9781644661925 CREATIVE COMPANY 2017 636.737 2.8 4-6 Paperback \$11.15 1 \$11.15 A

**Annotation:** Highlights the typical physical features and behaviors of German shepherds, exploring traits that might make it a good or bad pet for the reader, depending on their needs. Includes diagrams, a quiz, a glossary, resources for further information, and color photographs.

THE GIRAFFE AND THE PELLY AND ME DAHL, ROALD 9780142413845 PUFFIN BOOKS 2009 FIC Humor 4.7 4-6 Paperback \$7.75 1 \$7.75 A

**Annotation:** A small boy with a desire to own a candy shop meets a window-washing team composed of a giraffe, a pelican, and a monkey and together they go to work for the wealthy Duke of Hampshire, who makes all their dreams come true.

**Review Sources:** Publishers Weekly - 05/16/1994, Publishers Weekly - 07/10/1987, School Library Journal - December 1985

**Full Text Reviews:**

- Publishers Weekly May 1994 The masters of wackiness dish up a giant portion of literary and artistic wit in this saga of T the Ladderless Window-Cleaning Company. Ages 7-10. (May)
- Publishers Weekly July 1987 Billy unexpectedly saves the Duke's diamonds from burglars in this funny tale. Ages 3-8. (August)
- School Library Journal December 1985 Gr 1-4 Blake's frenetic watercolors are quite appealing, but they do not redeem this slight story. A little boy wandering by a deserted old grubber (sweet shop) notices some movement within and meets the owners of the Ladderless Window-Cleaning Co. The building's new tenants a giraffe, a pelican and a monkey have hardly introduced themselves to the lad when a chauffeur-driven limousine arrives to invite the glass-shining team to clean the 677 windows of the Duke's house. After demonstrating their cleaning finesse (and catching a burglar in the process), the three are rewarded with edible gifts and an invitation to live with the Duke. Young Billy receives the renovated sweet shop stocked with candies of the world, which Dahl describes in detail. The charming illustrations surrounding the verse beg to climb off of the oversize pages. Perhaps the effect would be smashing as an animated cartoon, but the minimal plot development makes this an extremely weak book. Susan Scheps, Bertram Woods Branch Library, Shaker Heights, Ohio

GOATS GROW WITH ME DITTMER, LORI 9781628327946 CREATIVE COMPANY 2020 636.3 3.9 2-4 Paperback \$11.15 1 \$11.15 A

**Annotation:** Provides information about the physical characteristics, life cycle, habitat, behavior, and diet of goats. Includes color photographs, fact boxes, a glossary, and additional resources.

GREAT DANES DOGGIE DATA HOGAN, CHRISTA C 9781644662502 CREATIVE COMPANY 2018 636.73 3.3 4-6 Paperback \$9.29 1 \$9.29 A

**Annotation:** Highlights the typical physical features and behaviors of Great Danes, exploring traits that might make it a good or bad pet for the reader, depending on their needs. Includes diagrams, text-related questions, a glossary, resources for further information, and color photographs.

HANDS TO HEART : BREATHE AND BEND WITH ANIMAL FRIENDS BAUERMEISTER, ALEX 9781328550415 HMH BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS 2019 E PS-3 Hardcover Trade \$14.54 1 \$14.54 A

**Annotation:** Animals introduce mindfulness and meditation and encourage readers to breathe, slow down, and move through yoga poses.

HELLICOPTERS	MY FAVORITE MACHINES	RUCK, COLLEEN	9781599206752	SMART APPLE MED / BLACK RABBIT BOOKS	2012	629.133	1-3	Hardcover Library	\$31.85	1	\$31.85	A
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**Annotation:** Details the characteristics of helicopters, revealing how they are operated and how they move. Explores helicopters of the past and present, and features full-color photographs throughout.

**Review Sources:** Horn Book Guide - April 2012

**Full Text Reviews:**

- Horn Book Guide April 2012 This series will attract young readers interested in vehicles of all kinds. Texts touch on different types of each vehicle (e.g., Trucks includes tankers, fire trucks, off-road trucks, etc.). The vivid photos are more engaging than the writing, but the basic vocabulary does lend itself to early decoding efforts. Websites: Glos., ind.

HORSES AND FOALS	ANIMALS AND THEIR BABIES	LVNCH, ANNABELLE	9781625884176	SMART APPLE MED / BLACK RABBIT BOOKS	2017	636.1	2.9	K-2 Library	\$29.16	1	\$29.16	A
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**Annotation:** Explores the life cycle of a horse, exploring how foals are born and learn the skills they need to survive from their mothers, highlighting the importance of the relationship between parents and children.

**Review Sources:** Horn Book Guide - October 2017

**Full Text Reviews:**

- Horn Book Guide October 2017 Each title provides a basic overview of the featured animal baby's growth from gestation through its first year. The simple texts are age-appropriate and engaging, but occasionally oversimplified to the point of imprecision (and neatly skip over the actual birthing process). Huge--in many cases nearly life-size--high-quality photos clearly chronicle the babies' maturation. Concluding visual word banks aren't particularly elucidating. Ind.

INTELLIGENT ANIMALS	IN FOCUS	DE LA BEDOVERE, CAMILLA	9780753473887	KINGFISHER BOOKS	2018	591.5	3-5	Paperback	\$12.60	1	\$12.60	A
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**Annotation:** Highlights a variety of intelligent animals examining their smart behaviors, defense strategies, use of tools, and communication abilities. Includes top-ten lists, a glossary, text-related quiz with answer key, and color photographs.

IT'S VALENTINE'S DAY, CHLOE ZOE!	CHLOE ZOE SMITH, JANE	9780807524626	ALBERT WHITMAN & COMPANY	2016	E	3.1	PS-1	Hardcover Trade	\$12.60	1	\$12.60	A
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**Annotation:** On Valentine's Day, Chloe Zoe makes special gifts to give to her family and friends, but when it comes time to exchange gifts, Chloe discovers the one she made for George is missing.

**Review Sources:** Horn Book Guide - October 2016

**Full Text Reviews:**

- Horn Book Guide October 2016 Elephant Chloe Zoe joins in the Easter egg hunt and the classroom Valentine's Day festivities with "extra-special friends" Mary Margaret (crocodile) and George (giraffe). Mary Margaret finds Chloe Zoe's sought-after golden egg, but she shares the treats inside. When Chloe Zoe loses her special valentine for George, everyone helps search for it. Colorful, multi-patterned illustrations convey the tame holiday stories' cheery tone.

JET SKIS	SEEDLINGS: ON THE GO	ARNOLD, QUINN	9781628327328	CREATIVE PAPERBACKS	2019	623.82	1.5	K-2	Paperback	\$8.72	1	\$8.72	A
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**Annotation:** Simple text and photographs introduce learning readers to the way jet skis work and the fun they can have with jet skis. Includes a glossary.

KALAK'S JOURNEY	SILVA, MARIA QUINTANA	9788416733446	CUENTO DE LUZ	2018	E	1-4	1-4	Hardcover Trade	\$16.10	1	\$16.10	A
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**Tags:** Immigration/Emigration

**Annotation:** Kalak is a young stork living with his family in a region where the earth is dry and there's never enough food. His family decides to fly to a part of the world where they hope to have a better life.

**Review Sources:** School Library Journal - July 2018  
**Full Text Reviews:**

- School Library Journal July 2018 Gr 1-4—In a parallel to human refugee experiences, Kalak, a stork chick, and his family leave the home that can no longer sustain them to fly to another part of the world. On their long, difficult journey, the very hungry youngster gets exhausted and loses sight of his parents and siblings. Though he catches up with his flock, he's buffeted by a storm, landing in a strange place where unfamiliar storks tell him he's not welcome. Luckily, another stork rescues him and leads him to his parents for a happy reunion. This poignant tale is being published in both Spanish and English. Silva's grayscale illustrations, done in pencil, fill each page or spread and reinforce the tone of the story by echoing Kalak's apprehension and outright fear. Text and illustrations conclude with hope: "Kalak is a stork of the world, free to fly high and discover new horizons." This title pairs well with other understated refugee stories such as Jarro Butrago's *Two White Rabbits* and Francesca Sanna's *The Journey*. VERDICT An evocative read-aloud that is appropriate for early elementary students in a setting that invites discussion.—Kathleen Isaacs, Children's Literature Specialist, Pasadena, MD Copyright 2018 Reed Business Information.

KANGAROO	BIG BEASTS	TURNBULL, STEPHANIE	SMART APPLE MED / BLACK RABBIT BOOKS	2015 599.2	3.3 1-4	Hardcover Library	\$33.20	1	\$33.20	A
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**Annotation:** Explores the physical characteristics, behaviors, life cycle, and habitats of kangaroos. Includes a glossary and color photographs throughout.

**Review Sources:** Horn Book Guide - April 2016  
**Full Text Reviews:**

- Horn Book Guide April 2016 These books introduce large mammals, covering physical characteristics and adaptations, diet, behavior, habitat, and care of young. The presentation is formulaic, but plenty of colorful photographs support the accessible texts, which include kid-pleasing details: "Hippos sprint faster than a human..."; camels' "pee is a thick syrup..."; "Each volume concludes with a "BIG Facts" spread providing readers with comparisons and additional information. Glos., ind.

THE KID AND THE CHAMELEON GO TO SCHOOL	TIME TO READ : LEVEL 3 : KID AND THE CHAMELEON	MABRY, SHERI	ALBERT WHITTMAN & COMPANY	9780807541777	2019 FIC	Animals 1-3 Trade	\$12.60	1	\$12.60	A
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**Annotation:** Tessa takes her pet chameleon Newton to school, hoping he will help her learn, but all Newton wants to do is go outside. Tessa and Newton, to have a productive day, will have to learn how to learn from one another.

THE KID AND THE CHAMELEON SLEEPER	TIME TO READ : LEVEL 3 : KID AND THE CHAMELEON	MABRY, SHERI	ALBERT WHITTMAN & COMPANY	9780807541807	2019 FIC	Animals 2.5 1-3 Trade	\$12.60	1	\$12.60	A
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**Annotation:** When Tessa wants to have a sleepover, Newton the chameleon tries to understand all the human rules of sleepovers and things don't turn out as Tessa plans. However, the two very different friends find a way to have fun together in the morning.

KNIGHTS VS. THE END (OF EVERYTHING)	KNIGHTS VS. PHELAN, MATT	9780062910981	GREENWILLOW BOOKS	2020 FIC	Fantasy 4.2 3-6	Paperback	\$7.59	1	\$7.59	A
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**Annotation:** The group of four young knights and one archer have defeated dinosaurs and monsters, but now they enter the Faerie Realm looking for Morgause, where they encounter powerful warlocks, a mysterious knight, and a dangerous dragon.

**Review Sources:** Booklist - 05/15/2020

**Full Text Reviews:**

- Booklist May 2020 Grades 3-6 - They've defeated dinosaurs (Knights vs. Dinosaurs, 2018). They've defeated monsters (Knights vs. Monsters, 2019). What could be in store for the knights of Arthur's round table in their final adventure? Suffice it to say, they're feeling uneasy about the disappearance of Morgause and her unpleasant son, Mordred, so when a hulking green knight (as in, Sir Gawain and the Green Knight) rides into Camelot with word that Morgause is visiting Morgan Le Fay in the realm of Faerie, the knights prepare for action—if they can just find a way into the realm. Phelan's conclusion to his off-kilter King Arthur trilogy is as entertaining as any reader could want, with chapter illustrations being the cherry on this medieval cake. Action and comedy are readers' steady companions, while tender moments among the valiant band creep in now and again. Merlin's fated appointment with a tree shakes young Mel in particular, but her apprenticeship with the wizard was not wasted. Phelan brings events satisfyingly full circle, giving Camelot's guardians a merry end.

LA LALLORONA : RETELLING A MEXICAN LEGEND	SETTING THE STAGE FOR FLUENCY	COLEMAN, WIM	9781939656285	RED CHAIR PRESS LERNER EBOOKS	2014	812	3-4	3-5	MackinVIA eBook Class Set: 1 Student Copy	WWR/90-DAY SUBSCRIPTION/CLASS SET: 1 STUDENT COPY EBOOK	\$8.66	1	\$8.66	A
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**Tags:** North America

**Annotation:** Presents a play about the Mexican legend of "La Llorona," or "the Weeping Woman." Includes a glossary and a list of additional resources.

LIGHT AS A FEATHER BRILLIANT GIRLS : 2	BUNSEN'S SCHOOL FOR JANE	WATERS, ERICA-	9780807551585	ALBERT WHITMAN & COMPANY	2019	FIC	Realistic	2-4	Hardcover Trade		\$14.54	1	\$14.54	A
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**Tags:** General Diversity, Makerspace/STEM Fiction

**Annotation:** Best friends Pearl, Millie, and Halinka decide to enter a contest run by an astronaut to build a flying machine, but when a fire ruins their prototype, they have to improvise to meet the deadline.

THE MISSING PUPPY AND OTHER TALES	PET RESCUE ADVENTURES	WEBB, HOLLY	9781680104042	TIGER TALES	2017	FIC	Animals	2-5	Paperback		\$10.66	1	\$10.66	A
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**Annotation:** Includes three stories about puppies in need of human love including a pup who goes missing, one that has runaway, and one that needs a forever home.

NOTHING IN COMMON		HOEFLER, KATE	9780544774780	HMH BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS	2020	E		PS-2	Hardcover Trade		\$17.45	1	\$17.45	A
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**Tags:** Friendship, Social Awareness

**Annotation:** Two neighbors who never wave to each other, because they have nothing in common, both notice every day an old man walking his beloved dog. One day, the dog disappears, and the two neighbors, a man with red hair and a woman with blue hair, go out searching, and end up looking in the same places.

**Review Sources:** School Library Journal - July 2020, Publishers Weekly - 07/13/2020, Kirkus Review - 08/01/2020

**Full Text Reviews:**

- Kirkus Review August 2020 Two children who live separate but seemingly parallel lives reunite a lost dog with its owner and, in doing so, discover the marvelousness in each other. Two apartment buildings—one blue, one red—stand apart, a void of white in between. In each edifice, a child sits in a window. Neither acknowledges their counterpart, assuming they have nothing in common. But they both find joy in watching an old man walk his dog every day; and both feel heartache when the dog is lost; and both search for the dog, charting the same course. In finding the pup, the two find each other—kindred spirits who share more than just a view. The last spread emphasizes this connection, as the children wave to each other from their apartment-building windows, this time not over a white chasm but across a shared, star-filled sky. Luyken distinguishes the beige-complexioned children with color blocking, from one child's blue overalls and waterfall of midnight-blue tresses to the other's tuft of black-red hair and red clothes. The pale palette of assigned colors allows each character to be distinguishable even as a silhouetted shadow. Rough-textured paper is used to create additional layers. At times, both text and art feel labored in their search for whimsy; however, many readers may still delight in the connection these two apparent preteens find. A quiet adventure for youth searching for human connection and kindness. (Picture book: 6-8)

- Publishers Weekly July 2020 She's a girl with long straight hair; he's a boy with a quiff. Luyken (My Heart) draws the two with simple, wistful lines. Their apartment windows face each other, but "they had nothing in common, so they never waved," Hoefler (Rabbit and the Motorbike) explains. They're fascinated by the same elderly neighbor and his jaunty white terrier, however. "The dog could do marvelous things. And did. Things they felt under the floors of their hearts." One day, the old man loses his dog ("Neither had ever seen an old man cry"), and the two act on the same impulse: "They both went out with binoculars and a helmet for thinking." Rescuing the pup reveals that they have quite a lot in common. Liting prose by Hoefler sustains an atmosphere of poignant vulnerability. Against a backdrop of misty paint swirls, wistful vignettes in reds, whites, and blues linger on the old man's kind face and the dog's intrepid curiosity. The tale reads as much fanciful rom-com as children's story, but readers young and old will understand that love is what draws people together. Ages 4-7. Agent for author and illustrator: Steven Malk, Writers House. (Sept.)

- School Library Journal July 2020 Pres-Gr 2—In a wistful urban landscape, two children (one with blue hair, pants, and backpack; the other wearing red) quietly admire the neighbor's dog from their separate apartment windows but never speak to him, or each other. The first half of the book emanates a delicate introversion, from the downcast glances and gouache-tinged pencil-and-ink illustrations to the repeated refrain ("they had nothing in common"). And the lyrical flourishes ("things they felt under the floors of their hearts"). Then the story takes a whimsical turn. The dog has gone missing, so the two children don helmets and binoculars in their designated colors and venture out into the depopulated city to search. Inevitably, they will meet on their common quest. Hoefler manages this surreal twist with the same introspective lyricism as before ("a balloon is a great moon with ropes"), the language sustaining the quiet expectation of the first half. The illustrations take on a slightly heightened shine with nightfall—stars twinkle, light radiates more distinctly, the colors begin to blend—as the children restore the balloon-dog to its lonely owner and



begin their friendship. VERDICT This simultaneously hushed and fanciful version of two loners-find-their-perfect-match offers an unusual combination of tone, content, and fancy.—Robbin E. Friedman, Chappaqua Lib., NY Copyright 2020 Reed Business Information.

GREEN LIGHT  
 READER : DUNREA, 9780544809116 HMH BOOKS FOR 2017 E 1.3 K-2 Paperback \$4.74 1 \$4.74 A  
 LEVEL 1 : OLMIER  
 EGGS GOSSIE & FRIENDS

**Tags:** Beginning Reader  
**Annotation:** Ollie watches the other goslings dye and hide eggs for the Easter egg hunt, but no one can find the eggs once Ollie decides that they are all for him. Includes stickers.

OUR BUSY LIVES BUSY TIMES HIBBERT, CLARE 9781783880492 TULLIP BOOKS 2014 155 PS-2 Paperback \$10.99 1 \$10.99 A

**Annotation:** Follows a young boy as he interacts with people of various ages and discusses the passing of time. Includes a search-and-find clock hidden in the illustrations, a "Window on the World" sidebar showing other concurrent events, and reading tips and extension ideas.

**Review Sources:** School Library Journal - November 2011

**Full Text Reviews:**

- School Library Journal November 2011 Pre-K-Gr 2—This neat series explores typical daily events (Day), schedules (Week), the seasons (Year), and the stages of life, from "First Steps" to the death of an elderly relative (Lives). Each spread has highlighted sight words, and many contain hidden clocks. Small, circular insets show events that are happening beyond the main action. Discussion moments appear on each page about pretty much everything from what you do with your time to families to cultures to growing old. Holidays and religious customs from around the world are briefly mentioned and add conversation starters. "Notes for Adults" and extension activities are included. This series has many possibilities for teachers and inquisitive students. Copyright 2011 Reed Business Information.

OUT AND ABOUT AT THE NEWSPAPER	FIELD TRIPS	SHEA, KITTY	9781404833043	2007 070.1	4	K-3	MackinVIA eBook Class Set: 1 Student Copy	WWR/90-DAY SUBSCRIPTION/CLASS SET: 1 STUDENT COPY	\$1.03	1	\$1.03	A

**Annotation:** A class takes a field trip to the newspaper, where they learn about the jobs of a reporter and a photographer, how the newspaper gets the news, who buys advertisements, and how the newspaper is delivered to readers.

OWLS AND OWLETS	ANIMALS AND THEIR BABIES	LUNCH, ANNABELLE	9781625884183	2017 598.9	2.8	K-2	SMART APPLE MED / BLACK RABBIT BOOKS Hardcover Library		\$29.16	1	\$29.16	A
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**Annotation:** Highlights the relationship between an owl and its mother from pregnancy through the first few weeks and into the adulthood. Includes a diagram of an owl's life cycle, a picture glossary, and color photographs.

**Review Sources:** Horn Book Guide - October 2017

**Full Text Reviews:**

- Horn Book Guide October 2017 Ten double-page spreads provide a basic overview of an owl's growth from egg through its first year. Simple text, which briefly touches on owls' diet, flight, hunting behavior, and nocturnal nature, is age-appropriate and engaging, if occasionally oversimplified. Huge—in many cases nearly life-size—high-quality photos clearly chronicle the owlets' maturation. The concluding visual word bank isn't particularly elucidating. Ind.

PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS	BUNSEN'S SCHOOL FOR BRILLIANT GIRLS : 3	WATERS, ERICA-JANE	9780807551387	2020 FIC	Realistic	2-4	ALBERT WHITMAN & COMPANY Paperback		\$5.81	1	\$5.81	A
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**Tags:** General Diversity



**Annotation:** Pearl, Millie, and Hainka enter a maze contest at the behest of their prioress Miss Bunsen. However, as the girls make their way through the maze, they begin to suspect something else is going on and discover a plot to steal Miss Bunsen's secret "Tome of Thought," an ancient book filled with wisdom held at their school.

PIGS	GROW WITH ME	ARNOLD, QUINN	9781640003682	CREATIVE COMPANY EBOOKS	2019	636.4	4.1	2-4	MackinVIA eBook Class Set: 1 Student Copy	WWR/6-MONTH SUBSCRIPTION/CLASS SET: 1 STUDENT COPY	\$6.76	1	\$6.76	A
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**Annotation:** Simple text and color photographs introduce young readers to the life cycle, physical characteristics, diet, and typical behavior of pigs.

**Review Sources:** School Library Journal - April 2020, Booklist - 05/15/2020

**Full Text Reviews:**

- Booklist May 2020 Grades 2-5 - While farm animals are popular subjects in books for babies, toddlers, and very young readers, the volumes in the Grow with Me series (6 new titles) reveal that there's more for upper elementary students to learn about these barnyard creatures. Large text and numerous full-page color photos work together to make the series inviting, especially to reluctant readers. The focus is on the life cycle of each animal, particularly how it develops as an embryo and grows from baby to mature adult. Other life science information includes the animal's various breeds, diet, physical characteristics, special features, mating, vulnerability to certain parasites and/or predators, and uses to farmers. Pigs highlights that pigs are actually clean animals and wallow in mud to cool down and prevent sunburn. Bolded text with glossary definitions and in-set photos with facts provide more information, while a concluding life cycle with visuals rounds out each book. This series fills a gap for older children who want, or may even need, to know more about farm animals.
- School Library Journal April 2020 Gr 3 Up—These series entries provide fairly thorough profiles of domestic animals. The opening pages describe an animal's basic physical features and geographic locations, followed by a look at the processes of birth and development. The settings in which owners keep the animal groups, as well as the products they produce for humans, are also described. While examples of some wild animal varieties are noted (Goats, Sheep), the emphasis is on domestic life. Full-page photographs offer a nice variety of breeds in different settings and situations. Small inset photos on some pages enhance the visual presentation. Predators and potential health risks are included. There is no mention of factory farming, which is an appropriate choice for the intended audience. VERDICT Solid introductions where subject coverage is needed. Copyright 2020 Reed Business Information.

PLANETS	ACROSS THE UNIVERSE	RIGGS, KATE	9781628320848	CREATIVE COMPANY	2015	523.4	3	2-4	Paperback		\$10.22	1	\$10.22	A
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**Annotation:** Presents information on the planets, including their atmospheres, origins, composition, and sizes relative to one another. Includes an activity, a glossary, and a list of additional resources.

**Review Sources:** School Library Journal - April 2015, Horn Book Guide - October 2015

**Full Text Reviews:**

- Horn Book Guide October 2015 Information about each of these objects in the universe, along with the tools scientists use to investigate them, are presented in odd layouts that appropriate the iconography of a mobile app or website. More impressive are the excellent images of galaxies, stars, and planetary bodies presented on dark backgrounds. Each book also contains an activity; their quality varies. Reading list, websites, Glos., ind.
- School Library Journal April 2015 Gr 2-4—Though aimed at young readers, this series does not shy away from including high-level scientific vocabulary and lesser-known examples in its discussion of the solar system. Students will discover where the Sun's photosphere and chromosphere are located, what a perihelion is, and what Eros is and where it's located as well as more commonly known facts about space and the objects that occupy it. Striking, full-page images will entice readers, while the unique design—each page mimics the look of a smartphone screen, complete with battery life icons for page numbers—is fresh and contemporary. "Astronomy at Home," a hands-on activity at the end of each book, reinforces the material while encouraging connected learning and independent study. VERDICT Strong selections that won't sit on the shelves for long. Copyright 2015 Reed Business Information.

PLAYDATE	MACDONALD, MARYANN	ALBERT WHITMAN & COMPANY	9780807565520	2019	E				Hardcover Trade		\$15.51	1	\$15.51	A
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**Annotation:** Presents simple rhyming words accompanied by illustrations to illustrate the meanings of those words in the context of a playdate.

**Review Sources:** Horn Book Guide - October 2019

**Full Text Reviews:**

- Horn Book Guide October 2019 A series of simple rhyming words describes how, where, and with what ("Eyes. Nose. /Fingers. Toes") a cluster of babies and toddlers play together. Tidy vignettes depict adorable and (mostly) even-tempered children in action: [c2]fast[c1] shows them riding a spinning playground contraption; [c2]slow[c1] depicts them proceeding cautiously with their wheeled toys. What young reader wouldn't want to hitch a ride?

POLAR LANDS LIFE CYCLES CALLERY, SEAN 9780753473832 KINGFISHER BOOKS 2018 578.0911 5 2-5 MackinBound \$15.55 1 \$15.55 A

**Annotation:** Introduces readers to polar regions and the animals that live there. Includes information on life cycles, food chains and food webs. Features color photographs, illustrations, easy-to-follow text, and a glossary.

**Review Sources:** Horn Book Guide - April 2012  
**Full Text Reviews:**

- Horn Book Guide April 2012 After a brief introduction to the title ecosystem, examples of three actual food chains within that ecosystem are presented (e.g., from Grassland: zebra, hyena, lion, vulture). Well-designed double-page spreads (including useful tab-charts on left-hand pages) provide brief information about each creature and its place on the chain. Vivid photos and vibrantly colored pages are eye-catching. Useful food-web charts summarizing content are appended. Websites: Glos., ind.

STEP INTO RANDOM HOUSE  
 READING: BERRIOS, 9780399559068 BOOKS FOR 2016 E 2.6 1-3 Paperback \$4.84 1 \$4.84 A  
 STEP 3: FRANK YOUNG READER  
 TROLLS

**Tags:** Beginning Reader

**Annotation:** Poppy the troll decides to put on the biggest, loudest, craziest party ever! She passes out invitations to each of her friends--even the sour Branch--and together they sing, dance, and hug all night. Includes a collection of color friendship cards.

RECORD-BREAKING INFOGRAPHIC RICHARDS, JON 9781467793803 HUNGRY TOMATO 2015 720.2 6.5 4-6 Paperback \$7.43 1 \$7.43 A  
 BUILDING FEATS TOP 10S

**Annotation:** Compiles dozens of record-breaking facts and color infographics related to the field of construction.

**Review Sources:** School Library Connection - May 2016, Horn Book Guide - October 2016  
**Full Text Reviews:**

- Horn Book Guide October 2016 Cool facts about towers, bridges, and other structures worldwide are strewn throughout the book, which uses an infographic layout on each double-page spread. The colorful, busy illustrations, diagrams, top-ten lists, and graphics are dizzying, but readers who become engaged will be rewarded with plenty of impressive and up-to-date tidbits about structures. Websites: Glos., ind.
- School Library Connection May 2016 <p>Who has the longest fingernails in the world? Where is the largest aquarium? Each book features colorful infographics that take a look at record-breakers all over the world. Each category has a top 10 list and numerous other record-breakers of note. The infographics contain many comparisons for size, so readers can fully understand how large the subjects are. The graphics and diagrams are very helpful, but they also make the pages very cluttered. This would be a good addition to a collection for students who love world record books.</p> Patricia Walsh ADDITIONAL SELECTION

SASHA AND PUCK ELIXIR FIXERS: ALBERT  
 AND THE BREW FOR 4 NAYERI, DANIEL 9780807572467 WHITMAN & COMPANY 2020 FIC Fantasy 1-3 Hardcover \$14.54 1 \$14.54 A  
 BRAINWASH

**Annotation:** Sasha's father's shop sells magic potions. The only problem is they don't work. But when the evil Baron Vadim Gentry successfully convinces Sasha's father to give up the Juicy Gizzard, Sasha is forced to work as a servant for the baron's insufferable daughter Sisal. With the help of her friend Puck, she must bide her time until she can get the deed for their shop in order to get their home back.

SASHA AND PUCK ELIXIR FIXERS: ALBERT  
 AND THE CORDIAL 2 NAYERI, DANIEL 9780807572436 WHITMAN & COMPANY 2019 FIC Fantasy 1-3 Hardcover \$14.54 1 \$14.54 A  
 CORDIAL

**Tags:** Early Chapter

**Annotation:** aSasha and Puck try to keep their neighbors believing that the potions at The Juicy Gizzard magic potion shop work so Sasha's father doesn't lose his business. So when Basil Gentry asks for a cordial cordial for his bully of a sister, Sisal, Sasha and Puck must work to make the spoiled Sisal appear polite.

SASHA AND PUCK ELIXIR FIXERS: ALBERT  
 AND THE CURE FOR 3 NAYERI, DANIEL 9780807572450 WHITMAN & COMPANY 2019 FIC Fantasy 1-3 Hardcover \$14.54 1 \$14.54 A  
 COURAGE

**Tags:** Early Chapter

**Annotation:** Sergeant Latouche comes in the potion shop looking for a cure for courage. Sasha suspects it has something to do with an upcoming tournament, and, firmly believing that magic and her father's potions aren't real, she and Puck decide to help the soldier overcome his sensitivity.

SASHA AND PUCK      ELIXIR FIXERS:      ALBERT  
AND THE POTION OF 1      NAYERI, DANIEL      9780807572429      WHITMAN &      2019      FIC      Fantasy      1-3      Hardcover  
LUCK                COMPANY                                    Trade      \$14.54      1      \$14.54      A

**Tags:** Early Chapter, General Diversity

**Annotation:** Sasha and her new friend Puck work together in order to make sure that Sasha's father's shop, The Juicy Gizzard, continues to be successful when his potions and elixirs don't seem to work for their neighbors.

**Review Sources:** Kirkus Review - 02/15/2019, School Library Connection - May 2019, Booklist - 06/01/2019

**Full Text Reviews:**

- Booklist June 2019 Grades 1-3 - Sasha's family owns the village potion shop, but Sasha secretly thinks that belief in magical elixirs is silly. When the local chocolatier, Ms. Kozlow, comes into the shop for a good-luck potion (most likely related to her upcoming meeting with the local matchmaker, Granny Yenta), Sasha is worried that Ms. Kozlow won't have the luck she needs. With some help from her new friend Puck, she sets out to solve the mystery of who Ms. Kozlow likes, so that they can create some luck of their own. This is an incredibly simple and charming mystery for beginning chapter book readers. The plot is straightforward and the mystery very solvable. The characters are enjoyable caricatures (the street urchin, the bashful scholar, the concited suitor, the sweet maiden, etc.) who neatly fulfill their roles, and the illustrator's background in animation is evident in the characters' emotive, classic features. Bonus points for subtle hints of multiculturalism throughout, from author and illustrator alike, and for the nods to future potential story lines as this sweet series continues.

- School Library Connection May 2019 Magic and science conflict for 12-year-old Sasha. Her father sells magic potions, but she believes she is of a more scientific mindset. Sasha has mixed feelings about whether magic really works. She wants to be a detective and thinks maybe she should not only investigate but intervene to make sure things turn out like people want them to happen. When Ms. Kozlow buys a luck potion, Sasha makes it her mission to find out why. As she investigates, she runs into a dirty little creature that she thinks looks like a four-year-old boy, but he only speaks in unintelligible words which makes her wonder if maybe he is some type of fairy. She names him Puck. He joins Sasha's quest to solve the mystery of Ms. Kozlow and the luck potion. The end of the book includes a sample chapter from the next book in the series. For those children who passionately love fantasy, this volume will be one more title to add to their list of books to read. Personally, I found it a stretch for Sasha and Ms. Kozlow to have the relationship as described in the story. Marge Cox ADDITIONAL SELECTION

- Kirkus Review February 2019 The daughter of an apothecary with a sideline in iffy potions tries to use both science and sleuthing to keep her father out of trouble. Sure (fairly sure) that the luck potion her father sells to recently arrived chocolatier Letty Kozlow is bogus, young Sasha sets out to help it along—using her detective skills to determine which of three potential beans would make the best match for the kindly but secretive shop owner. Along the way she picks up an odd, grubby, cherubic sidekick she dubs Puck and runs into several village residents ranging from mean rich girl Sisal to aptly named Granny Yenta and her (supposedly) magic rooster. This series opener being a setup episode, Nayeri makes Sasha's snooping and clue gathering a vehicle for introducing an ensemble with some characters, notably Puck and probably Ms. Kozlow, likely more than they seem. The world beyond the otherwise unnamed Village and a larger storyline (Sasha's mom is currently away battling the evil Order of Disorder) are merely sketched out now but are sure to come into play later on. For now, though, the focus is localized to, considering the names, clothes, and a reference to rusalkas, a vaguely Slavic setting. In keeping with the cast's array of types, the wide-eyed, olive-skinned figures in Mak's frequent illustrations have a Disney-esque look. An engaging kickoff well-stocked with vivid characters, yummy chocolates, and tantalizing hints of magic. (map) (Fantasy. 9-11)

SCARED OF      ME AND MY      BIEDRZYCKI,      CHARLESBRIDGE      2013      E      1.8      PS-2      MackinBound      \$15.55      1      \$15.55      A  
HALLOWEEN      DRAGON      DAVID      PUBLISHING

**Annotation:** As a boy prepares to celebrate Halloween, he must assure his frightened pet dragon that zombies, werewolves, and mummies aren't real. Then the pair struggles to find the perfect costume for the dragon until the boy realizes that he can be a knight and the dragon can go as himself.

**Review Sources:** Publishers Weekly - 07/22/2013, School Library Journal - August 2013, Horn Book Guide - April 2014

**Full Text Reviews:**

- Horn Book Guide April 2014 A boy and his dragon (Hameer and Sparky from [cf2]Me and My Dragon[cf1]) "enjoy the same stuff—except for trick-or-treating." The boy loves Halloween, but the dragon is downright terrified. Biedrzycki's text and illustrations are balanced with sneaky jokes hidden throughout. His illustrations are colorful and vibrant, and his dragon is so expressive, you can't help but laugh out loud.
- School Library Journal August 2013 Pres-Gr 2—In *Me and My Dragon* (Charlesbridge, 2011), a boy discusses the ins and outs of having a dragon for a pet. In this follow-up story, the boy and his dragon are having a great time. The two have everything in common—except a love for Halloween. While the boy is excited to trick-or-treat, the fire-breathing beast is petrified of the werewolves, zombies, and mummies they will encounter. After a comical montage of dressing the dragon in a series of costumes that simply will not work, the boy gets a great idea: he can be a knight and the dragon can trick-or-treat as himself. And because no one will know he is a real dragon, he can even pick out his own candy. The charm of this book is in the details. While the text is straightforward, the facial expressions and information delivered by the rich and bold Adobe Photoshop images demand a second and third reading.—Jennifer Miskew, Longwood University, Farmville, VA Copyright 2013 Reed Business Information.

- Publishers Weekly July 2013 In this companion to *Me and My Dragon* (2011), the boy from the first book tries to assuage his red dragon's fears about Halloween and its attendant creatures. "Poor dragon," the boy sighs. "I explained to him that mummies, zombies, and werewolves aren't real." The boy is sure that the perfect costume is just the cure that's needed, and the book is largely a canvas for Biedrzycki to show off an array of Halloween costumes that don't work for one reason or another (often fire-related). The author's deadpan narration remains a highlight, though the resolution won't come as a surprise to readers of the first book, which featured a similar Halloween scene. Ages 4-7. (July)

SHADOW THE LONELY CAT : 2 KITTY'S MAGIC MOONHEART, ELLA 9781681193878 BLOOMSBURY CHILDRENS 2018 FIC Fantasy 4.9 2-5 Paperback \$5.81 1 \$5.81 A

**Annotation:** As Guardian of the Cat Council, eight-year-old Kitty, in her cat form, tries to help Shadow, a cat that recently became unsociable.

**Review Sources:** Horn Book Guide - April 2019

**Full Text Reviews:**

- Horn Book Guide April 2019 Eight-year-old Koemi ("Kitty") Kimura is just learning about her ability to transform into a cat. As she learns feline ways--and becomes the official Guardian of the Cat Council--Kitty solves a bullying problem (Misty) and helps a senior cat and his human reconnect with their communities (Shadow). These appealing illustrated-chapter-book fantasies for young cat fanciers are appended with "Feline Facts."

SHARK SHARK BIG BEASTS TURNBULL, STEPHANIE 9781625881700 MED / BLACK RABBIT BOOKS 2015 597.3 3.5 1-4 Hardcover \$31.85 1 \$31.85 A

**Annotation:** Simple text and color photographs introduce young readers to sharks, describing their characteristics, habitats, behavior, and life cycle.

**Review Sources:** Horn Book Guide - April 2016

**Full Text Reviews:**

- Horn Book Guide April 2016 This introduction to sharks covers various species' physical characteristics and adaptations, diet, behavior, and habitat. The presentation is formulaic, but plenty of colorful photographs support the accessible text, which includes kid-pleasing details: "The first babies to hatch gobble up the other eggs." The volume concludes with a "BIG Facts" spread that provides additional information. Glos., ind.

SHEEP SHEEP GROW WITH ME ARNOLD, QUINN M 9781640003699 CREATIVE COMPANY EBOOKS 2019 636.3 4 2-4 eBook Class Set: 1 Student Copy \$6.76 1 \$6.76 A

**Annotation:** Describes the habitat, physical features, life cycle, diet, behaviors, and health issues of sheep. Includes color photographs, fact boxes, a glossary, and additional resources.

**Review Sources:** School Library Journal - April 2020, Booklist - 05/15/2020

**Full Text Reviews:**

- Booklist May 2020 Grades 2-5 - While farm animals are popular subjects in books for babies, toddlers, and very young readers, the volumes in the *Grow with Me* series (6 new titles) reveal that there's more for upper elementary students to learn about these barnyard creatures. Large text and numerous full-page color photos work together to make the series inviting, especially to reluctant readers. The focus is on the life cycle of each animal, particularly how it develops as an embryo and grows from baby to mature adult. Other life science information includes the animal's various breeds, diet, physical characteristics, special features, mating, vulnerability to certain parasites and/or predators, and uses to farmers. Sheep discusses the differences in hair among sheep breeds and why wool sheep must be shorn. Bolded text with glossary definitions and in-set photos with facts provide more information, while a concluding life cycle with visuals rounds out each book. This series fills a gap for older children who want, or may even need, to know more about farm animals.

- School Library Journal April 2020 Gr 3 Up—These series entries provide fairly thorough profiles of domestic animals. The opening pages describe an animal's basic physical features and geographic locations, followed by a look at the processes of birth and development. The settings in which owners keep the animal groups, as well as the products they produce for humans, are also described. While examples of some wild animal varieties are noted (Goats, Sheep), the emphasis is on domestic life. Full-page photographs offer a nice variety of breeds in different settings and situations. Small inset photos on some pages enhance the visual presentation. Predators and potential health risks are included. There is no mention of factory farming, which is an appropriate choice for the intended audience. VERDICT Solid introductions where subject coverage is needed. Copyright 2020 Reed Business Information.

SNAKE SNAKE BIG BEASTS TURNBULL, STEPHANIE 9781625881717 MED / BLACK RABBIT BOOKS 2015 597.96 3.6 1-4 Hardcover \$31.85 1 \$31.85 A



**Annotation:** Simple text and color photographs introduce young readers to snakes, describing their characteristics, habitats, behavior, and life cycle.  
**Review Sources:** Horn Book Guide - April 2016

**Full Text Reviews:**

- Horn Book Guide April 2016 These books introduce large reptiles, covering various species' physical characteristics and adaptations, diet, behavior, and habitat. The presentation is formulaic, but plenty of colorful photographs support the accessible texts, which include kid-pleasing details: "Babies may be gobbled up by adult Komodos..." Each volume concludes with a "BIG Facts" spread providing readers with comparisons and additional information. Glos., ind.

SNOWMOBILES      SEEDLINGS:      ARNOLD, QUINN      9781640261730      CREATIVE EDUCATION      2019      796.94      1.5      K-2      Hardcover Library      \$33.20      1      \$33.20      A

**Annotation:** Simple text and photographs introduce learning readers to the parts and operation of snowmobiles, from their seats to their runners.

SPACE EXPLORATION      SPACE TRAVEL GUIDES      SPARROW, GILES      9781599207605      BLACK RABBIT BOOKS EBOOKS SU      2011      629.45      8      3-5      MackinVIA eBook Single-user      WWR/PERPETUAL/SINGLE USER EBOOK      \$29.38      1      \$29.38      A

**Annotation:** Examines the technology of space flight, the history of human exploration of space, and what space travel in the future may look like as humans go to Mars, the rest of our solar system, and perhaps beyond.

**Review Sources:** Horn Book Guide - April 2012, School Library Journal - November 2011, Library Media Connection - August 2012

**Full Text Reviews:**

- Library Media Connection August 2012 On an imaginary tour through space, readers will explore the solar system, view remarkable and detailed NASA photography, and learn facts about past, present, and future space exploration. Each book has a list of websites and other related resources, and a "quick quiz" to test the reader's comprehension of the content presented. Children will want to return to these titles again and again in order to absorb the enormous amount of material contained in the series. Glossary. Index. Julie Stephens, Educational Reviewer, Calhoun, Georgia. RECOMMENDED
- Horn Book Guide April 2012 This volume details the history of space exploration from the earliest attempts at rocket-powered flight to modern space stations. Each double-page spread focuses on one topic. Illustrations and photos are plentiful and do well to supplement the various text boxes and sidebars. The busy presentation is somewhat distracting but accessible. Reading list, websites. Glos., ind.
- School Library Journal November 2011 In overall quality, the two standouts are Mitchell Lane's "Randy's Corner: I Spy Up in the Sky" for fledgling readers, and, at the next level, Lerner's "Searchlight Books: What's Amazing About Space?" titles. Marshall Cavendish's "Sky Watching" and Weigl's "Looking at the Sky" are too problematic to recommend, but the rest are acceptable for replacing worn copies or for filling holes in subject collections. Copyright 2011 Reed Business Information.

SWITCHED UP      SHARPE, TESS      9781984895080      RANDOM HOUSE BOOKS FOR YR EBOOK      2020      FIC      1-4      MackinVIA eBook Class      SUBSCRIPTION/CLASS SET: 1 STUDENT COPY      \$3.68      1      \$3.68      A

THAT'S WHAT LEPRECHAUNS DO      BUNTING, EVE      9780547076737      SANDPIPER      2009      E      3-4      PS-2      Paperback      \$7.59      1      \$7.59      A

**Annotation:** When leprechauns Ari, Boo, and Col need to place the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, they cannot help getting into mischief along the way.

**Review Sources:** Booklist - 01/01/2006, Publishers Weekly - 12/12/2005, School Library Journal - February 2006, Horn Book Guide - October 2006

**Full Text Reviews:**

- Horn Book Guide October 2006 As black clouds loom, three leprechauns dash to their hidden pot of gold, but they can't resist a few stops along the way for some mischief--because that's what leprechauns do. They reach their gold just in time for the rainbow after the storm. Lively ink and watercolor illustrations energize the playful story. Copyright 2003 of The Horn Book, Inc. All rights reserved.
- School Library Journal February 2006 Gr 1-3-As storm clouds gather ominously in the Irish sky, three diminutive leprechauns rouse themselves to dig up their pot of gold and place it at the end of the coming rainbow. Ari hurries Col and Boo along the country road, intent on accomplishing their task, but the friends can't resist stopping to pull some mischievous pranks along the way, because "that's what leprechauns do." They paint the hooves of Mrs. Ballyunion's cow bright scarlet, tie Old Jamie Bradley's drying long Johns into a knot, and plant a yellow tennis ball in the nest of Miss Maudie Murphy's hen. At last, as the raindrops begin to fall, the playful tricksters reach Paddywhackers Bog, dig up their treasure, and set it in place. As the rainbow arches across the sky to



touch the pot of gold, the trio settles down to wait, but nobody finds the gold, as usual. Ari cheers up his disgruntled pals, saying "That gold's waiting for just the right person." McCully graces this lighthearted story with her characteristically expressive and charming watercolors that eloquently capture the verdant beauty of the Irish countryside and the irrepressible personalities of the elves. An explanatory note about leprechauns is appended. A perfect choice for March story hours, this title can also be enjoyed all year long.-Linda L. Walkins, Mount Saint Joseph Academy, Brighton, MA Copyright 2006 Reed Business Information.

- Publishers Weekly December 2005 Bunting (The Wall) adds a bit o' blarney to a favorite Irish legend as she imagines three leprechauns on a mission to place a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow. As storm clouds begin to roll in, Ari the leprechaun rouses his two colleagues, Boo and Col, for the latest gold job. "It's a leprechaun's duty, so it is," Ari notes of the somewhat wearisome task; "not a single soul ever finds it," Col laments. But on the road to Paddywhackers Bog, where the gold remains hidden on non-rainbow days, the three leprechauns also make mischief ("That's what leprechauns do... Along with our more important duties," says Ari in a kind of refrain). Painting the hooves of Mrs. Ballybunion's cow red and tying Old Jamie Bradley's drying long Johns in a knot keep the trio more than amused. By tale's end-and rainbow's end-they're ready to do it all again. Bunting offers a kicky if slight outing here, bringing a dash of modern silliness to her twist on familiar lore. McCully (Mirette on the High Wire) portrays the leprechauns as a craggy-yet-cute blend of dapper and disheveled fellows, donning red buckle shoes, bright green tail coats and blue-and-white striped stockings, all of which accent their smiling eyes. Scenes of the little heroes rolling in the grass or doing a jig in the bog will put a touch o' spring in readers' steps. Ages 5-8. (Jan.) Copyright 2005 Reed Business Information.

TRUCKS	MOTORMANIA	WORMS, PENNY	9781680710137	SMART APPLE	MackinVIA	WWR/PERPETUAL/SINGLE	\$32.32	1	\$32.32	A
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**Annotation:** Informative text and color photographs highlight ten different types of trucks and their history, features, functions, and specifications. Includes a glossary.

**Review Sources:** School Library Journal - April 2016, Horn Book Guide - October 2016

**Full Text Reviews:**

- Horn Book Guide October 2016 Each volume focuses on ten vehicles, very briefly covering their purposes and unusual features. Double-page spreads include short paragraphs of text; color photos; and a "Stats and Facts" box, which lists cost, top speed, country of origin, and "claim to fame." The series is formulaic, but readers fascinated by high-powered, showy "wheels" will be satisfied. The books include longer-than-usual glossaries. Ind.
- School Library Journal April 2016 Gr 3-5—Well designed to cater to fans of maximum speed, each of these albums offers quick profiles of 10 specific vehicles—ranging from production models to purpose-built one-offs and prototypes. The selections are international, mostly of recent vintage (the Tesla Roadster in Eco Cars has been out of production since 2012, for instance—but it's still really cool). Along with a large, dramatically angled photo or digital image, each vehicle appears in one or more small inset action photographs and, particularly in Eco Cars, cutaway views that compensate for relatively low levels of specific technical detail with glimpses of the various fueling and propulsion systems. VERDICT Crowd-pleasing browser material, with occasional informative looks beneath the flashy surfaces. Copyright 2016 Reed Business Information.

A TURKEY FOR THANKSGIVING	BUNTING, EVE	9780395742129	CLARION	1995 E	2.5	PS-1	Paperback	\$7.59	1	\$7.59	A
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**Annotation:** Mr. and Mrs. Moose try to invite a reluctant turkey to their Thanksgiving feast.

**Review Sources:** Booklist - 10/01/1991, Horn Book Guide - March 1992, Publishers Weekly - 08/16/1991, School Library Journal - September 1991

**Full Text Reviews:**

- Horn Book Guide March 1992 Fiction: PB In a slight but satisfying holiday tale Mrs. Moose decides it would be lovely to have a real turkey for Thanksgiving dinner. The expected misunderstanding occurs when Mr. Moose brings a very reluctant turkey to join them for their friendly, vegetarian feast. Colorful, cartoonlike illustrations are strangely eastern European in detail. Horn Rating: Recommended, satisfactory in style, content, and/or illustration. Reviewed by: mbs
- School Library Journal September 1991 Pres-Gr 2--A mild story with a flowing text and surprise ending. Mrs. Moose, who is preparing the holiday feast, complains that everyone else has a turkey for Thanksgiving, but she doesn't. Genially, Mr. Moose sets forth to find one. Along the way the other dinner guests--Rabbit, the Goats, Sheep, and Porcupine, all appropriately dressed in cold weather gear such as down jackets, boots, and earlapped caps--join in the search. The anxious turkey, too fat to run far, is soon captured and marched to the Moose house for the meal. Luckily for him, he turns out to be just another guest at the table laden with greens, bark, sprouts, and acorns. Humorous double-page spreads in cheerful watercolors show the plump, personable animals in an ice-crusted autumn woodland and a snug country cottage that suits the Mooses and the Goats, who are garbed like Eastern European peasants.--Patricia Pearl, formerly at First Presbyterian School, Martinsville, VA
- Publishers Weekly August 1991 Although a paper turkey decorates Mrs. Moose's Thanksgiving table, she longs for the real thing--so her obliging husband sets out to find her one. He is joined by his soon-to-be dinner guests: Rabbit, in his quilted down vest; poky Porcupine, in his furry earmuffs; and ravenous Mr. Goat, who devours everything in sight, including Sheep's plaid hat. They find Turkey hiding in his nest, surrounded by signs that discourage visitors. Trying to console the terrified bird, Mr. Moose explains: "We just want you for Thanksgiving dinner," which only confirms Turkey's fears. Young readers will be as thrilled as Turkey to hear that Mrs. Moose wants him at her table, not on it. Together, Bunting's (In the Haunted House; The Wednesday Surprise) good-

natured tale and de Groat's ( Hi Bears, Bye Bears ) autumn-hued, richly detailed watercolors convey the animals' warm friendship and the humor resulting from the misunderstanding. This ideal family read-aloud will awaken the holiday spirit in all. Ages 3-6. (Sept.)

WHOSE NOSE?	WHOSE ARE THESE?	TARSKY, SUE	ALBERT WHITMAN & COMPANY	2019	599.14	PS-K Trade	Hardcover	\$15.51	1	\$15.51	A
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**Annotation:** Presents close-up illustrations and describes assorted animal noses by their shapes and characteristics. Provides full representations of each animal mentioned on the inside front and back covers.

**Review Sources:** Kirkus Review - 07/15/2019

**Full Text Reviews:**

- Kirkus Review July 2019 Partial views of several animals highlighting noses ask readers to guess the name of each based on a singular descriptive word. Opposite concepts are presented for each pair of noses, as in the opening pages: "big nose / tiny nose." The rather substantial nose of a proboscis monkey is on the left page, and the wee snout of a mouse is on the right. The full animal is never revealed in the black-outlined full-bleed paintings, requiring a guess of the animal's name. So for the proboscis monkey, a portion of its face and body are shown, while for the mouse, just its whiskered nose peeks out from behind a rounded mouse hole. Readers must refer to the endpaper key to confirm the correct answers. The concept continues throughout, pairing shapes, sizes, and other nose-related features. The simplicity of each two-word phrase with its hidden picture provides opportunities for discussion. The familiar animals will be easily identified, while the lesser known, such as the "narrow nose" of a shrew or the "red nose" of a mandril, will need some contemplation. Similarly, Whose Tail employs the same strategy; tails are drawn from a fairly easy mixture of farm and zoo animals except, perhaps, for the meerkat. Both end with human portrayals, Nose showing a man's mustachioed nose and a child's freckled one (both are white) while Tail depicts children of color, one with no tail and the other wearing a fox costume with a big bushy tail. A fun and interactively informative introduction to the animal kingdom. (Informational picture book. 2-4)

ZOO-MATE WANTED	LEER, KORRIE	ALBERT WHITMAN & COMPANY	2021	E	PS-3 Trade	Hardcover	\$16.48	1	\$16.48	A
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**Tags:** Conflict Resolution, Friendship, Relationship Skills

**Annotation:** Leah and Lily are sisters who share a room until Leah's mess causes Lily to move out. Leah decides to post an ad looking for a zoo animal roommate, but after encountering a snake, a kangaroo, a penguin, and a lemur, she decides that maybe having a human roommate isn't so bad. Leah has to patch things up with Lily and convince her to share a room again.

**Review Sources:** Kirkus Review - 03/01/2021

**Full Text Reviews:**

- Kirkus Review March 2021 Two young sisters have difficulty sharing a room. They are different in almost every way. Lily is neat and organized while Leah is messy and scattered. Lily just can't cope with Leah's wild habits, and Leah can't understand what Lily is fussing about. So Lily announces that only a zoo animal would be the perfect roommate for Leah and leaves in a huff. Leah actually thinks that's a pretty good idea and posts a notice for a zoo-mate, one who would enjoy messy, noisy activities without wanting to clean up afterward. A series of creatures tries out for the position, but none is successful. Leah's beloved toy Monkey takes the brunt of the disasters. The snake tries to eat it, the kangaroo drips paint on it, and the penguin makes the room so cold that Monkey is trapped in a block of ice. The lemur is fun, but its antics put Monkey at risk. So she cleans up her act, literally, and places a new notice with lots of compromises. Of course Lily returns and their truce holds, because it is totally better to be together. Leer addresses the sisters' issues with a light touch and no preaching allowed, and bright, appealing illustrations add much detail, making clear that Monkey is a toy animal and that all the contenders for the zoo-mate position are quite possibly toys as well, though delightfully animated. Exactly what danger the lemur puts Monkey into is unclear, however. Sibling dynamics resonate with young readers, who will find laughter and reassurance in the gentle message. (Picture book. 4-8)

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