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Office of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment

FORM FOR DONATED BOOKS

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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

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
Librarian

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2/22/2024
Date

AASL Books

SANDRA PAUL
Supervisor/Director*

Sandra Paul
Signature

2/23/24
Date

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

Books

Available Titles

Title	Series Title	Author	ISBN	Publisher	DOP	Dewey	Genre	RL	Gr / IL	Product
ABIGAIL TOENAIL AND THE CLIPPER OF DOOM!	SUPERSONIC PHONICS : LEVEL 04 : BLUE+	ANTHONY, WILLIAM	9798888225080	SUPERSONIC PHONICS	2023	E			1-3	Hardcover Library
ALABAMA	CORE LIBRARY OF US STATES	LUSTED, MARCIA AMIDON	9781532197420	CORE LIBRARY / ABDO	2022	976.1			4-8	Hardcover Library
AMANDA GORMAN	BLACK VOICES ON RACE	CLINCH, SHASTA	9781637392645	FOCUS READERS	2022	921 GOR			4-6	Hardcover Library
THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR	WAR HISTORIES	MOENING, KATE	9798886874501	BELLWETHER MEDIA	2023	973.7			3-7	Hardcover Library
★AMIRA & HAMZA : THE WAR TO SAVE THE WORLDS	AMIRA & HAMZA : 1	AHMED, SAMIRA	9780316540483	LITTLE, BROWN BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS	2022	FIC	Fantasy	5	4-7	Paperback

Tags: Decodable/Phonics

Annotation: Provides an illustrated short story that introduces young readers to words with the phoneme "oe" about a girl named Abigail Toena toe nails. Eventually, her toenails get too long and smelly, and she is forced to decide what she is more afraid of: the toenail clippers or supersize and downloadable teaching resources.

Annotation: Explores the history, geography, climate, resources, economy, people, and famous places of Alabama. Includes color photographs, glossary, sidebars, a map, primary sources, and online resources.

Tags: African/Black/African-American

Annotation: Chronicles the life of Amanda Gorman, the first National Youth Poet Laureate, and details her early life and activism through poetry, glossary, and additional resources.

Annotation: Provides a history of the Civil War that highlights its causes, key battles, the prominent leaders, and the hardships and death toll. Includes and fact boxes.

Tags: Asian/Pacific Islander/Asian-American, Islam/Muslim, Own Voices

Annotation: While attending a medieval exhibit on Islamic astronomy, twelve-year-old Amira's bored younger brother Hamza tampers with the spell sending the siblings into another. A pair of ethereal jinn inform the siblings they have a role to play in stopping a civil war in the land of Qaf and if the world they came from will be destroyed by terrifying beasts.

Review Sources: Publishers Weekly - 07/26/2021, Kirkus Reviews Starred - 08/01/2021, Booklist - 09/01/2021, School Library Journal Starred - See Full Text Reviews:

- Horn Book Guide November 2021 Twelve-year-old Amira and her younger brother Hamza, Muslim Indian American siblings in Chicago, are on an adventure filled with jinn, ghouls, devils, and other supernatural creatures from Islamic folklore. When the children disturb an ancient artifact that they are "chosen ones" needed for a serious mission. They must save Earth and Qaf (the jinn homeland) from Ifrit, a "terrible and refreshingly different take on the kids-must-save-the-world story in that Amira and Hamza are the most anxious, reluctant, and nerdy her siblings provide comic relief, in contrast with the seriousness of the task at hand. Dangerous encounters with monstrous foes challenge them to fulfill their mission. Fantasy-adventure fans will have a hard time putting down this fast-paced and engaging tale. Author's note and glossary included.
- Booklist September 2021 Grades 5-7 - "Acclaimed author Ahmed draws on mythical legends of Islamic origin, the Hamzanama, for this middle-grade ancient story collection may be lost on contemporary readers, but this is nonetheless packed with all the ingredients of a whirlwind adventure: shapeshifters made of smokeless fire; ancient astronomical mysteries; and a hefty dose of science to underscore the inexplicable. The plot finds them enmeshed in an ancient prophecy that foretold their role in saving the world from a cosmic disaster. They must end a war before the earth will be at the mercy of evil jinn and ghouls. Amid myriad twists and turns, Amira and Hamza emerge as smart, funny, likable protagonists, believable even while everything around them is fantastical. This is the first in the series, and readers will be impatient for the stories to continue.
- School Library Journal Starred September 2021 Gr 3-7—A middle grade fantasy that includes Islamic legends, magic, science, and the power of the super blue blood moon, Amira and her younger brother Hamza both happen to touch a supposedly broken ancient artifact, the Book of Motion. Everyone on Earth suddenly falls asleep, and jinn appear, claiming that Amira and Hamza have been chosen to save the world. Amira loves science, so she has her doubts about fulfilling a mystical prophecy at 12, while Hamza is thrilled to become important, like one of his heroes. The book is full of heart, humor, action, doubt, and the belief that even the most unexpected individuals can save the world. Amira's questions and Hamza's urges her to let go and believe anyway. Amira and Hamza's adventure is emotionally believable, even as the siblings ride magical creatures through a world of magic and mystery. VERDICT A fast-paced adventure with heart and a message about the power of belief. A hit with fans of Yoon Ha Lee's Dragon Pearl and Sayantani DasGupta's The Serpent's Secret.—Hilary Tufo, Columbus Metropolitan Library
- Kirkus Reviews Starred August 2021 What will it take for two plucky kids from Chicago to save the universe from certain disaster? Courageous, curious, and focused. Hamza, her younger brother, is a risk taker, thriving in his active imagination. The night of a rare astronomical event, Amira and Hamza are chosen to save the world. Amira is a scientist, rational and focused. Hamza, her younger brother, is a risk taker, thriving in his active imagination. The night of a rare astronomical event, Amira and Hamza are chosen to save the world.

when they accidentally activate an ancient device recovered from the Caspian Sea, al-Biruni's Box of the Moon, cracking off a piece of the bringing an army of genderfluid jinn to meet them, the chosen ones. Led by Abdul Rahman, the vizier to the emperor of Qaf, and accomp: jinn escort Amira (who does not feel eager or ready to assume these duties) and Hamza (who can barely contain his delight) on their ques the universe. In her middle-grade debut, Ahmed rationalizes the irrational with a creative blend of science and magic, building a bridge fr culture, Islamic folklore, history, and pointed social commentary are all wrapped up in a fantasy world that is as compelling as it is inform themselves wishing on a star. (map, author's note, glossary) (Fantasy. 9-13)

- Publishers Weekly July 2021 A budding astronomer and self-proclaimed "nerd," 12-year-old Amira, this novel's Muslim, Indian American r extravaganza. In Chicago, the Islamic Society of Ancient Astronomy is celebrating the coincidence of a supermoon, blood moon, and blue exhibition attended by Amira, her irksome younger brother Hamza, and their parents. When Hamza wanders off, he becomes entranced b made of unidentified alloys. A sibling tussle over the artifact restarts it, unleashing staggering consequences. As the adults drop into an e directly for Earth, and an army of jinn spirits the siblings away, Amira and Hamza discover that it falls to them to save the world from a gr Dangerous to Know) centers her fast-paced middle grade debut on a deeply engaging heroine, foil to her more reckless and charming brc amounts of affection and bickering—lends authenticity and humor to the folklore-inspired narrative. Ages 8–12. Agent: Joanna Volpe, Ne

ARETHA FRANKLIN GROUNDBREAKERS MARKOVICS, 9781668927809 CHERRY LAKE 2023 921 3-6 Hardcover
: BLACK MUSICIANS JOYCE PUBLISHING FRA Library

Tags: African/Black/African-American

Annotation: A brief, illustrated profile of Black musician Aretha Franklin, covering her early life and first foray into professional music and trackin her greatest songs, and a glossary.

THE BALLET BOOK CANADA'S BOWES, 9780228100669 FIREFLY BOOKS 2018 792.8 5-7 Paperbacl
NATIONAL BALLET DEBORAH SCHOOL

Annotation: Provides young, aspiring dancers with an updated, illustrated guide to classical dance. Discusses finding a teacher and studio, demc offers advice on staying healthy through basic exercises. Also profiles popular ballets and their dancers. Includes dozens of color photographs, a

THE BALTIMORE NFL TEAM ADAMSON, 9798886874686 BELLWETHER 2023 796.332 3-7 Hardcover
RAVENS PROFILES THOMAS K MEDIA Library

Annotation: Chronicles the history of the Baltimore Ravens professional football team, and highlights notable players, the team's stadium, and t notable players and team facts, a glossary, and additional resources.

BASKETBALL SPORTS
RECORDS ILLUSTRATED KIDS FLYNN, 9781669049937 CAPSTONE PRESS 2023 796.323 4-6 Hardcover
SMASHED! : RECORD BRENDAN INC Trade
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Tags: General Diversity, High Interest, High-Low

Annotation: Highlights record-setting achievements in men's and women's professional basketball. Includes fact boxes, color photographs, a gl

BATTLE OF THE 13TH STREET : 1 BOWLES, 9780062947796 HARPERCOLLINS 2020 FIC Horror / 3.1 1-4 Paperbacl
BAD-BREATH BATS DAVID PUBLISHERS Scary

Tags: Early Chapter, High Interest, Latine/Hispanic, Own Voices

Annotation: Cousins Malia, Ivan, and Dante, who are visiting their Aunt Lucy for the summer, are on their way to the local water park when they { dangerous beasts.

Review Sources: Kirkus Review - 05/01/2020, School Library Journal - May 2020

Full Text Reviews:

- School Library Journal May 2020 Gr 1–5—Malia and her two cousins are spending the summer with Aunt Lucy in Gulf City. On the way to t creepy street that does not show up on Malia's phone map. On spooky 13th Street, they meet giant bats with evil intentions. In a plot rem friendly monster allies as they use their wits to battle and defeat the Snatch Bats. Will our heroes escape 13th Street or will they be overp to be released in the new HarperChapters line, this book speaks to kids who enjoy a scare. This early readers' program has a Guided Read transitioning to chapter books as well as older reluctant readers. The book, under 100 pages, uses large type and margins. It features milc related activities, and comic-like illustrations with some color on every spread. Featuring a Mexican American cast, Spanish words are spr context clues. The story contains frightening elements, but it's not the stuff of nightmares; it strikes just the right balance for the target a hanger chapter endings, this series is meant to encourage reading and boost confidence and skills.—Kate Nafz, Fair Lawn Public Library, I
- Kirkus Review May 2020 Three cousins find themselves fighting a horde of bats. Cousins Malia, Ivan, and Dante are spending the summer Little Mexico neighborhood. The day is full of promise, as the children plan to visit the neighborhood's water park. As they walk to the att they take a shortcut through an alley behind a bakery, but the street they emerge on—13th Street—is empty. Feeling lost, Malia uses her { to the pool. Instead, they've been transported to a strange place infested by huge bats with astonishingly bad breath. The cousins must u Malia's leadership, and the help of some fantastical characters to survive the terrifying bats and return home to Aunt Lucy's house. Bowle throughout this chapter book. Encouraging messages greet readers after some chapters, along with occasional progress markers. In addi words read gives readers a sense of accomplishment at the conclusion, and the three protagonists speak directly to readers, encouraging activities aim to further readers' engagement with the story and develop critical reading skills. An exciting series opener that should whet

BEN YOKOYAMA AND THE COOKIES OF CHAOS	COOKIE CHRONICLES : 5	SWANSON, MATTHEW	9780593433003	KNOPF BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS	2023 FIC	Humor	4-6	Hardcover Trade
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Annotation: While attempting to return a lost wallet to its owner, Ben tries out different life philosophies inspired by his friends, family, and fortune tellers.

BIG OUTDOOR ADVENTURE	SUPERSONIC PHONICS : LEVEL 07 : TURQUOISE	TYLER, MADELINE	9798888225981	SUPERSONIC PHONICS	2023		1-4	Hardcover Library
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Tags: Decodable/Phonics

BIKING	BLASTOFF! BEGINNERS : LET'S GET OUTDOORS!	OWINGS, LISA	9798886871227	BELLWETHER MEDIA	2023 796.6		K-3	Hardcover Library
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Tags: General Diversity

Annotation: Simple text and photographs introduce bicycling as both a pastime and as a sport. Includes a glossary and list of further resources.

BRITNEY GRINER : WNBA STAR	PRO SPORTS STARS	LYNNE, DOUGLAS	9781634947572	PRESS BOX BOOKS	2023 921 GRI		2-5	Hardcover Library
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Tags: African/Black/African-American, LGBTQIA+, Latine/Hispanic

Annotation: Briefly profiles WNBA star Brittney Griner of the Phoenix Mercury. Includes a glossary and further resources.

CAN I KEEP IT? : 39 EASY-TO-CARE-FOR COOL ANIMALS, INSECTS,		TANGUY, PAR	9781620083918	COMPANIONHOUSE BOOKS	2020			Paperback
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CATS	WHAT ARE THEY SAYING?	MEAD, CYNTHIA	9781624690846	PURPLE TOAD PUBLISHING EBOOKS	2014 636.8		PS-2	MackinVIA eBook Single-user Perpetual
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Annotation: Various breeds of cats describe what they are trying to say with their body language. Includes color photographs and pet facts.

CATS : THE SOUND OF SHORT A	PHONICS FUN!	FLANAGAN, ALICE K	9781503880146	FIRST STEPS	2023 421		PS-2	Hardcover Library
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Tags: Decodable/Phonics

Annotation: Simple text and repetition of the letter "a" help readers learn how to use this sound. Includes photographs, a word list, and an activity.

CHANG'E : GODDESS OF THE MOON	CHINESE MYTHOLOGY	LEE, JEAN KUO	9781532199929	KIDS CORE / ABDO	2022 299.5		2-5	Hardcover Library
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Tags: Asia

Annotation: Briefly explores the origins, characteristics, mythological tales, and cultural rituals involving the Chinese goddess of the moon, Chang'e.

Review Sources: Booklist - 04/01/2023

Full Text Reviews:

- Booklist April 2023 Grades 2-5 - "Beginning with the most famous version of the Chinese myth of Chang'e, the moon goddess, in which she drinks it and escaping to live on the moon, this entry in the Chinese Mythology series (8 titles) uses accessible, straightforward text to explore alternative and more modern versions of the Chang'e myth, some of her moon companions, and her association with moon cakes. A final tradition accompanying the Mid-Autumn Festival (when the moon is fullest and brightest), including honoring Chang'e and eating moon cakes, this volume makes a terrific pre-reading complement to Grace Lin's A Big Mooncake for Little Star (2018)."

CINCINNATI BENGALS	NFL TEAM PROFILES	DOWNES, KIERAN	9798886874723	BELLWETHER MEDIA	2023 796.332		3-7	Hardcover Library
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Annotation: Chronicles the history of the Cincinnati Bengals professional football team, and highlights notable players, the team's stadium, and other facts, a glossary, and additional resources.

★CLICK, CLACK, BOO! : A TRICKY TREAT	READY-TO-READ : LEVEL 2 : CLICK CLACK BOOK	CRONIN, DOREEN	9781534413795	SIMON SPOTLIGHT	2018 E		2.5 PS-2	Paperback
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Annotation: Farmer Brown isn't a fan of Halloween, but the animals are putting on a party in the barn. The sounds outside frighten Farmer Brown and when he realizes that Halloween can be more fun than scary.

Annotation: Explores the physical features, habitat, behaviors, and diet of the Triceratops, and explains what scientists have learned about the T photographs, fact boxes, text-related questions, a glossary, and additional resources.

DISCOVER THE TYRANNOSAURUS REX	21ST CENTURY JUNIOR LIBRARY : OUR PREHISTORIC WO	RAATMA, LUCIA	9781668935538	CHERRY LAKE PUBLISHING	2023 567.912	2-5	Hardcover Library
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Annotation: Explores the physical features, habitat, behaviors, and diet of the Tyrannosaurus rex, and explains what scientists have learned about color photographs, fact boxes, text-related questions, a glossary, and additional resources.

DOGS	WHAT ARE THEY SAYING?	TATLOCK, ANN	9781624690358	PURPLE TOAD PUBLISHING EBOOKS	2014 636.7	PS-2	MackinVIA eBook Single-user Perpetual
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Annotation: Various breeds of dogs describe what they are trying to say with their body language. Includes color photographs and pet facts.

DOGS	AMAZING ANIMAL MINDS	MARKOVICS, JOYCE	9781668927885	CHERRY LAKE PUBLISHING	2023 636.7	3-6	Hardcover Library
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Annotation: Explores the science behind dog behavior, abilities, and intelligence. Includes color photographs, a glossary, and additional resources.

ENDOCRINE SYSTEM	BODY SYSTEMS	VENTURA, MARNE	9781532198588	KIDS CORE / ABDO	2022 612.4	2-5	Hardcover Library
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Annotation: Explores the human endocrine system and how it functions in relation with other body systems, as well as what young readers can learn from color photographs, illustrations, a glossary, and additional resources.

FAMILY LIKE OURS		MURPHY, FRANK	9781534111868	SLEEPING BEAR PRESS	2023 E	K-3	Hardcover Trade
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Tags: Diverse Family Structure, General Diversity

Annotation: A celebration of all kinds of families from sprawling extended families and close-knit units to adopted and chosen families.

Review Sources: Kirkus Review - 06/15/2023

Full Text Reviews:

- Kirkus Review June 2023 The author-illustrator team behind A Boy Like You (2019) collaborates with new author Lee in this earnest celebration of families in the world. "...Each one is different from the next," the authors open, against a backdrop of a joyful picnic populated by people of a wide range is depicted lovingly through Harren's soft illustrations and sometimes explicitly through the text, which references families at various stages in life. Hardships, while acknowledged, are glossed over in a way that may not bring much comfort to young readers in similar situations. / mend and grow stronger in new ways. / Because we are made to be together"). Maxims of this type are repeated throughout the book, but the preceding text is not always clear ("Families give us a / place to live. / A place to grow. / A place with strong roots for reaching branches together"). Still, overall, the artwork is effective, the tone is reassuring, and readers seeking diverse familial representations will find this book sweet and inclusive. (authors and illustrator note) (Picture book. 3-8)

FARMER WILL ALLEN AND THE GROWING TABLE		MARTIN, JACQUELINE BRIGG	9780983661580	READERS TO EATERS	2016 921 ALL	4.2 1-4	Paperback
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Tags: African/Black/African-American, Own Voices

Annotation: Presents a picture book about the true story of former NBA basketball player Will Allen and his vision for making farmers out of city lots and buildings.

FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE	FEDERAL PROTECTORS	GITLIN, MARTY	9781623106188	BOLT! / BLACK RABBIT BOOKS	2023	4-6	Hardcover Trade
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FENWAY AND THE GREAT ESCAPE	MAKE WAY FOR FENWAY! : 4	COE, VICTORIA J	9780593407004	GP PUTNAM'S SONS BOOKS FOR YOUNG RE	2023 FIC	Animals	1-3 Hardcover Trade
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Annotation: Fenway is ecstatic when he is finally allowed off-leash, until Hattie gets lost and he realizes the leash is mainly to keep her safe.

FENWAY AND THE LOUDMOUTH BIRD	MAKE WAY FOR FENWAY! : 3	COE, VICTORIA J	9780593406977	GP PUTNAM'S SONS BOOKS FOR YOUNG RE	2023 FIC	Animals	1-3 Hardcover Trade
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Annotation: Fenway the dog is surprised to find Nana has a bird named Merlin that talks human! Fenway doesn't believe he and Merlin can be friends.

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FISH FOR CAM IN BLOOM SCULLY, ELIZABETH 9781668935101 CHERRY BLOSSOM PRESS 2023 E 2-4 Hardcover Library

Tags: Decodable/Phonics

Annotation: A story for learning readers that describes a boy named Cam choosing the perfect pet at the pet store. Includes a word list.

FLAG FOOTBALL YOUTH SPORTS LAUGHLIN, KARA L 9781503869394 WONDER BOOKS 2023 796.332 K-3 Hardcover Trade

Annotation: Provides a brief overview of the equipment, rules, and techniques of flag football. Includes color photographs, a glossary, and further

FOOTBALL RECORDS SMASHED! SPORTS ILLUSTRATED KIDS : RECORD SMASHERS BERGLUND, BRUCE 9781669050056 CAPSTONE PRESS INC 2023 796.332 4-6 Hardcover Trade

Tags: General Diversity, High Interest, High-Low

Annotation: Highlights famous record-breaking moments in the sport of football. Includes color photographs, fact boxes, a glossary, and additional

FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT MY EARLY LIBRARY : MY ITTY-BITTY BIO TROCKMAN, BEN 9781668927243 CHERRY LAKE PUBLISHING 2023 921 ROS PS-2 Hardcover Library

FROGS AMAZING ANIMALS BODDEN, VALERIE 9781640265646 CREATIVE EDUCATION 2023 597.8 3 1-3 Hardcover Trade

Annotation: Explores the physical features, habitat, diet, life cycle, and behaviors of frogs, and features a folktale about frogs. Includes color photographs and resources.

Review Sources: School Library Journal - February 2016

Full Text Reviews:

- School Library Journal February 2016 K-Gr 3—This long-running series, known for its gorgeous, eye-catching photos; elegant layout; and that introduce kids to some fascinating creatures. Bodden and Riggs cover the basics—behavior, appearance, location, and young—and each animal in question. The photographs elevate these offerings above the rest of the pack: images from striking angles that depict these beauties making their first forays into nonfiction will enjoy these gentle overviews. Copyright 2016 Reed Business Information.

GALAXIES EXPLORING OUR UNIVERSE HUDAK, HEATHER C 9781680784046 CHECKERBOARD / ABDO 2016 523.1 5.1 3-6 Hardcover Library

Annotation: Highlights the history of galaxies from the discovery of them to how they're formed and studied. Includes a glossary, a website for further

Review Sources: School Library Journal - April 2017, Horn Book Guide - October 2017

Full Text Reviews:

- Horn Book Guide October 2017 Elementary facts about bodies in the solar system and throughout the universe are portioned out across 10 descriptions of the featured astronomical topic; historical and current thinking about scientific features and composition; and the telescopes. Captioned photographs, diagrams, and sidebars effectively supplement the satisfactory texts. Glossary, index.
- School Library Journal April 2017 Gr 4-7—After reading this series, students are certain to walk away with a newfound appreciation for the impressive amount of details each volume introduces kids to scientific terms with unexpected definitions (Trojans are asteroids outside our celestial bodies most likely unknown to casual readers. One such example: the main arms of the Milky Way are named Scutum-Centaurus Sagittarius and Norma (Galaxies). The inclusion of a "Guidebook" in each tome reiterates data in a concise and straightforward format. Rich, breathtaking photographs complete this appealing and information-packed set. VERDICT Consider for collections that serve space buffs.

GANGSTA GOAT & THE BIG MOO SUPERSONIC PHONICS : LEVEL 03 : YELLOW ANTHONY, WILLIAM 9798888226551 SUPERSONIC PHONICS 2023 E K-2 Hardcover Library

Tags: Decodable/Phonics

Annotation: Contains two simple stories for beginning readers about a goat that wants to be a gangsta and a hungry cow that seeks food from the illustrations that help readers comprehend the stories. Includes activities, literacy instructions for teachers and caregivers, and a link to download

GIANT ISLAND YOLEN, JANE 9781947277182 FLASHLIGHT PRESS 2022 FIC K-2 Hardcover Trade

Annotation: While their grandfather fishes, two children and their dog explore a small island and discover that the island is more than it seems to be.

Review Sources: Booklist - 08/01/2022, Horn Book Guide - September 2022, Kirkus Review - 06/01/2022

Full Text Reviews:

- Horn Book Guide September 2022 Approaching Giant Island in Grandpa's motorboat, Ava and Mason wonder why the small island has such a name. "That's what my grandpa told me." The children explore the island while Grandpa goes fishing and discover a cave "dripping with mystery."

"seemed to be magic everywhere" (the illustration shows the two floating in giant bubbles beneath the water's surface). From a rocky led whole island is a giant!" By wielding perspective and scale in playful ways, Keith provides visual clues along the way: a stone that serves ; under the water that form a giant's affable face. The rocky ledge is the giant's extended arm. Yolen fills the text with the children's excited Grandpa whispers as they leave at sunset, "Always good to see you, old friend," readers know his intention was to give his grandchildren i contrasts in the opening and closing endpapers celebrate the power of imagination to make magic. Julie Danielson

- Booklist August 2022 Preschool-Grade 2 - "The prolific, award-winning Yolen crafts an ingenious magic trick of a book here, where a big p standing on and exploring long before they do. A boy and a girl row out to a tiny circular island with their grandfather. As the grandfather climb down into a cave filled with boulders and sea creatures. As the illustrations zoom out from the island, readers see that the landmas craggy face and, below the surface, a giant blowing bubbles for the kids to play in. The illustrations, done in gouache and colored pencils surface into a magical one. This giant is a friendly one, and readers will want to return again and again to see how the slow reveal is pulle
- Kirkus Review June 2022 The wonder of childhood comes alive...literally. When Ava and Mason and their dog, Cooper, visit Giant Island w name; it's a tiny island where no giant could possibly live. But Grandpa says it's always been called that, even back when he came there t the two children and their dog explore, finding a cave teeming with ocean life, stones "shiny as mirrors," and a great spot for swimming. A to see what they haven't noticed yet: The whole island is a giant: the trees, hair; the cave, an ear; and the stones, eyes. Yolen and Keith co what they appear to be. But no, the magic of Giant Island is that this giant is alive and moving, their arms and fingers pointing, grasping, i may pretend not to know what's going on, he and the giant share parting words and a wave: "Always good to see you, old friend." Keith's suit the seaweed tufts and tightly packed rocks of the island and the ocean life that surrounds it. Grandpa and Mason have light skin; Ava' Childhood magic shared with a new generation. (Picture book. 4-8)

GUINEA PIGS	WHAT ARE THEY SAYING?	ORR, TAMRA	9781624690310	PURPLE TOAD PUBLISHING EBOOKS	2014 636.935	PS-2	MackinVIA eBook Single-user Perpetual
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Annotation: Guinea pigs describe what they are trying to say with their body language. Includes color photographs and pet facts.

HISPANIC HERITAGE = HERENCIA HISPANA	RACIAL JUSTICE IN AMERICA : LATINX AMERICAN	MENDOZA, BRENDA PEREZ	9781668927557	CHERRY LAKE PUBLISHING	2023 305.868	5-8	Hardcover Library
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Tags: Latine/Hispanic

Annotation: Explores the history, traditions, and holidays of Hispanic heritage and Hispanic Heritage Month, and discusses the influence of Hisp. Hispanic Americans. Includes color photographs, sidebars, an activity, a glossary, and additional resources.

HISTORY'S SECRETS OF THE AIR AND SEA	HISTORY'S GREATEST MYSTERIES	HANSEN, GRACE	9781098242305	DISCOVERROO / ABDO	2022 629.13	5 2-5	Hardcover Library
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Annotation: Highlights famous unsolved mysteries at sea from throughout history including the whereabouts of Blackbeard's treasure, crew me Amelia Earhart's disappearance. Includes fact boxes, photographs, a glossary, discussion questions, and online resources.

Review Sources: Booklist - 01/01/2023

Full Text Reviews:

- Booklist January 2023 Grades 3-5 - "Prepare your magnifying glasses to peer into the History's Greatest Mysteries series (6 titles). Each tit four-chapter breakdown: a topic introduction, followed by three relevant historical events. Thoughtfully illustrated with well-chosen artw cultural context and intrigue. The information is surprisingly pragmatic, presenting each event with supporting facts and potential soluti Blackbeard's hidden treasure and the disappearances of both the Mary Celeste ship crew and esteemed pilot Amelia Earhart will boggle t and Sea. Each work concludes with "Making Connections" questions, which ask readers to consider the title's content in relation to them sleuths can pursue additional leads by following the books' QR codes to relevant online resources. A compelling, high-interest potpourri.

HORSES	WHAT ARE THEY SAYING?	GAGNE, TAMMY	9781624690181	PURPLE TOAD PUBLISHING EBOOKS	2014 636.1	PS-2	MackinVIA eBook Single-user Perpetual
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Annotation: Various breeds of horses describe what they are trying to say with their body language. Includes color photographs and pet facts.

Review Sources: Library Media Connection - May 2014

Full Text Reviews:

- Library Media Connection May 2014 This title is an easy read-aloud about the different behaviors exhibited by horses, using vivid photos. here focuses on horses' ways of conveying their feelings. The horses communicate with young readers in first person, such as "when I am why their ears go down, why they snort or kick their hind legs. Each page has a "Pet Fact" in order to increase the reader's knowledge. Ma Teacher, Midway Jewish Center, Syosset, New York [Editor's Note: Available in e-book format.] RECOMMENDED

HOW THE BOMB CHANGED EVERYTHING	ATOMIC BOMB PERSPECTIVES	HUDDLESTON, EMMA	9781532192678	ABDO PUBLISHING COMPANY	2021 355.02	4-8	Hardcover Library
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Annotation: Explores the effects and legacy of the dropping of the atomic bomb, and examines how it led to the Cold War. Highlights the development of the controversies surrounding it. Includes color and black-and-white photographs, sidebars, writing prompts, a timeline, a glossary, and additional resources.

HOW TO FIND A BOOK	LEARNING LIBRARY SKILLS	STJOHN, AMANDA	9781503865334	WONDER BOOKS	2023 025.3	K-3	Hardcover Library
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Annotation: Stew Rabbit and Opal Owl go to the library to learn how to find books on the shelves. They are introduced to the Dewey Decimal System and how to use the library catalog.

★HOW TO WIN A SLIME WAR		RESPICIO, MAE	9780593302705	YEARLING	2023 FIC	Realistic 4.3	3-6 Paperback
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Tags: Asian/Pacific Islander/Asian-American, Friendship, Own Voices, Responsible Decision-Making

Annotation: After moving with his father to Sacramento to take over his grandparents' Filipino market, Alex Manalo is adjusting to life at his new school. To make matters worse, he draws the ire of a peer, who previously held all the slime business at the school. But Alex isn't interested in competing for his love of slime. His father thinks making slime is a waste of time and pressures him into joining the soccer team for a more manly pursuit. As Alex realizes the only way to solve his problems is to be himself.

Review Sources: Kirkus Review - 08/01/2021, School Library Journal Starred - September 2021, Booklist - 12/01/2021

Full Text Reviews:

- Booklist December 2021 Grades 3-6 - "When Alex Manalo's father takes over the family's Filipino market, they move to Sacramento. Alex is adjusting to all the changes his father is making to his grandparents' store. To make matters worse, his father signs him up to play on the neighborhood soccer team—his passion—making slime. On the first day of school, he is convinced by a new friend to sell one of his concoctions. Only one problem: Mom won't share. When Alex challenges her, a slime war is declared. Whoever sells the most slime wins, but at what cost? While Respcio's book takes place in poverty, the central message is about being your authentic self. Kids enthralled by slime will enjoy the recipes scattered throughout the book and the activities in the classroom. This title is a solid recommendation to any budding entrepreneur or slime enthusiast."
- School Library Journal Starred September 2021 Gr 3-7—Alex's grandparents have retired, so he and his dad move to Sacramento to run the family business. Alex should participate in typical "boy" activities like soccer, but Alex's passion is making slime. However, a girl at school has the slime monopoly. Alex just wants to make slime and make friends. Now he's in a battle he doesn't want to fight, playing a sport he doesn't like, trying to win voice and makes good choices. This is a well-written story of family and friendship. Not only does Alex grow and change, but so do his father and mother. This will enjoy the recipes for slime at the beginning of each chapter. Alex's Filipino heritage figures prominently in the text. VERDICT A delightfully diverse representation, this is a necessary purchase. Highly recommended for all collections.—Julie Overpeck, Gardner Park Elem. Sch., Gastonia
- Kirkus Review August 2021 The new kid in town finds himself caught up in a slime-selling battle. Twelve-year-old Alex Manalo is passionate about slime and his dad (his mother has died) move from Silicon Valley to Sacramento to take over his grandparents' struggling Filipino market, he is a new kid isn't easy, and while Alex isn't sporty or tall like the popular kids at his old school, he soon discovers that his new middle school is full of different ingredients, textures, and smells, garnering the attention of his classmates. A new friend convinces him to sell his slime, but that friend has a monopoly at school. It isn't going to be easy, especially when his dad thinks slime is a waste of time and that Alex should be playing soccer to win sticky battles with his family, new friends, and himself. Respcio has written an exciting, fast-paced story of friendship, family, and perseverance. Alex's voice is heard, but he eventually finds his voice and understands what it really means to be a winner. Alex and his family are relatable. This book includes different slime recipes. Oozing with fun. (Fiction. 8-12)

I'M HAPPY-SAD TODAY : MAKING SENSE OF MIXED- TOGETHER FEELINGS		BRITAIN, LORY	9781631983054	FREE SPIRIT PUBLISHING	2019 152.4	PS-2	Hardcover Trade
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Tags: Feelings/Emotions, Self-Awareness

Annotation: A young girl struggles to understand how she can feel multiple emotions at a time in the same circumstance.

IMANI AND THE GREAT HAIR EXPERIMENT	HAIR MAGIC : READ WOKE CHAPTER BOOKS	LEWIS, CICELY	9781728486864	LEARNER PUBLICATIONS COMPANY	2024	1-3	Hardcover Library
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THE INCA	ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS	ANDREWS, ELIZABETH	9781098243289	DISCOVERROO / ABDO	2022 985	2-5	Hardcover Library
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Annotation: Explores the history, culture, and religion of the Inca, and highlights what daily life was like in the Inca empire. Includes color photographs, a map, a glossary, and additional resources.

Review Sources: School Library Journal - April 2023

Full Text Reviews:

- School Library Journal April 2023 Gr 2–5—The glamor and mystery of ancient kingdoms from around the world are described in these titles. Chinese mythology, as well as emperors, dynasties, and the extent of the territories they ruled. Most pages contain an illustration or side illustration of a Colosseum or Aztec ball games. Each book also includes QR codes to access videos, online articles and essays, and activities such as puzzles accessed through a provided URL. Questions help readers make connections between the text and themselves, other texts, and the world around them. The online extras make it especially appealing to students. Copyright 2023 Reed Business Information.

INDIAN NO MORE : MCMANIS, CHARLENE 9798885789479 YOUTH LARGE PRINT 2023 FIC 4-6 Paperback (LARGE PRINT) WILLING

Annotation: After her father signs up for the Indian Relocation Program and uproots the family to Los Angeles, twelve-year-old Regina Petit struggles to find her place in her diverse neighborhood, and her identity as an Umpqua native.

*INDIGO AND IDA CAPPS, HEATHER 9781728467689 CAROLRHODA 2023 FIC Realistic 5-8 Hardcover Trade MURPHY

Tags: African/Black/African-American, Own Voices, Relationship Skills, Responsible Decision-Making, Social Justice

Annotation: Eighth grader Indigo uses her passion for journalism to try to win back recently drifted away friends Abbie and Manning, finding success in the face of detention policies. While researching the story, she came across writings by Black journalist and activist Ida B. Wells and they inspire her to run for student council president. Through her campaign, her newfound popularity fades and her friends and peers begin to criticize her. Through Ida's letters however, she becomes more popular.

Review Sources: Kirkus Review - 02/01/2023, Booklist Starred Reviews - 02/15/2023

Full Text Reviews:

- Kirkus Review February 2023 A middle schooler learns important lessons while running for office. Eighth grader Indigo Fitzgerald is a willing investigative journalist whose exposé videos get a lot of views, she attempts to change her squeaky-clean reputation by spray-painting a 'vandal' on the school wall. There, she encounters the autobiography of trailblazing Black journalist Ida B. Wells. While reading it and observing racial disparities between Black and white detention, Indigo decides to expand her platform by running for student council president. Other issues in her family and community claim she realizes she is being judged as intense, militant, and unlikable rather than as a crusader for justice. Indigo becomes more aware of how to have an honest conversation with her White mother about whether she can truly understand what Indigo, her brother, and her Black father experience. The book captures the turmoil of finding one's place while navigating the various demands of growing up. The fictional letters informed by research can inform a young person's development. Indigo is an intriguing character surrounded by a realistic supporting cast of peers and adults. The book sheds light on the present. (author's note, discussion questions) (Fiction. 10-13)

THE JACKSONVILLE NFL TEAM MATTERN, BELLWETHER 2023 796.332 3-7 Hardcover JAGUARS PROFILES JOANNE 9798886874808 MEDIA Library

Annotation: Chronicles the history of the Jacksonville Jaguars professional football team, and highlights notable players, the team's stadium, and a list of notable players and team facts, a glossary, and additional resources.

JAM THE PUP IN BLOOM SCULLY, ELIZABETH 9781668927045 CHERRY BLOSSOM PRESS 2023 E 2-4 Paperback

Tags: Decodable/Phonics

Annotation: Jam the pup goes about his day being a puppy: making a mess, taking naps, and being cared for by his human. Simple text and illustrations.

JOY'S TOY STORE LITTLE BLOSSOM MINDEN, CECILIA 9781668926918 CHERRY BLOSSOM PRESS 2023 E PS-2 Paperback

Tags: Decodable/Phonics

JUAN SOTO TORQUE : SPORTS ADAMSON, THOMAS K 9798886871562 BELLWETHER MEDIA 2023 921 SOT 3.7 4-6 Hardcover Library

Tags: High-Low

Annotation: Chronicles the life of baseball player Juan Soto, and details his early life, baseball career, and accomplishments. Includes color photographs and additional resources.

Review Sources: School Library Journal - April 2023, Booklist - 07/01/2023

Full Text Reviews:

- Booklist July 2023 Grades 3-5 - "When it comes to the world of sports, there's no shortage of amazing players for fans to admire. The book gets up close to some of these famous athletes and learn more about their careers. Highly visual, this series keeps its stat-saturated text brief and colorful infographics. Juan Solo follows the young Dominican's rapid rise to baseball's major leagues, where his talents as an outfielder for the Washington Nationals, win the World Series. Short and quick reads, these books are perfect for general sports lovers and those looking for introductory high-interest series and the inspiring, diverse players it showcases."
- School Library Journal April 2023 Gr 3–5—The brightest stars in sports are profiled in this visually appealing series. Each athlete is given a short biography, a photograph, and a quote. All considered role models, their accomplishments are lauded before their challenges.

gymnastics prowess and her advocacy for mental health and victims of abuse are praised. Toward the back of each book, maps show the interesting for stars of international renown like Lionel Messi, Serena Williams, and Shohei Ohtani than for homebodies like Steph Curry and brightly colored photos, the short blocks of text and factoid callouts are highlighted with graffiti-like graphics. The overall aesthetic is a bit the eye and the concise writing delivers the appropriate level of detail for browsers. VERDICT A first-purchase series full of flair. Copyright

JUDY HEUMANN MY EARLY LIBRARY : NEWTON, LILY 9781668927250 CHERRY LAKE PUBLISHING 2023 921 HEU PS-2 Hardcover Library

Tags: People with Disabilities

Annotation: Simple text and color photographs introduce young readers to Judith Heumann, a teacher and disability rights activist, and details how she filed a lawsuit because she was not allowed to become a teacher because she was disabled. Includes a timeline and a glossary.

KENYA BLASTOFF! READERS : COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD DAVIES, MONIKA 9798886871340 BELLWETHER MEDIA 2023 967.62 K-3 Hardcover Library

Tags: Africa

Annotation: Explores the geography, climate, wildlife, people, and culture of Kenya. Includes color photographs, sidebars, a map, a glossary, and

Review Sources: School Library Journal - April 2023

Full Text Reviews:

- School Library Journal April 2023 Gr 2-4—This very easy series, featuring a few compact sentences per page and aimed at young students information, though probably not enough for rudimentary reports. However, students will get a glimpse of nations across the globe. Come the countries and develop respectful "they're like me" viewpoints. Titles provide strong visual support, with high-quality, color (usually national foods, animals, and people—frequently portraying children and families (often intergenerational), looking directly at readers and are: "All About" the featured country; "Land and Animals" (geography, weather, native wildlife-with pictorial chart); and "Life in..." (residents religions(s), sports/recreational activities, foods-pictured, festivals/holidays, customs). New vocabulary is in bold and defined in the glossary. Words are defined through text or photos. Each book teaches how to say and pronounce "hello" in the nation's language. The series is vis against yellow, orange, or green backgrounds. Volumes include maps depicting nations' exact locations and relative positions in the world. Besides the glossary, To Learn More (a bibliography of books and the publisher's website), and an index, useful back matter material includes country's current census data, national holiday, national language, capital city, a notable citizen, and national flag; other charts depict the practitioners, and some major landmarks. VERDICT Recommended for school and public collections. Encourage students to practice saying the national flags to display in classrooms/libraries. Copyright 2023 Reed Business Information.

KICK THE BALL IN BLOOM SCULLY, ELIZABETH 9781668935125 CHERRY BLOSSOM PRESS 2023 E 2-4 Hardcover Library

Tags: Decodable/Phonics

Annotation: A story for learning readers that describes a girl named Meg who teaches her friend Sam to improve her soccer kicking skills. Includes

LEBRON JAMES TORQUE : SPORTS SUPERSTARS DOWNS, KIERAN 9798886871579 BELLWETHER MEDIA 2023 921 JAM 4 4-6 Hardcover Library

Tags: African/Black/African-American, High-Low

Annotation: Chronicles the life of professional basketball player LeBron James, detailing his early life, rise as a basketball prodigy, professional career, photographs, fact boxes, a timeline, a glossary, and additional resources.

Review Sources: School Library Journal - April 2023

Full Text Reviews:

- School Library Journal April 2023 Gr 3-5—The brightest stars in sports are profiled in this visually appealing series. Each athlete is given a quarterbacks Joe Burrow, Dak Prescott, and Patrick Mahomes. All considered role models, their accomplishments are lauded before their gymnastics prowess and her advocacy for mental health and victims of abuse are praised. Toward the back of each book, maps show the interesting for stars of international renown like Lionel Messi, Serena Williams, and Shohei Ohtani than for homebodies like Steph Curry and brightly colored photos, the short blocks of text and factoid callouts are highlighted with graffiti-like graphics. The overall aesthetic is a bit the eye and the concise writing delivers the appropriate level of detail for browsers. VERDICT A first-purchase series full of flair. Copyright

LIZA KOSHY YOUTUBERS RUSICK, JESSICA 9781532191817 ABDO PUBLISHING COMPANY 2019 921 KOS 5.2 3-6 Hardcover Library

Tags: General Diversity, High Interest

Annotation: Chronicles the rise to fame of YouTube star Liza Koshy, discussing her videos, collaborations, and future. Includes color photographs

THE LOS ANGELES RAMS NFL TEAM PROFILES SCHEFFER, JANIE 9798886874846 BELLWETHER MEDIA 2023 796.332 3-7 Hardcover Library

Annotation: Briefly explores the history and celebrated important players and coaches of the Los Angeles Rams, formerly the St. Louis Rams. Includes

LOVED ONES WITH AUTISM 21ST CENTURY JUNIOR LIBRARY : LOVED ONES WITH MCCLAIN, ANNEMARIE 9781668927328 CHERRY LAKE PUBLISHING 2023 616 2-5 Hardcover Library

Tags: Neurodiverse, People with Disabilities

Annotation: Introduces young readers to what life is like for loved ones with autism, and explains how to support and love someone with autism fact boxes, a glossary, and additional resources.

LOVED ONES WITH CANCER 21ST CENTURY JUNIOR LIBRARY : LOVED ONES WITH MCCLAIN, ANNEMARIE 9781668927335 CHERRY LAKE PUBLISHING 2023 616 2-5 Hardcover Library

Tags: Chronic Illness

Review Sources: Booklist - 10/01/2023

Full Text Reviews:

- Booklist October 2023 Grades 2-5 - "The Loved Ones With series (6 titles) tackles difficult topics with a straightforward approach. This book is, what might happen to a person with cancer, and what treatment might be like. In the same way that they discuss cancer cells and issues, may experience when a loved one has cancer and how to deal with those feelings. The book is explicitly for children with family members themselves. Adults should be aware that the book does mention death as one possible outcome of cancer, though it does not dwell on it, those who need it."

MADDI'S FRIDGE BRANDT, LOIS 9781947277762 FLASHLIGHT PRESS 2022 E 2.6 K-2 Paperback

Tags: Poverty/Homelessness

Annotation: When Sofia discovers that her best friend Maddi doesn't have enough to eat at home because her family is poor, she finds ways to help. Includes a list of suggestions parents, children, and educators can implement to help end childhood hunger.

Review Sources: School Library Journal - October 2014, Horn Book Guide - April 2015

Full Text Reviews:

- Horn Book Guide April 2015 When Sofia finds Maddi's refrigerator nearly empty because Maddi's mother doesn't have enough money to buy groceries, eventually Sofia tells her own mother, and together they gather some groceries for Maddi's family. Humorous art and a story line focusing on combating hunger are included.
- School Library Journal October 2014 Gr 1-3—In her debut picture book, Brandt addresses an important issue: childhood hunger. Sofia's friend Maddi is climbing the wall at the park, the girls go to Maddi's apartment. A hungry Sofia looks for a snack and is surprised to find a lone carton of milk. Maddi can't afford to buy groceries because she can't afford to not have enough money to go to the grocery store and makes Sofia promise to keep it secret. At home, Sofia's mother serves a delicious meal of good things to eat, including her brother's favorite treat, Cheesy Pizza Bombs. Worried about her friend, Sofia smuggles food to school, but in the afternoon, Sofia tries to follow the nimble Maddi to the top of the climbing wall, but it's too high for her. Maddi encourages her, lending her a hand to do something for Maddi, Sofia tells her mother about the empty fridge. Together, they go to the store to buy groceries. To Sofia's relief, Maddi's families share a supper of Cheesy Pizza Bombs. Vogel's digital illustrations portraying the smiling, wide-eyed girls in their city neighborhood provide an endnote provides suggestions for helping friends who have empty refrigerators and directs young readers to a companion website, Maddi Preparatory High School, Boston, MA Copyright 2014 Reed Business Information.

★MAIZY CHEN'S LAST CHANCE YEE, LISA 9781984830258 RANDOM HOUSE BOOKS FOR YOUNG READER 2022 FIC Realistic 4.6 4-6 Hardcover Trade

Tags: Asian/Pacific Islander/Asian-American, Own Voices, Social Awareness

Annotation: After her grandfather falls ill, eleven-year-old Maizy Chen travels to her mom's hometown of Last Chance, Minnesota, to help her grandfather run their Chinese restaurant. She is tasked with keeping Opa company while he recovers, and she soon finds herself learning about Lucky Chen, her great-grandfather's Golden Palace. She is shocked when the restaurant is targeted by a racist attack as they are the only Asian-American family in town, and she struggles to make a new friend and connects with her family's roots while learning that it's what's on the inside that counts.

Review Sources: Kirkus Review - 12/01/2021, Publishers Weekly - 12/20/2021, Horn Book Guide Starred - January 2022, Booklist Starred Reviews - November 2022, Newbery Award - 2023, Asian/Pacific American Awards for Literature - 2023

Full Text Reviews:

- School Library Journal Starred November 2022 Gr 4 Up—When 11-year-old Maizy's grandfather falls ill, she and her mother visit her grandfather to help him run their Chinese restaurant, Maizy learns about her family history with enduring roots in the town since the 1880s. As Maizy discovers her grandfather's issues that still plague the town. In connecting with her grandparents, Maizy learns not only about past generations, but also about family and strained familial relationships. This fast-paced, humorous, heartwarming tale of family and history is likely to appeal to readers of all ages. This contemporary fiction tale has mystery, friendship, and family packed into an enthralling read.—Monisha Blair Copyright 2022
- Booklist Starred Reviews February 2022 Grades 4-7 - "**Starred Review*" It's summer when 11-year-old Maizy first visits her grandparents' family business, the Golden Palace restaurant, founded by Lucky, her grandfather's grandfather, in 1886. For several months, Maizy helps out at the restaurant after Opa, her grandfather, whose health is failing. She's fascinated by his stories about Lucky, whose experiences as a cook's assistant in the railroad, and a businessman in Last Chance resembled those of many Asian immigrants. A racist attack on her grandparents' restaurant st

She also reaches out to the descendants of the “paper sons” Lucky helped years ago. The novel features many convincing characters with his childhood best friend to insights about Maizy’s mother, revealed only when she returns to her roots. In the first-person narrative, grandparents, observing their interactions and learning about their experiences. While the mystery element adds a dimension to the plot ancestral heritage and choosing to make it part of her life. A moving, multilayered family narrative.”

- Horn Book Guide Starred January 2022 Eleven-year-old Maizy and her mother leave fast-paced Los Angeles to spend the summer in languid grandparents, own Golden Palace, the only Chinese restaurant in the area. Although she finds life in the Midwest boring at first, Maizy beg family. As she spends time with her sick grandfather, Maizy learns about the history of those who came before her -- in particular, her grea is told in interspersed flashbacks. As Maizy learns about Lucky's struggles against racism, she also confronts microaggressions and hate c eyes of a spirited and likable protagonist, the story explores evergreen issues of immigration, intergenerational trauma, and the many da with "sailing ships, outlaws, and a gold mountain." Through this captivating story of the Chen family legacy, Yee (Millicent Min, Girl Geniu: the personal political, and prompts readers to consider what it means to be American. Gabi K. Huesca
- Publishers Weekly December 2021 In this fast-paced narrative, Chinese American only child Maizy Chen travels with her food stylist single Last Chance, Minn., to care for Maizy's ailing grandfather. As the 11-year-old gets to know her estranged grandparents—mischievous poke restaurant owners— she must navigate unfamiliar stressors both familial and social, including the tension between her mother and Oma, town. Over the course of an unpredictable summer, Maizy learns how to play poker, how her ancestors helped to support paper sons, anc fortune cookies, all while solving a mystery or two. Interspersed segments reveal Maizy’s great-great-grandfather’s journey to Last Chanc Chinese emigrants to America. If the book feels overstuffed at times, Yee’s (The Kidney Hypothetical) full house of endearing characters a emphasizing the taut thread between past and present, and the imperative to aid others. Back matter includes an author’s note with hist Wontons, and resources. Ages 8–12. Agent: Jodi Reamer, Writers House. (Feb.)
- Kirkus Review December 2021 A Chinese American tween learns that what’s on the inside matters most during a summer living with her g grandfather falls ill, 11-year-old Maizy and her food stylist mother leave their home in Los Angeles to spend the summer with her grandpa Oma and Opa since she was 8, puzzles over mysteries during their stay. Mom and Oma don’t get along; a wall of the Golden Palace, the fa someone is targeting the restaurant with racist attacks. As Maizy searches for answers while helping to care for Opa, battling homesickne: aren’t always as they seem on the outside. She learns about Lucky Chen, her great-great-grandfather, who immigrated to the U.S. from Cf family today, which in turn leads her to help others uncover their own families’ secrets. The pace is lively and the writing strong, seamless anti-immigration sentiment. Each member of the large cast of characters from multiple times and locations is vividly portrayed, and a vai hands—keeps reader interest high. A moving, engrossing story of a girl’s transformative change and strengthened sense of belonging. (au

MAKING A MUMMY	SMITHSONIAN : INFORMATIONAL TEXT : GRADE 3	RICE, DONA HERWECK	9781493866793	TEACHER CREATED MATERIALS	2018 393	4.6 1-3	Paperback
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Tags: Africa

Annotation: eDescribes the Egyptian mummification process, what archaeologists can learn from mummies, and the tools they use to study mu color photographs, a glossary, a STEAM activity, and further resources.

Review Sources: Booklist - 03/15/2018, School Library Connection - October 2018

Full Text Reviews:

- School Library Connection October 2018 <p>Each of these titles is illustrated with captioned full-color photographs, text book inserts, a clean layout. Each two-page spread features several paragraphs of information on one side and a paragraph in a text book on the opposi information and illustrations. Each book also includes a STEAM challenge, a page of career advice, and a "read and respond" page with rr This series would be best utilized as additional classroom materials, though unless it can be purchased rebound it would not hold up to r Contents.</p> Kay E. Evey ADDITIONAL SELECTION
- Booklist March 2018 Grades 1-3 - Grades 1-3 - This entry in the new Smithsonian Informational Text: Grade 3 series (15 titles) introduces y mummification. In short, simple sentences on the left, Rice outlines the evolution of the sacred procedure, illuminating the shortcomings embalming, and the study of mummies and their artifacts today. Meanwhile, on the right, full-page photos range from delightfully macab Occasional sidebars examine mummification’s undeniable STEAM applications, while “Science” boxes offer quick looks, for example, at b square structure of pyramid bases. A final “STEAM Challenge” invites readers to construct small cardboard tombs. And that’s not all: advi comprehension questions conclude. Aspiring scientists, prepare to be enraptured.

MAKING MORE	ROY, KATHERINE	9781324015840	W W NORTON & COMPANY	2023 571.8	4-7	Hardcover Trade
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Annotation: Describes the biological process of how and why different animals and plants reproduce, describing internal and external reproduc diagrams, a glossary, and an activity.

Review Sources: School Library Journal Starred - February 2023, Kirkus Reviews Starred - 02/15/2023, Booklist - 04/15/2023, Publishers Weekly !

Full Text Reviews:

- Publishers Weekly Starred June 2023 “Everywhere, all around you, life is making more.” Roy begins this elegantly illustrated nonfiction st whom is visibly pregnant—hiking through a park while new life emerges all around them. Snakes entwine, a beetle lays brilliant yellow eg sets of genes “meet and merge,” describing how when various forms of flora and fauna “make more,” the process passes along genetic m cells that tell them what to do”). Full spreads expound on plant reproduction, mammalian gestation, and the early life stages of fish and a watercolor portrait, explanatory text, and detailed, sometimes playful watercolor diagrams. Clear text and intimate portraits make this a includes a glossary and author’s note. Ages 7–10. (Mar.)

- Booklist April 2023 Grades 2-5 - "This hybrid offering about the cycle of life begins as a picture book with sparse sentences and facing spr introductory pages explain that most new life comes from a process involving meeting, merging, and creating. These are followed by 15 p genomes, and gametes, followed by discussions of egg and sperm cells, types of fertilization, gestation periods, and the new creation of v relatable examples are supported by full-page illustrations, diagrams, and flowcharts, but will still be too sophisticated for most young re survival expectancies for wild animals, mutations, and biodiversity, the book reverts to the picture-book format for a few pages of reassu from the author. This is a very gentle way of introducing reproduction to children through examples they can observe in their own backy: vocabulary for the inevitable follow-up questions."
- Kirkus Reviews Starred February 2023 A basic guide to how plants and animals make more plants and animals. There are lots of strategie: merge, and create something new." Studiously avoiding direct references to human reproduction in her narrative (though covering it in h then goes on to explain in greater detail how various flora and fauna accomplish each element in the pattern—from attracting mates ("Fu gametes to creating external seeds and eggs or internal safe spaces for early stages of development, leading up to birth. Her language is s and, though she's not above putting party hats on a newly hatched snake, in general she depicts the insides and outsides of her figures w anatomical labels and explanatory captions. Her fulsome backmatter includes suggestions for backyard nature study and a detailed acco splitting chromosomes during meiosis. Meanwhile, glimpses early on of a possibly biracial pregnant couple with a child that culminate in picnic attended by people diverse in age and skin color silently add a certain other species to the lineup. A perennially hot topic explored (glossary, selected sources, list of species that appear in the book) (Nonfiction. 6-11)
- School Library Journal Starred February 2023 Gr 3-6—A young, light-skinned family takes a walk through a forested park and happens up is a closer look at the wild plants and animals, from trees and flowers to fish and frogs, "making more" all around them. This process of r merge, in all its various forms fills the rest of the book. Roy's illustrations are, as always, a delight: realistic yet stylized; full of warmth and Northwest. Each method of fertilization is explained through diagrams that provide greater detail. Human reproduction is left out of the b about the mother in the family's pregnant belly and the birthday party where they arrive at the end. VERDICT Highly recommended for nc off the shelf with science-loving kids and neutralize any adult melodrama around talking to kids about sex.—Amy Fellows Copyright 2023

UN MAL DIA PARA MIA	SUPERESTRELLAS	FRIEDMAN, LAURIE	9781039648791	LEAVES CHAPTER BOOKS	2022 FIC	Sports	2-4	Hardcover Library
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Annotation: Super Starz gymnast Mia learns to bounce back after a fall during her floor routine.

★THE MEMORY THIEVES	CONJUREVERSE : 2	CLAYTON, DHONIELLE	9781250174970	HENRY HOLT & COMPANY (BYR)	2023 FIC	Fantasy	5-7	Hardcover Trade
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Tags: African/Black/African-American, Own Voices

Annotation: In her second year at Arcanum Training Institute, Ella grapples with fame, unearths a school secret, and faces a mysterious magical i responsible for the outbreak, Ella, Brigit, and Jason work to clear her name while also trying to keep the Marvellian realm from descending into c

Review Sources: Kirkus Reviews Starred - 08/01/2023

Full Text Reviews:

- Kirkus Reviews Starred August 2023 A 12-year-old uses history to prove that her people have always belonged in their magical world. Ella Brigit and Jason return to the Arcanum Training Institute for Marvelous and Uncanny Endeavors with some experience under their belts t year. Ella's fame among Marvellers has skyrocketed ever since she helped stop the diabolical scheme of the Ace of Anarchy, Gia Trivelino. Marvellians would hope—and she has decided that Ella owes her a debt that must be paid. On top of this threat, Masterji Thakur, Ella's m long been involved with the school. Ella insists on acquiring solid proof and revealing this truth that the media seems intent on suppressi affecting the student body, and secrets she uncovers, Ella faces extra obstacles. Clayton continues building a world that is intricate, capti cultural diversity to the story as Ella explores her school and becomes involved with more members of the multidimensional cast of char: this accessible to new fans, but readers are best served by having read The Marvellers (2022). A wonderfully well-developed sequel. (list o

MEXICO VS. THE UNITED STATES	WORLD CUP RIVALS	ALLEN, JULES	9781666357356	CAPSTONE PRESS INC	2022 796.334		3.2 4-6	Hardcover Trade
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Tags: High-Low

Annotation: Briefly profiles the Mexico and United States professional soccer teams and chronicles the history of their rivalry for the World Cup.

Review Sources: Booklist - 10/01/2022

Full Text Reviews:

- Booklist October 2022 Grades 2-4 - "Capstone's World Cup Rivals series (4 titles) offers reviews of professional soccer teams that have fac profiled teams are both neighbors and longtime rivals, as in the case with this offering. Histories of both teams, profiles of their star play presented in brief chapters (chapter one is eight pages long, each of the others runs four pages). Pages are filled with straightforward text color, often full-page action shots. Back matter includes a glossary, index, and lists of suggested further reading and research resources. T interior photos plus the familiar subject should make this a popular choice."

MOTH IN A FANCY CARDIGAN	MOTH IN A FANCY CARDIGAN	LANCE, CHARLOTTE	97819222610577	BERBAY PUBLISHING	2023 FIC	Humor	3-6	Hardcover Trade
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Annotation: Nine-year-old Gary Grey Moth hates being drab and invisible in his grey cardigan; Florence Butterfly has had enough of being seen i both Gary and Florence to switch cardigans, they become their authentic selves. However, losing her cardigan means Florence has also lost her g Gary and Florence come together and find out who they are meant to be.

Review Sources: Publishers Weekly - 04/17/2023, Kirkus Review - 04/15/2023, Booklist - 05/01/2023

Full Text Reviews:

- Booklist May 2023 Grades 2-4 - "Perspective is everything in this illustrated chapter book, which revolves around two insects who couldn't Eeyore, whose drab Tuesday takes a turn before school. An accidental run-in with Florence, a dazzling butterfly in his class, results in a ch homework, and swapped cardigans: Florence's colorful, sparkling cardigan in Gary's possession and his gray one in Florence's. Both are s of confidence, and Florence luxuriating in the gray cardi's unobtrusive coziness. Unfortunately, Florence knows she must locate her regul Florence each narrate chapters that instantly show readers their unique personalities and unexpected layers. During Florence's cardigan validates her wish to have a bit of gray in her life, while Gary's mood soars with the addition of color in his. Booth's grayscale doodles, acc quirky celebration of self-expression."
- Publishers Weekly April 2023 Gary's a nine-year-old gray moth, and the gray cardigan he wears symbolizes his "practically invisible" existi be someone else. His popular butterfly classmate Florence, meanwhile, wears a brilliant, colorful cardigan that conceals an apparently un as "full of possibilities." In a narrative that unfolds with passion and intensity, Australian writer Lance brings the two beings together, tog character, portrayed in charcoal-y gray and citron yellow art by Australian artist Booth. After Florence leaves her dazzling cardigan on a p: himself transformed. When Florence confesses the loss of her cardigan—and the misplaced birthday present in its pocket, meant for her l changes her view of herself, and of Gary. School drama and insect details are wittily proffered (cardigans are put on "over one, two, three about how "Clothes do not maketh the Man, the Woman, the Moth or the Butterfly." Ages 7–12. (June)
- Kirkus Review April 2023 A moth and a butterfly struggle with outsiders that don't match their insides. Gary, a gray moth, is unhappy with leaves him virtually invisible and envious of the brightly colored butterflies. When Florence, a butterfly, ditches her colorful cardigan outs on and feels like himself in it. Meanwhile, reserved, awkward Florence, who feels uncomfortable trying to live up to her serene mother's e perfect fit. But losing her cardigan causes Florence trouble—its pocket contained a gift for her beloved grandmother, who accepts her for (When Gary eventually finds the drawing, he thinks it incomplete and colors it to "finish" it, ruining what Florence loved most about it.) W cardigan, her grandmother reveals a family secret. Before the protagonists can reconcile their inner-to-outer selves, they must navigate th and preconceptions. Gary and Florence's solution will be obvious to readers based on how happy these brief tastes of change make them Short chapters that switch between Gary's and Florence's perspectives showcase frequent illustrations, grayscale with yellow pops. Heav skinned humans with wings and antennae. Message-heavy but ultimately affirming and empathy-promoting. (Fiction. 7-11)

THE NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	NFL TEAM PROFILES	KLEPEIS, ALICIA Z	9798886874877	BELLWETHER MEDIA	2023 796.332	3-7	Hardcover Library
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Annotation: Chronicles the history of the New England Patriots professional football team, highlighting notable players, coaches, games, and a mascot. Includes color photographs, a list of notable players and team facts, fact boxes, a timeline, a glossary, and additional resources.

THE NEW YORK GIANTS	NFL TEAM PROFILES	MATTERN, JOANNE	9798886874891	BELLWETHER MEDIA	2023 796.332	3-7	Hardcover Library
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Annotation: Chronicles the history of the New York Giants professional football team, highlighting notable players, coaches, games, and achieve color photographs, a list of notable players and team facts, fact boxes, a timeline, a glossary, and additional resources.

NSA	FEDERAL PROTECTORS	LOWELL, BARBARA	9781623106195	BOLT! / BLACK RABBIT BOOKS	2023	4-6	Hardcover Trade
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OCTOPUSES	AMAZING ANIMAL MINDS	MARKOVICS, JOYCE	9781668927915	CHERRY LAKE PUBLISHING	2023 594	3-6	Hardcover Library
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Annotation: Explores the intelligence of octopuses and how their brains allow them to have wide range of abilities and emotions. Includes color resources.

OUR PRINCIPAL BREAKS A SPELL!	OUR PRINCIPAL	CALMENSON, STEPHANIE	9781098252168	CHAPTER BOOKS / ABDO	2022 FIC	Fantasy	K-3	Hardcover Library
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Annotation: Mr. Bundy, principal of PS 88, receives an envelope with a magic powder inside. Intrigued, young Roger, class representative that we chore of sweeping the classroom when Mr. Bundy is out of the room. The brooms get out of control, however, and Mr. Bundy is forced to come in

PARK RANGERS	ICIVICS : GRADE 1	DUPREE, RACHAEL	9781087605708	TEACHER CREATED MATERIALS	2021 363.68	1.8	1-3	Paperbacl
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PAULA'S PATCHES		ALDEMAN, GABRIELLA	9781631987335	FREE SPIRIT PUBLISHING	2023 E		1-4	Hardcover Trade
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Tags: Latine/Hispanic, Maker Crafts, Makerspace/STEM Fiction, Own Voices, Poverty/Homelessness

Annotation: When Paula rips a hole in her pants at school, she spends the whole day trying to hide it from others. However, throughout the day : with clothing stains, torn lunch bags, and hand-me-down backpacks. Paula has the creative idea to sew patches for all her friends. Includes three

Review Sources: Booklist - 06/01/2023, Publishers Weekly - 07/03/2023

Full Text Reviews:

- Publishers Weekly July 2023 A child's worries over torn trousers prompt unexpected creativity in Aldeman's sensitive picture book debut. knee en route to school, "I knew I would have to wait for the next batch of hand-me-downs from my cousin." Afraid that schoolmates, por Paula covers it during class, props a food tray over it at lunch, and uses a sweater to cover it. As these efforts progress, Paula notices that

name, that a spill stains a friend's favorite shirt, and that another classmate carries a blanket pieced from baby clothes. Remembering the closet, Paula problem-solves, creating homemade patches for the pants—and classmates' clothes, too. Mendoza's patterned illustrations and decorating, and making things our very own." An author's note and three "Fun with Fabric" projects conclude. Ages 5–9. (July)

- Booklist June 2023 Grades K-3 - "A branch snags and tears Paula's pants as she hurries to school. Money is tight at home, and her clothes tear from other kids all day, though she notices that several classmates are dealing with similar issues. After school, Paula explores her favorite pieces with pictures such as a penguin, a butterfly, and a soccer ball, and then she and her mother stitch the edges, creating unique patch badges to her classmates, saying that patches are "like bandages to cover tears or stains." The children choose their favorites and wear the story shows how a creative solution for one person's problem can have positive ripple effects, helping others as well. The back matter includes with cloth. With expressive drawings and vivid colors, the illustrations convey the characters' emotions clearly throughout this enjoyable

PERU	BLASTOFF! READERS : COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD	DAVIES, MONIKA	9798886874303	BELLWETHER MEDIA	2023 985	K-3	Hardcover Library
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Annotation: Explores the history, geography, climate, wildlife, and culture of Peru. Includes color photographs, sidebars, a map, a glossary, and :

PINKALICIOUS AND THE MERMINNIES	I CAN READ BOOK : LEVEL 1	KANN, VICTORIA	9780062840448	HARPERCOLLINS PUBLISHERS	2020 E	1.9 K-1	Paperback
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Tags: Beginning Reader

Annotation: When Splash the merminnie gets himself in trouble with his antics, Pinkalicious comes to her new friend's rescue.

POWER OF THE GRANNIES	SUPERSONIC PHONICS : LEVEL 10 : WHITE	TWIDDY, ROBIN	9798888226513	SUPERSONIC PHONICS	2023	2-4	Hardcover Library
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Tags: Decodable/Phonics

RAIN SCHOOL		RUMFORD, JAMES	9780547243078	HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT (HM)	2010 E	2.5 PS-2	Hardcover Library
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Annotation: Living in a rural village in the African nation of Chad, a young boy named Thomas is eager to finally begin school. Following a group his destination only to spot no school in sight. "We will build our school," the teacher tells the students, and so Thomas and the others work together thatched roof. Eventually the real schoolwork starts, and Thomas learns as much as he can until the season of heavy rain comes and washes away message, this moving offering will leave kids thinking about the daily lives of other young people around the world" (BL).

Review Sources: Booklist - 09/01/2010, School Library Journal - October 2010, Horn Book Guide - April 2011, Library Media Connection - May 20:

Full Text Reviews:

- Horn Book Guide April 2011 In a small village in Chad, students and their teacher build their classroom from mud, grass, and saplings. After classroom away, but the children will be ready to build again next year. Rumford's energetic art, with its vibrant textured surfaces and delightful learning.
- School Library Journal October 2010 K-Gr 3—"In the country of Chad, it is the first day of school. The dry dirt road is filling up with children Thomas and the other younger children follow behind their older siblings, bombarding them with eager questions. "Will they give us a chance like you?" When the children arrive at the schoolyard, they find only their teacher. Working under her direction, they build a school, using walls. With that completed, they have their classes. Nine months go by and rain clouds begin to gather. School is over until next year. Alor building disappears—washed away. Come September, the process will begin again. The final illustration features a smiling confident Thomas following behind. The yellow, brown, and burnt orange shades dominate each of the spreads, both as background color and as part of the scene is clear—while the school structure may be temporary, education is permanent. This book also gives young children a glimpse into the scene. N. Oluonye, Shaker Heights Public Library, OH Copyright 2010 Reed Business Information.

RAJA'S PET CAMEL : THE MAGIC OF HOPE		AMIN, ANITA NAHTA	9781733035941	CARDINAL RULE PRESS	2020 E	1-3	Hardcover Trade
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Tags: Asia, Asian/Pacific Islander/Asian-American

Annotation: When Raja finds a wild camel baby, he is happy when it follows him home to be his pet. Soon Kamal the camel is causing havoc at the upcoming fair.

Review Sources: Kirkus Review - 09/15/2020, Booklist - 02/01/2021

Full Text Reviews:

- Booklist February 2021 Grades 1-3 - Raja is on his way home from school when he meets a lone baby camel. After he feeds her some lentils playing. When it comes time to head home, the camel follows Raja, who decides to keep her and name her Kamal. His father isn't happy but they can find a new home for her. Unfortunately, "Kamal was a wild camel with wild ways," and before long, Raja's father announces that by proving her worth, Raja enters a camel race with Kamal. This is a sweet and wholesome story about perseverance and kindness, as we

boost from an appended section entitled, "10 Facts about the Thar Desert in India," which provides wonderful insight and opportunities for diversity, and the similarities or differences between their lives and Raja's.

- Kirkus Review September 2020 After school one day, Raja befriends a baby camel that follows him home. A wary Bapu agrees to allow the permanent home. Delighted, Raja is hopeful that he can convince his father to allow Kamal to stay with them forever. Unfortunately, how becomes so destructive and disruptive that Bapu insists on selling the camel at an upcoming fair. In a last-ditch effort to keep Kamal, Raja camel race, thinking that if Kamal wins the large cash prize, Bapu will change his mind and allow the animal to stay. But at the fair and then for Bapu to sell her. The book's ending is more of a cliffhanger than a real conclusion to its meandering plot, and readers are left guessing illustrations are equally confusing, pairing mostly turbaned, traditionally dressed adults with a bareheaded protagonist clad in button-down in the occasional background. The book ends with "10 Facts About the Thar Desert in India" that are both exoticizing and overgeneralized tradition despite the geographically specific heading. Both disorienting and disappointing. (Picture book. 3 -6)

REPTILES	ANIMAL GROUPS	RAINS, DALTON	9781646198122	LITTLE BLUE HOUSE	2023	597.9		PS-3	Hardcover Library
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Annotation: Simple text and photographs introduce learning readers to assorted reptile species and highlight their defining characteristics. Includes glossary.

RISE OF THE SNOT- BOTS	SNOT-BOTS	SAZAKLIS, JOHN	9781666348897	STONE ARCH BOOKS	2023	FIC	Humor	3-6	Hardcover Library
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Tags: High-Low

Annotation: Angry that the Clean Team was awarded the key to Electropolis, Sludge and his Snot-bots decide to crash the celebration party and

Review Sources: School Library Journal - February 2023

Full Text Reviews:

- School Library Journal February 2023 Gr 3-5—In an overview of the backstory, readers learn that a radiation leak from a nuclear plant and metal, forming crude, rude robots bent on fouling the town. Just as the mayor is presenting the key to Electropolis to members of the Clean Team, their Vomit Comet to drop a gush of greasy oil on everybody assembled. Glint and Gleam from the Clean Team use their power washers and a key is stolen by the Snot-Bots, but later replaced with a new one as the villains are hosed down with soapy water. The volume concludes with such as detergent and putrid, and a brief list of discussion questions and writing prompts. Simple illustrations are abundant throughout the plot to speak of. Characters and their powers are not developed within the story, which is written at a first to third grade reading level. Very little else, this one is best passed over. Copyright 2023 Reed Business Information.

RISING SEAS : MIAMI, FLORIDA	ECO-DISASTERS	BLAKE, KEVIN	9781684022281	BEARPORT PUBLISHING COMPANY	2017	363.34		5.8 3-6	Hardcover Library
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Tags: North America

Annotation: Presents information on the increasing amount of flooding in the city of Miami, Florida. Discusses the reasons for the flooding, the city is trying to save the city from the floodwaters. Includes suggestions on helping to fight climate change, a glossary, and resources for further information.

Review Sources: School Library Journal - November 2017

Full Text Reviews:

- School Library Journal November 2017 Gr 4-6—A dramatic introduction sets the scene of each event, followed by short chapters that describe an emphasis on its immediate and continuing human costs. Each book clearly states who or what was responsible for the disaster, and details the ongoing or long-term detrimental effects. "Fixing the Future" sections detail continuing cleanup efforts or measures to prevent future disasters. Numerous photos, most contemporaneous to the events; others are stock images that are poorly matched to the text, such as a descriptive photo paired with a recent photo of a clean statue in Sick Soil. VERDICT This set will help readers understand the myriad large-scale ecological and societal costs. A solid purchase. Copyright 2017 Reed Business Information.

SECRETS IN THE STACKS : A GRAPHIC NOVEL	LIBRARY OF DOOM GRAPHIC NOVELS	MAULEON, DANIEL	9781669014379	STONE ARCH BOOKS	2023	741.5		2 3-6	Hardcover Library
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Annotation: When twelve-year-old Rosa finds herself in the Library of Doom, she runs into a hungry When-Where-Why-Wraith and must overcome

SEE A PUMPKIN GROW	BLASTOFF! READERS : SEE IT GROW!	CHANG, KIRSTEN	9798886871159	BELLWETHER MEDIA	2023	635		K-3	Hardcover Library
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Annotation: Simple text and color photographs depict the life cycle of a pumpkin. Includes a picture glossary and sources of further information.

SERENA WILLIAMS	TORQUE : SPORTS SUPERSTARS	ADAMSON, THOMAS K	9798886871609	BELLWETHER MEDIA	2023	921 WIL		4.1 4-6	Hardcover Library
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Tags: African/Black/African-American, High-Low

Annotation: Chronicles the life of tennis player Serena Williams, and details her early life, professional career, accomplishments, and legacy. Includes glossary, and additional resources.

Review Sources: School Library Journal - April 2023

Full Text Reviews:

- School Library Journal April 2023 Gr 3–5—The brightest stars in sports are profiled in this visually appealing series. Each athlete is given a quarterbacks Joe Burrow, Dak Prescott, and Patrick Mahomes. All considered role models, their accomplishments are lauded before their gymnastics prowess and her advocacy for mental health and victims of abuse are praised. Toward the back of each book, maps show the interesting for stars of international renown like Lionel Messi, Serena Williams, and Shohei Ohtani than for homebodies like Steph Curry a brightly colored photos, the short blocks of text and factoid callouts are highlighted with graffiti-like graphics. The overall aesthetic is a bit the eye and the concise writing delivers the appropriate level of detail for browsers. VERDICT A first-purchase series full of flair. Copyright

SILLY MILLY Y LA ESPELUZANTE FIESTA DE PIJAMAS	LAS AVENTURAS DE SILLY MILLY	FRIEDMAN, LAURIE	9781039611092	CRABTREE PUBLISHING COMPANY	2022 E	K-2	Hardcover Library
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Annotation: Milly is excited to have a sleepover with her friend, Emma, and they have a lot of silly fun playing games and putting on a play. But w is ready to help her friend feel safe.

SIMONE BILES	TORQUE : SPORTS SUPERSTARS	SABELKO, REBECCA	9798886871623	BELLWETHER MEDIA	2023 921 BIL	4.4 4-6	Hardcover Library
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Tags: African/Black/African-American, High-Low

Annotation: Chronicles the life of Olympic gold medal gymnast Simone Biles, and details her early life, rise through the sport of gymnastics, her Includes color photographs, fact boxes, a timeline, a glossary, and additional resources.

Review Sources: School Library Journal - April 2023, Booklist - 07/01/2023

Full Text Reviews:

- Booklist July 2023 Grades 3-5 - "When it comes to the world of sports, there's no shortage of amazing players for fans to admire. The book get up close to some of these famous athletes and learn more about their careers. Highly visual, this series keeps its stat-saturated text bright and colorful infographics. Simone Biles covers the astonishing number of medals—including 4 Olympic golds and 19 World Championship prioritize her mental health during the 2020 Olympic Games. Short and quick reads, these books are perfect for general sports lovers and Readers will be drawn to this high-interest series and the inspiring, diverse players it showcases."
- School Library Journal April 2023 Gr 3–5—The brightest stars in sports are profiled in this visually appealing series. Each athlete is given a quarterbacks Joe Burrow, Dak Prescott, and Patrick Mahomes. All considered role models, their accomplishments are lauded before their gymnastics prowess and her advocacy for mental health and victims of abuse are praised. Toward the back of each book, maps show the interesting for stars of international renown like Lionel Messi, Serena Williams, and Shohei Ohtani than for homebodies like Steph Curry a brightly colored photos, the short blocks of text and factoid callouts are highlighted with graffiti-like graphics. The overall aesthetic is a bit the eye and the concise writing delivers the appropriate level of detail for browsers. VERDICT A first-purchase series full of flair. Copyright

SMALLEST SPECIES	ANIMAL EXTREMES	NORTON, ELISABETH	9781637385326	APEX	2023 591.4	4-7	Hardcover Library
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Tags: High-Low

Annotation: Highlights the smallest species on Earth in different categories. Includes comprehension questions, color photographs, a glossary, f

SNOW FRIENDS : OUR FRIEND ZURI HAS DIABETES	CELEBRATING ALL FRIENDS	MCDONALD, KIRSTEN	9798885249010	GRASSHOPPER BOOKS	2023 E	K-2	Hardcover Library
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SONIA'S DIGITAL WORLD	ISTE YOUNG INNOVATORS	MILLER, SHANN MCCLINTOCK	9781484687628	PICTURE WINDOW BOOKS	2023 004.67	K-2	Hardcover Trade
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Annotation: Sonia shares all the ways she and her friends and family stay connected through technology, and explores all the digital tools they u related questions and tips for engaging positively with technology.

SOUTH SUDAN	BLASTOFF! READERS : COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD	DAVIES, MONIKA	9798886874310	BELLWETHER MEDIA	2023 962.905	K-3	Hardcover Library
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Annotation: Explores the geography, wildlife, weather, people, and culture of South Sudan. Includes color photographs, a map, a glossary, and a

SPACE PIONEERS	STELLAR SPACE	MURRAY, JULIE	9781098226282	DASH! / ABDO	2021 629.45	1-3	Hardcover Library
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Annotation: Highlights pioneers in the history of modern space exploration, describing each one's achievement. Profiles Robert Goddard, Yuri G 11, and three women including Sally Ride, Mae Jemison, and Peggy Whitson. Includes photographs, a glossary, and online resources.

SPAIN	BLASTOFF! READERS : COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD	ANDERSON, SHANNON	9798886874327	BELLWETHER MEDIA	2023 946	K-3	Hardcover Library
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Annotation: Explores the geography, climate, wildlife, and culture of Spain. Includes color photographs, sidebars, a map, a glossary, and additio

★THE STORY OF THE SAXOPHONE	CLINE- RANSOME, LESA		9780823437023	HOLIDAY HOUSE	2023 788.7	1-4	Hardcover Library
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Annotation: Traces the origins of the saxophone, developed by Belgium instrument maker Adolphe Sax. Describes his childhood, his developme and promote its play among bands and orchestras across Europe. Recounts his financial troubles and the instrument's spread to the Americas, lc of choice for pioneering jazz musicians. Includes illustrations of groundbreaking saxophonists throughout history.

Review Sources: Kirkus Review - 01/01/2023, Booklist - 02/01/2023, Publishers Weekly Starred - 02/06/2023, Booklist - 02/15/2023, School Librar January 2023

Full Text Reviews:

- School Library Journal Starred June 2023 K-Gr 3—This sweeping biography traces the life and legacy of Joseph-Antoine Adolph Sax, the i daydreaming boy works as an apprentice in his father's music shop, tinkering with reeds and brass components to create a new type of h skeptical public, eventually convincing countries around Europe to include it in their military marching bands. Though his widespread re financial hardship, Sax's influence spreads to America, where a series of musical innovators make the saxophone a standard of jazz perfo achieves a strong, unified vision. Cline-Ransome tells the story in colorful detail, infusing the historical information with a lively, engaging with sparing touches of collage—notably, every saxophone in the book appears as a motley assemblage of photograph fragments, under composite. VERDICT An enjoyable read and a first purchase, especially for collections in need of accessible books on jazz history for youn Business Information.
- Booklist February 2023 Grades 2-5 - Grades 2-5 - "The saxophone, often associated with New Orleans jazz, was actually invented in Belgiu Adolphe Sax, chronicles how this once-reviled instrument (the prototype was kicked across the floor when introduced at the Belgian Nati gaining acceptance in Europe, traveling to Mexico with French troops, and arriving in New Orleans in 1884. Adolphe Sax (who died in 1894 blackmailed, robbed, almost stabbed, and even the recipient of a bomb (found underneath his bed one night). Little did he know that, m Louisiana's juke joints. African American musician Sidney Bechet first picked up the instrument, and he influenced other musicians, inclu wonderfully expressive illustrations complement the text perfectly; endpapers are filled with portraits of famous saxophonists cradling tf creative genius. Readers will almost be able to hear soft saxophone music playing in the background."
- Publishers Weekly Starred February 2023 A young visionary introduces a new musical sound to the world in an underdog story pulled froi Belgium, often bored Joseph-Antoine Adolphe Sax (1814–1894) works at his father's instrument shop, playing "nearly every instrument y sax trombone and the flugelhorn. "Daydreaming of a new sound" and assembling "one crazy contraption after the next," Sax finally finds saxophon. Sax's instrument causes an uproar, admired by classical music icon Hector Berlioz, rejected by Parisian traditionalists, and lab did American musicians such as Sidney Bechet, Charlie Parker, and Dexter Gordon elevate Sax's controversial invention into an essential empathy through clearly established stakes as Sax triumphs over critics, while Ransome's initially muted cityscapes give way to vibrant c celebrate a diverse array of saxophonists. Ages 6–9. (Mar.)
- Booklist February 2023 Grades 2-5 - "The saxophone, often associated with New Orleans jazz, was actually invented in Belgium. This engz Sax, chronicles how this once-reviled instrument (the prototype was kicked across the floor when introduced at the Belgian National Exp acceptance in Europe, traveling to Mexico with French troops, and arriving in New Orleans in 1884. Adolphe Sax (who died in 1894) faced i blackmailed, robbed, almost stabbed, and even the recipient of a bomb (found underneath his bed one night). Little did he know that, m Louisiana's juke joints. African American musician Sydney Bechet first picked up the instrument, and he influenced other musicians, inclu wonderfully expressive illustrations complement the text perfectly; endpapers are filled with portraits of famous saxophonists cradling tf creative genius. Readers will almost be able to hear soft saxophone music playing in the background."
- Kirkus Review January 2023 This collaboration spotlights the saxophone's European birth and wide adoption by American jazz musicians maker's son, both plays and invents instruments. Searching for a new sound—softer than a trumpet, louder than a clarinet—Adolphe tink Belgium's arbiters reject the new instrument, and Adolphe moves to Paris. While French tastemakers initially pan it, the composer Hector sighs, and dreams." After hard-won integration into French military bands, other European nations adopt it, too. Napoleon III loses France wails. Florencio Ramos, a musician in a Mexican cavalry band, obtains a sax and settles in New Orleans in 1884. The signature sound of th inseparable from jazz's early permutations. (Cline-Ransome avers that after Sidney Bechet picks up the sax, he forsakes his clarinet.) A fir musical contagion: "Coleman Hawkins heard Sidney play. / And Lester Young heard Coleman play. / And Charlie Parker heard Lester play: perseverance as an innovator, the segue to American jazz gets shorter shrift. Cline-Ransome admirably amends this: Endpapers, a jacket | saxophone greats. Rich, sepia-toned spreads showcase the saxophone's shining complexity. Engagingly links the jazz saxophone with its
- Horn Book Guide January 2023 Perhaps no instrument is more associated with jazz than the saxophone. And no city more tied to both th (originally saxophon), engagingly told here, begins across the Atlantic in the small Belgian town of Dinant, where the musician and inven instrument-making family. Sax's life provides the frame for the early parts of the story as he travels to France to bolster the instrument's p Europe, the saxophone traveled with the French army to Mexico and eventually made its way to New Orleans just in time for the dawn of careful detail, effortlessly cuing readers into changes in time and locale. One particularly memorable spread shows a black cat and three describing Sax's death with the wordless page opposite featuring a young Black child playing the saxophone -- and one can almost hear t

SUPER SURPRISING TRIVIA ABOUT ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE	SUPER SURPRISING TRIVIA YOU CAN'T RESIST	SIMONS, LISA M BOLT	9781669050292	CAPSTONE PRESS INC	2023 006.3	3.6 4-6	Hardcover Trade
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Tags: High-Low

Annotation: Explores current state and future advancements of artificial intelligence, and examines how it can change the world. Includes color

TEN TIMID GHOSTS		O'CONNELL, JENNIFER	9780439158046	CARTWHEEL BOOKS (SCHOLASTIC)	2000 E	2.8 PS-2	Paperback
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Annotation: A witch tries to scare ten ghosts out of the haunted house where they live, but in the end, they play a trick on her.

THAILAND	BLASTOFF! READERS : COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD	DAVIES, MONIKA	9798886874341	BELLWETHER MEDIA	2023 959.3	K-3	Hardcover Library
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Annotation: Explores the geography, climate, wildlife, and culture of Thailand. Includes color photographs, sidebars, a map, a glossary, and add

TONI MORRISON	BLACK VOICES ON RACE	CLINCH, SHASTA	9781637392669	FOCUS READERS	2022 921 MOR	4-6	Hardcover Library
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Tags: African/Black/African-American

Annotation: Chronicles the life of African American author Toni Morrison, detailing her early years, career, and activism through her writing. Incl additional resources.

TOTALITY! : AN ECLIPSE GUIDE IN RHYME AND SCIENCE		BENNETT, JEFFREY	9781937548865	BIG KID SCIENCE	2022 523.7	4-7	Hardcover Trade
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Annotation: Big Kid Science, the creator of the free app "Totality," now offers children a book that uses rhyming text and color illustrations to exp photographs, maps, sidebars, activities, and a glossary.

TURTLES OF THE MIDNIGHT MOON		FITZGERALD, MARIA JOSE	9780593488706	KNOPF BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS	2023 FIC	Realistic 4-6	Hardcover Trade
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Tags: Latine/Hispanic, Own Voices

Annotation: Twelve-year-old Abby feels lost after her best friend moves away from New Jersey, so she's excited when her papi plans a work trip t homeland. She meets twelve-year-old Barana, who is committed to protecting the sea turtles that nest on the beach nearby, and Abby soon joins poaching turtle eggs before they can hatch, the girls set out to unmask the thief.

Review Sources: Kirkus Review - 01/01/2023, Booklist - 01/01/2023, Publishers Weekly - 01/30/2023, School Library Journal - March 2023

Full Text Reviews:

- School Library Journal March 2023 Gr 4–7—Abby and Barana, at first glance, have little in common. Shy Abby is from the U.S. and never v village in Honduras and spends her free time checking on sea turtle nests at the nearby beach. When Abby joins her father on a trip to Ho they aren't happy about it. Soon, though, their mutual interest in nature causes them to strike up a partnership. As Abby learns more abo becomes determined to help Barana, but doing so may put them both in grave danger. This story offers a lot to connect with its target au characters struggling with how to come into their own. Abby's growth from being painfully shy to someone who takes risks and makes ne provides an intriguing environmental mystery, especially when set against the beautiful, exquisitely described Honduran backdrop. A few realism feels forced and unnecessary when the realistic setting already feels magical. The conclusion, however, is satisfying enough that i appeal, reaching tweens interested in mysteries, the environment, and ocean life. While some elements may feel out of place, middle gra 2023 Reed Business Information.
- Publishers Weekly January 2023 Fitzgerald's page-turning debut, a contemporary eco-mystery with a touch of magical realism, explores i two girls' heartwarming bond. Though Mamá wishes that Barana would focus more on domestic cares, the 12-year-old volunteers to help coastal Honduran home, Pataya—including the turtle to which Barana is connected via a tingling, crescent-shaped scar. In northern New is closing out a sixth grade year that turned miserable after her only friend moved away. When Abby's always-busy doctor Papi offers to t Honduras, she jumps at the chance. The girls initially clash when Abby and her dad stay in Barana's family's casita, but they grow closer i season at risk. As the two assemble clues and pin down suspects, Honduras is rendered in stunning natural detail that reminds readers ju Agent: Sara Crowe, Pippin Properties. (Mar.)
- Kirkus Review January 2023 An eco-mystery brings two girls together in Honduras. Imbued with hints of magical realism, this novel follow an environmental mystery at the forefront. Both girls are 12, but they come from different worlds. Barana resides in Pataya, a small Hond priority is the leatherback turtles, especially Luna, a turtle she has a special connection to and looks for every year during nesting season to survive the loneliness of sixth grade since her best friend moved away. When Abby's doctor father has to spend a couple of weeks in Pa visit his home country (her mom is a White American). The two girls meet when Abby and Papi stay in Barana's family's guesthouse. They turtles' nests from poachers leads them to work together to identify and catch the culprits. Although the story initially moves slowly, the

dragging first half. The coastal atmosphere is magical and enchanting, and the friendship between the main characters is very sweet. A cl (author's note, map) (Mystery. 8-12)

- Booklist January 2023 Grades 3-6 - "In the small Honduran village of Pataya, Barana's crescent-shaped scar begins to burn, a sure sign that returned to the beach to lay eggs. Meanwhile in New Jersey, Abby is struggling through sixth grade without her best friend. The two girls' to Pataya—the village where he was born. Though neither girl is excited when Barana is named as Abby's guide, they bond over a shared love of writing poetry and drawing, and Abby displaying her passion for photography at every turn. When turtle poachers are reported in the area, they are thrown into danger, spurring Barana and Abby to discover who's behind this terrible enterprise. Fitzgerald sprinkles her debut novel with personal journeys. The environmental and economic challenges faced in Pataya also play pivotal roles in this heartwarming tale of activism."

THE VIETNAM WAR	WAR HISTORIES	MONROE, ALEX	9798886874532	BELLWETHER MEDIA	2023	959.704	3-7	Hardcover Library
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Annotation: Chronicles the history of the Vietnam War, and examines the causes, consequences, and impact of the war. Highlights important battles, boxes, maps, a timeline, a glossary, and additional resources.

WAIT, WHY?	ILLUSTRATED JOKES	BEA, AUDREY	9781532433320	XIST PUBLISHING	2023	818.88	3-6	Paperback
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Annotation: A collection of jokes, puns, knock-knock jokes, and riddles.

WARNING FROM THE FUTURE	PLANET IN PERIL	TWIDDY, ROBIN	9798888220207	ROAR! BOOKS	2023		6-7	Hardcover Library
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WE BELONG TO THE DRUM = MISTIKWASKIHK KITIPEYIMIKONAW		LAMOUCHE, SANDRA	9781459834385	ORCA BOOK PUBLISHERS	2023	E	PS-K	Hardcover Trade
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Tags: Indigenous Peoples, North America, Own Voices

Annotation: Young Nikosis spent his first summer traveling to powwows with his parents, where he loves the drums and dances. In the fall, he hears the drum music of powwow and it helps Nikosis feel that he belongs.

Review Sources: School Library Journal - May 2023, Booklist - 05/15/2023

Full Text Reviews:

- Booklist May 2023 Preschool-Grade 1 - "Before they are born, babies hear or feel their mother's heartbeat, rhythmic like a drum. Having grown up singing, dancing, and drumming that he experiences at these special events. Sharing the festivals with his grandmother (Ohkoma), his mother's heartbeat is even more significant. When fall arrives, Nikosis is unhappy about starting daycare. After several days of difficult goodbyes, his mother and teacher are excited to play it and other drum music from around the world for the children, and the group loves sharing the experience and happily talks about his family and their traditions. Based on the author's experience with her son, this upbeat story, accompanied by illustrations of sharing and appreciating varying cultures. With Cree and English text side by side, readers can experience the story in their most comfortable language."
- School Library Journal May 2023 PreS-Gr 3—Based on her son's experience, Cree author Lamouche presents a story of how a young child drum represents the heartbeat of Mother Earth. Nikosis first heard the sound of the drum within the womb, when he heard his mother's heartbeat (Okawiya), and father (Oktawiya) spend summers at powwow gatherings. Surrounded by family and friends, he sings and dances his mother first leaves him at daycare, body rigid with fear. His mother asks the daycare teacher to play a CD of powwow music so other children can play along. When Nikosis hears the music he associates with family and cultural identity, he feels welcome. The next day, outside, with his shirt inside-out. Cree illustrator Whitecalf uses flowing lines and colorful details to enliven this simple yet emotionally resonant story of Cree culture and traditions, and a gentle message of inclusion, this is a welcome addition to the "first day of school" shelves in school libraries. Reed Business Information.

WE THE FUTURE		LEWIS, CLIFF	9781631636967	JOLLY FISH PRESS	2023	FIC	Science Fiction	4-7	Hardcover Trade
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Tags: Chronic Illness, Social Awareness, Social Justice

Annotation: Twelve-year-old climate activist Jonah Kaminski meets Sunday Turner when she hands him an inhaler on a mountainside where he broadcasts. She says she's a time-traveler and she needs his help to stage an intervention that will help preserve humanity's future. The only problem is school before Halloween--and Jonah hates talking in front of others.

Review Sources: Kirkus Review - 02/15/2023, Publishers Weekly - 02/27/2023

Full Text Reviews:

- Publishers Weekly February 2023 Environmental justice themes buoyed by friendship and community care infuse Lewis's impassioned, lively old Jonah Kaminski's quest to take down a local coal plant. Determined to educate his YouTube following about the apocalyptic consequences and starts a live broadcast. When he experiences a life-threatening asthma attack during his livestream, he doesn't expect to be saved by his inhaler and says she's from the year 2100. Believing Jonah's environmental activism has the potential to catalyze others' engagement, Sunday and traveled back to save him. With Jonah's help, Sunny plans to confront a Pennsylvania senator on what she mysteriously terrifying Caricature-like antagonists, such as the coal plant's cigarette-huffing owner and bumbling future scientists pursuing Sunny for the time she's regarding contemporary climate emergencies. Still, the protagonists' tenacity, paired with Lewis's dynamic text, delivers a thought-provoking (Apr.)

- Kirkus Review February 2023 Can the power of friendship and political organizing change the course of the climate crisis? Following a near-horrific impacts of climate change. After he rashly posts a YouTube video about the dangers of fossil fuels, calling out the polluting power thinks he's dying, but a pink-clad astronaut with an inhaler rescues him. Her name is Sunny, and she claims she's from the future and has accomplish this task, Jonah, Sunny, and their newly formed crew race to combine their various skills to canvass their peers and hold corp narrative aims for a humorous tone; however, the writing style undermines this by telling rather than showing. Time travel is used to deli eliminate barriers. Character development is sketchy; characters seem to serve primarily to drive the plot. Most of the cast members, incl There is some disability and racial diversity in the supporting cast. The strongest element of this story is the empowering message that di plastic straws, and instead become part of the worldwide climate activism movement pushing for significant changes. The relevant mess 8-12)

WHALE FALL :
 EXPLORING AN STEWART, RANDOM HOUSE
 OCEAN-FLOOR MELISSA 9780593380604 STUDIO 2023 577.7 PS-3 Hardcover
 ECOSYSTEM Trade

Annotation: A nonfiction picture book that examines the death of a whale and how its body sinks to the seafloor called a whale fall. Discusses hc for millions of creatures over the next fifty years. Includes additional information about whales and the various species.

Review Sources: Kirkus Review - 12/01/2022, Booklist - 03/01/2023, Horn Book Guide - January 2023

Full Text Reviews:

- Booklist March 2023 Grades K-2 - "After a whale dies and slowly sinks to the ocean floor, its body continues to nourish sea-dwelling creatu describes the ongoing process, using especially effective descriptive language ("Hungry hagfish smell the whale from miles around and supported by perfectly aligned mixed-media illustrations in watery shades of blues and greens that span facing spreads. Some pages also amphipods) and show how microbes and bacteria tunnel into the whale's bones. The rich back matter includes additional information at exploration, and basic information about all 22 animals mentioned in the text: scientific name, size, diet, predators, life span, and an ofte butts). Great for researchers—and gentle enough for even the most squeamish audiences—this also makes a great read-aloud (who doesi eelpouts?)."
- Horn Book Guide January 2023 When a whale dies, its body sinks to the ocean floor, and the end of its life marks the beginning of an enti species. Stewart's restrained text steps through each phase in decomposition, noting how the whale's tissue serves as food for waves of s allows a thriving ecosystem to develop. The featured species have quite elaborate names: hagfish and sleeper sharks arrive first, followe grooved tanner crabs, and then such "mini-munchers" as amphipods, Oregon hair crabs, hooded shrimp, and sea pigs. When only bones their dissolution. Other equally interestingly named species feast on the scavengers, forming the chains and webs of organism relationsh death and the new life that flourishes in its aftermath, with inset close-ups that highlight the anatomical details of the smallest of the oce the animals and a list of resources to learn more about ocean environments. Danielle J. Ford
- Kirkus Review December 2022 The carcass of a whale is a gift to the sea. When a whale dies, its body sinks to the ocean floor, but that's nc continue to provide nourishment to a series of deep-sea creatures. Stewart takes her readers 5,000 feet down into the East Pacific Ocean the remains of a 70,000-pound gray whale—and sometimes each other. First come the hagfish and the sleeper sharks. Later there will be . Some microbes "form thick, colorful mats that spread across the bones," while other microbes live inside the mussels and tubeworms th sea floor ecosystem. The exemplary backmatter tells us that scientists have identified over 500 species that are in some way connected to names—"snubnose eelpouts," "sea pigs," "blob sculpin"—that delight. The smoothly written text is set directly on evocative blue-toned u texture. The backmatter's added facts about the 22 animals featured will inform science-inclined older readers. (This book was reviewed unfamiliar world, well suited for reading aloud. (more information on whale falls, selected sources, resources for further exploration) (Infr

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DIFFERENCE RACIAL JUSTICE IN MENDOZA,
 BETWEEN LATINX, L AMERICA : LATINX BRENDA 9781668927526 CHERRY LAKE
 : AMERICAN PEREZ PUBLISHING 2023 305.868 5-8 Hardcover
 (SPANISH/ENGLISH) Library

Tags: Latine/Hispanic

Annotation: Explores the difference between Latinx, Latino, and Hispanic as an identity, and examines the history and culture of Latin America. I Hispanic. Includes color photographs, maps, sidebars, an activity, a glossary, and additional resources.

Review Sources: Booklist Starred Reviews - 10/01/2023

Full Text Reviews:

- Booklist Starred Reviews October 2023 Grades 4-8 - "Starred Review* Diversity is our world's heartbeat, and this book in the Racial Justic excellent job of educating readers about differences between the titular terms. It takes care to provide context for this discussion by first providing well-researched presentations on the background of each term so that readers understand how to best use it. The book also of presenting the information in English while the other provides the Spanish translation. As readers dive in, they will also learn about the h by colonialism), where each term originated, and how correctly using these terms really depends on how someone self-identifies. This bc perspective, and it even offers thoughtful research and activity prompts after the main text. An inclusive resource on an important topic."

WHAT YOU NEVER BEHIND THE SCHUH, MARI 9781669002918 CAPSTONE PRESS 2023 921
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BEYONCE BIOGRAPHIES

Tags: African/Black/African-American, High Interest, High-Low

Annotation: Details little-known facts about singer, songwriter, and performer Beyoncé. Details trivia about her favorite food, songs, personal photographs, fact boxes, a glossary, and additional resources.

Review Sources: School Library Journal - April 2023

Full Text Reviews:

- School Library Journal April 2023 Gr 4–6—Interesting facts about popular celebrities are presented in these volumes. In the simple narrative is Halloween, Beyoncé owns two beehives, Dwayne Johnson plays the ukulele, Harry Styles was the first man to appear alone on the cover, Selena Gomez eats Oreos with a fork. Little about their respective careers are explored outside the number of albums the singers have produced for his soccer league. Brief mentions of families are included: Beyoncé is married to Jay Z and Johnson loves his wife and three daughters. Throughout. Enthusiasts of these famous people will appreciate the information provided and the pictures. VERDICT Fans will be eager to consider where there is a demand. Copyright 2023 Reed Business Information.

WHO IS TIBET'S EXILED LEADER?: THE 14TH DALAI LAMA WHO HQ GRAPHIC NOVELS ROBESON, TERESA 9780593384602 PENGUIN WORKSHOP 2023 294.3 3-6 Hardcover Trade

Tags: Asia, Asian/Pacific Islander/Asian-American, Buddhism, Own Voices

Annotation: Provides a nonfiction graphic novel account of the fourteenth Dalai Lama's escape from Tibet in 1959, following the annexation by the people of India. Includes a concluding essay and a timeline.

Review Sources: School Library Journal - May 2023

Full Text Reviews:

- School Library Journal May 2023 Gr 3–7—Carefully crafted text and illustrations work together seamlessly in this retelling of the 14th Dalai Lama's job of recreating the tense atmosphere in Tibet following the invasion of China's People's Liberation Army. Important facts such as the details of the Dalai Lama's escape are included in the dialogue between characters rather than in lengthy exposition. Each scene also reveals detail about the landscape along their escape route from Lhasa to Bomdila. The rich colors of the monks' robes and intricate decorations of the temples of the people of Tibet. Pages are set aside for background information, such as the Seventeen Point Agreement with China or the importance of the Dalai Lama while offering support for historical understanding. A conclusion mentions the Tibetan government set up in Dharamsala, but no events in the Dalai Lama in 1989. Back matter includes a timeline of the 14th Dalai Lama and a bibliography for further reading. VERDICT A tale of discovery for readers while introducing them to an important historical figure.—Suzanne Costner Copyright 2023 Reed Business Information.

WIND TO ELECTRICITY BLASTOFF! READERS: BEGINNING TO END LANGDO, BRYAN 9798886874273 BELLWETHER MEDIA 2023 621.31 1-3 Hardcover Library

Annotation: Simple text and photographs introduce learning readers to how wind energy is converted into electricity. Includes a glossary and fun facts.

WORDWORM INVASION: A GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY OF DOOM GRAPHIC NOVELS BREZENOFF, STEVE 9781669014317 STONE ARCH BOOKS 2023 741.5 2.4 3-6 Hardcover Library

Annotation: Wormwords invade the school, draining the students' mental energy and causing them to repeat themselves, so the Librarian works to help the students.

YUDI: JADE EMPEROR CHINESE MYTHOLOGY BELL, SAMANTHA S 9781532199998 KIDS CORE / ABDO 2022 299.5 2-5 Hardcover Library

Tags: Asia

Annotation: Briefly explores the origins, characteristics, mythological tales, and cultural rituals involving the Chinese mythological Jade Emperor.

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