

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Cammuso, Frank. *Misadventures of Salem Hyde* (series). Salem Hyde, an impulsive young witch, enters a spelling competition at school only to discover that the “spelling” involves words instead of magic.

Castellucci, Cecil. *Odd Duck*. Theodora, a duck who swims with a teacup on her head and stays north when other ducks fly south, makes a new friend who may be equally “odd.”

Coudray, Philippe. *Benjamin Bear in “Bright Ideas!”* (series). Benjamin Bear, accompanied by his faithful rabbit friend, shares his observations about the world around him.

Eaton, Maxwell. *The Flying Beaver Brothers and the Evil Penguin Plan* (series). Two beavers thwart an evil plot by penguins who plan to turn Beaver Island into a frosty resort.

Hatke, Ben. *Little Robot*. When a little girl finds an adorable robot in the woods, she presses a button and accidentally activates him for the first time.

Kochalka, James. *The Glorkian Warrior Delivers a Pizza* (series). An intergalactic hero must leave his couch and face his heroic pizza delivery fate.

Liniers. *Written and Drawn by Henrietta*. When Henrietta’s mother gives her a box of colored pencils, she sets out to draw a terrifying and fantastic adventure

McCormick, Scott. *Mr. Pants* (series). On the last day of summer vacation, all Mr. Pants wants to do is play laser tag, but Mom and his sisters, Foot Foot and Grommy, have other ideas.

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EARLY CHAPTERS

Branford, Anna. *Violet Mackerel's Possible Friend* (series). Violet finds a special way to cope with moving to a new home after her mother gets married again.

Brown, Monica. *Lola Levine Is Not Mean*. Lola accidentally fouls another soccer player and is banned from playing, but she has a loving family and friends who make her feel better.

Cronin, Doreen. *Chicken Squad* (series). Dirt, Sweetie, Poppy, and Sugar might be chicks, but they sure aren't chicken! It's up to them to figure out what big, mysterious thing is scaring their friend Tail the squirrel.

Cummings, Troy. *The Chomp of the Meat-Eating Vegetables* (series). Alexander's school is being turned into an icebox by giant meat-eating vegetables, and his friend Rip has gone missing.

Hale, Shannon. *Princess in Black* (series). When trouble raises its blue monster head, Princess Magnolia ditches her flouncy dresses and becomes the Princess in Black!

Hanlon, Abby. *Dory Fantasmagory* (series). Dory, the youngest in her family, spends the summer playing with her imaginary friend, pretending to be a dog, battling monsters, and generally driving her family nuts.

Himmelman, John. *Tales of Bunjitsu Bunny* (series). Young rabbit Isabel learns that Bunjitsu isn't just about hitting, throwing, and kicking but about finding ways to not hit, throw, or kick.

Hurwitz, Johanna. *Magical Monty* (series). Monty includes his baby sister in a school project and learns that sometimes a day filled with excitement is not the best thing.

Kirby, Stan. *Captain Awesome and the Missing Elephants* (series). Can Eugene McGillicuddy and

the Sunnyview Superhero Squad find the zoo's missing elephants?

McCall Smith, Alexander. *Mystery of Meerkat Hill* (series). Precious Ramotswe makes friends with two new children at her school and uses her new detective skills to help find their missing cow.

Moser, Lisa. *Squirrel's Fun Day* (series). Squirrel is determined to have a very fun day with each of his animal friends.

Myracle, Lauren. *The Life of Ty: Penguin Problems* (series). While on a field trip to the aquarium, 7-year-old Ty "rescues" a baby penguin and takes it home.

Roland, Timothy. *Monkey Me and the Golden Monkey*. When a special banana turns hyperactive Clyde into a monkey, he uses the excess energy to save the day.

Rylant, Cynthia. *The Cobble Street Cousins: Summer Party* (series). Nine-year-old cousins Lily, Rosie, and Tess are sad when it is time to leave Aunt Lucy, so they plan a party.

Siegal, Ida. *Big News* (series). Emma is on the trail to solving the mystery of who put a worm in a friend's hamburger.

Willems, Mo. *The Story of Diva and Flea*. In the bustling city of Paris, a small yet brave dog, Diva, and an adventurous cat named Flea become two unlikely friends.

Winkler, Henry. *Here's Hank: Bookmarks Are People Too!* (series). When Hank freezes during an audition for the play, his teacher creates a special role for him.

NONFICTION

Brown, Calef. *Hypnotize a Tiger: Poems About Just About Everything* (811 BRO). A whimsical collection of nonsense poetry and art.

Heos, Bridget. *I, Fly: The Buzz About Flies and How Awesome They Are* (595.77 HEO). An earnest (and highly partisan) fly narrator provides a refreshing new perspective on his fascinating species.

Jenkins, Steve. *How to Swallow a Pig* (591.5 JEN). A clever book about animal behavior disguised as a how-to/advice book.

Mizielinska, Aleksandra. *Maps* (912 MIZ). Fifty-two highly illustrated maps detail not only geographical features and borders, but also places of interest, iconic personalities, native animals and plants, and local cultures.

Montalván, Luis Carlos. *Tuesday Tucks Me In: The Loyal Bond Between a Soldier and His Service Dog* (636.7 MON). Adorable, full-color photographs tell the story of the amazing service dog who helps former U.S. Army Captain Luis Carlos Matalván overcome his combat-related wounds.

Roth, Susan L. *Parrots Over Puerto Rico* (598.74 ROT). Learn about the endangered Puerto Rican parrot, efforts to save the species, and the island of Puerto Rico.

PICTURE BOOKS

Ellis, Carson. *Home*. This book will encourage children to think about their own homes and the homes of others and dream about living in a palace or a shoe one day.

Ewart, Marcus. *Mummy Cat*. Mummy Cat prowls his pyramid home, longing for his beloved owner. Will tonight be the night they are reunited?

Falatko, Julie. *Snappy the Alligator*. Snappy's ordinary day is interrupted by a meddling narrator.

McCloskey, Robert. *Time of Wonder*. Two children spend their summer vacation on an island off the coast of Maine.