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PICTURE BOOKS

Eyre, Lindsay. *The Best Friends Battle* (series). Sylvie is determined to stop her best friend, Miranda, from becoming friends with new boy Georgie before Miranda's birthday party.

Fagan, Cary. *Wolfie & Fly* (series). Wolfie reluctantly befriends Fly, and together they navigate through deep water in a submarine made from a cardboard box.

Funke, Cornelia. *Ruffleclaw*. An earth monster decides to move in with a human family.

Hamburg, Jennifer. *Hazy Bloom and the Tomorrow Power* (series). Hazel "Hazy" Bloom begins having visions of trouble that will come within 24 hours.

LaReau, Kara. *The Infamous Ratsos*. Every time the Rat brothers try to show how tough they are, they end up accidentally doing good deeds instead.

Mass, Wendy. *Space Taxi: Archie Takes Flight* (series). It's not every day a regular kid like Archie gets to wake up at midnight. But today is Take Your Kid to Work Day, and Archie is allowed to ride along in his dad's taxicab.

Pearce, Jackson. *Ellie, Engineer*. When Ellie, who loves to invent and build things, decides to build a doghouse as a gift, she needs to get past the boys-against-the-girls neighborhood feud and ask for help.

Piger, Seamus. *Fart Squad* (series). After their lunches are stolen, Darren, Tina, Juan-Carlos, and Walter eat radioactive burritos that give each a strange ability—along with serious gas—that may help

them foil Number Two and the BO twins' evil plan.

Reeve, Philip. *Pugs of the Frozen North* (series). Two kids and their 66 pugs enter a magical dog-sled race.

Schlitz, Laura Amy. *Princess Cora and the Crocodile*. Princess Cora is sick of boring lessons. But when she writes to her fairy godmother for help, she doesn't expect help to come in the form of a crocodile—a crocodile who does not behave properly.

Tashjian, Janet. *Sticker Girl Rules the School* (series). Mia and Bev find a sheet of magical stickers, and soon Mia finds herself running for class president but worrying that she is losing her new friend.

Vernon, Ursula. *Harriet the Invincible* (series). Harriet uses the curse of her falling asleep from a spinning hamster wheel on her 12th birthday to ride around the kingdom enjoying herself (and finding a way to turn that curse upside down).

NONFICTION

Barton, Chris. *Whoosh! Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions* (BIO JOH). Explores the accidental invention of the Super Soaker water gun.

Chin, Jason. *Grand Canyon* (979.132 CHI). An exploration of the Grand Canyon on a grand scale.

Fleming, Candace. *Giant Squid* (594.58 FLE). Squids hide beyond reach deep within the sea, forcing scientists to piece together their story from those clues they leave behind.

Haskins, James. *Champion: The Story of Muhammad Ali* (BIO ALI). A biography of Muhammad Ali that covers his childhood,

legendary boxing career, conversion to Islam and opposition to the Vietnam War, and his appearance at the 1996 Summer Olympics.

Ohlin, Nancy. *Blast Back! The American Revolution* (series 973.3 OHL). Presents fascinating information about the American Revolution, including pivotal people, battles, places during the war, and more.

Shetterly, Margaret Lee. *Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race* (920.72 SHE). Explores the pivotal contributions of NASA's African-American women mathematicians to America's space program.

Walliman, Dominic. *Dr. Professor Astro Cat's Atomic Adventure* (530 WAL). Learn about energy, power, and the building blocks of you, me, and the universe in this atomic adventure!

Weatherford, Carole Boston. *The Legendary Miss Lena Horne* (BIO HOR). Describes the life of the actress, singer, and civil rights activist including her childhood, early years in vaudeville, and achievements in Hollywood.

FICTION

Barnett, Mac. *The Terrible Two* (series). Miles assumes he'll be the best prankster at his new school, but there's a problem. The school already has a prankster—and he's good. Really good.

Fisinger, Barbara. *Wedgie & Gizmo*. Gizmo, an evil genius guinea pig, is constantly thwarted in his plans for world dominance by the lovable Corgi, Wedgie.

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FICTION CONT.

Griffin, N. ***Smashie McPerter and the Mystery of Room 11***. When Room 11's beloved pet hamster, Patches, goes missing, Smashie and her best friend, Dontel, launch an investigation to bring the thief to justice.

Horvath, Polly. ***Mr. and Mrs. Bunny—Detectives Extraordinaire!*** (series). Madeline's hippie parents have been kidnapped by foxes. Upon discovering that she can understand animal languages, she hires two rabbit detectives to find them.

Krishnaswami, Uma. ***Book Uncle and Me***. When the mayor tries to shut down the Book Uncle's free lending library, 9-year-old Yasmin decides to take action.

Mills, Claudia. ***The Trouble With Ants***. Science-obsessed Nora has ants all figured out—now she just has to figure out her fellow humans.

Patterson, James. ***Word of Mouse***. The journey of a very special mouse, and the unexpected friendships he makes along the way.

Watson, Tom. ***A Tail of Two Kitties*** (series). For Stick Cat and his best friend, Edith, there are treasures to hunt, songs to sing, pigeons to catch, and naps to take. But way up on the 23rd floor, danger lurks.

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Burks, James. ***Bird & Squirrel*** (series). Friends Bird and Squirrel have to cross mountains, chase wolves, get amnesia, and save a bear cub just to get home!

Camper, Cathy. ***Lowriders in Space*** (series). Lupe, Flapjack, and Elirio customize their car into a lowrider for the Universal Car Competition to win the cash prize so they can buy their own garage.

Colossal, Eric. ***Rutabaga the Adventure Chef*** (series). Rutabaga and his magic cooking pot join three young adventurers on a culinary quest to defeat a dragon, discover new ingredients, and identify monsters to invite to, or eat for, dinner.

D.G., Gigi. ***Cucumber Quest*** (series). The seven kingdoms of Dreamside need a hero. Instead, they have to settle for Cucumber, a nerdy magician, and his way more heroic sister, Almond.

Gravel, Elise. ***Olga and the Smelly Thing From Nowhere***. When Olga crosses paths with a weird creature, she is ecstatic, even if her friends are not!

Hale, Shannon. ***Real Friends***. Shannon and Adrienne have been best friends ever since they were little. But one day, Adrienne starts hanging out with a circle of new friends called The Group.

Hatke, Ben. ***Mighty Jack*** (series). Jack trades for a box of mysterious seeds, but soon his normal garden turns into a wild jungle filled with magical creatures.

Jamieson, Victoria. ***The Great Pet Escape*** (series). The pets at Daisy P. Flugelhorn Elementary School are breaking out of their classrooms!

Kim, Julie. ***Where's Halmoni?*** A young Korean girl and boy search for their missing grandmother in a world complete with mischievous goblins, a greedy tiger, a clever rabbit, and a wily fox.

Rubin, Sean. ***Bolivar***. Living a quiet life in New York City, Bolivar, a dinosaur, finds his life complicated when the girl next door tries to prove his existence.