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EARLY CHAPTERS

Angleberger, Tom & Bell, Cece. *The Goat Who Chewed Too Much* (series). When his goat assistant is arrested for stealing the golden pickle paperweight, a mystery-solving Venus flytrap is determined to find the real thief.

Citro, Asia. *Zoey and Sassafras: The Pod and the Bog* (series). Zoey, Sassafras, and Pip must work together to discover what this mysterious rare magical plant needs to grow before all the seeds crumble to purple dust!

Davick, Linda. *It's Not Easy Being Mimi*. Mimi's adventurous antics offer a roller-coaster story filled with humor, good lessons and friendships.

Dillard, Sarah. *Mouse Scouts: Camp Out* (series). The Mouse Scouts are hitting the nature trail to earn their "Camp Out" badge. But not all of the troopers are gung-ho about sleeping under the stars!

Dougherty, John. *Stinkbomb and Ketchup-Face and the Badness of Badgers*. Stinkbomb and his sister, Ketchup-Face, fulfill a quest to find the Magic Porcupine in hopes of capturing the escaped rascally badgers.

English, Karen. *Carver Chronicles: The New Kid* (series). Gavin and his friends aren't sure what to make of the new boy in their class, Khufu. He doesn't look or act like other kids. When Gavin's bike goes missing, they think Khufu stole it, but did he?

Faris, Stephanie. *Piper Morgan to the Rescue* (series). When Piper volunteers at an animal shelter, she falls in love with a puppy named Taffy. Can she convince her

mom that she is responsible enough to take care of a dog?

Kirby, Lee. *Super Turbo Gets Caught* (series). Super Turbo and Boss Bunny are trapped! Could the key to their freedom lie with Whiskerface, their worst enemy?

Landry, Leo. *What's Up, Chuck?* Chuck the woodchuck is a skilled sculptor in wood and has won the Best of the Forest art contest three years in a row, but this year he faces a serious challenge from a newcomer, Scooter Possum.

Lyons, Kelly Starling. *Sleepover Scientist* (series). Jada is hosting her first sleepover, and she has lots of cool scientific activities planned. But when her friends get tired of the lessons and just want to hang out, can Jada figure out the formula for fun and save the sleepover?

Lysiak, Matthew. *Tornado Hits!* (series). A tornado hits Selinsgrove! Hilde and her sister/photographer Izzy set out to uncover its path and report on the damage. No one is hurt, but the sisters find a strange clue: There are fish flopping all over Orange Street! Where did the fish come from? Hilde is about to discover something WILD.

Medina, Juana. *Juana & Lucas*. A spunky young girl from Colombia loves playing with her canine best friend and resists boring school activities, especially learning English, until her family tells her that a special trip to Spaceland in the United States is planned.

O'Donnell, Liam. *The Case of Maker Mischief* (series). Myron, a third-grade detective who loves logic, facts, and solving mysteries, gets the chance to crack a case when he finds out his classmate Jordan's robot has been stolen.

Snyder, Laurel. *Charlie & Mouse & Grumpy* (series). Brothers Charlie and Mouse enjoy a special visit from Grumpy.

Zemke, Deborah. *My Life in Pictures*. When budding artist Bea Garcia's best friend moves to Australia and a loud, rambunctious boy moves into her old house, Bea must learn to make new friends.

NONFICTION

Burcaw, Shane. *Not So Different* (362.43 BUR). Answers the questions young children ask Shane Burcaw about his wheelchair and life with spinal muscular atrophy with equal parts optimism, humor, and empathy.

Burleigh, Robert. *Solving the Puzzle Under the Sea* (B THARP). An illustrated biography of scientist Maria Tharp, the first person to map the ocean floor.

Davey, Owen. *Smart About Sharks* (597.3 DAV). Discover new and fascinating facts about the wonderful world of sharks!

Eggers, David. *Her Right Foot* (973 EGG). Takes a look at America's most famous statute and its powerful message of acceptance that is essential to our country's creation.

Fogliano, Julie. *When Green Becomes Tomatoes* (811 FOG). 48 poems take the reader through the seasons.

Gladstone, James. *Earthrise* (629.454 GLA). 1968 was a year of unrest. People marched for peace, fairness, and freedom. At the same time, the Apollo 8 crew was about to go farther into space than anyone had gone before, to the moon.



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PICTURE BOOKS

Barnes, Derrick. **Crown: Ode to the Fresh Cut.** Celebrates the magnificent feeling that comes from walking out of a barber shop with newly cut hair.

Hadfield, Chris. **The Darkest Dark.** Chris is afraid of the dark until he sees the Eagle land on the moon and is moved by the beauty of space. Inspired by the childhood of real-life astronaut Chris Hadfield.

Jeffers, Oliver. **Here We Are.** A celebration of people, all shapes and sizes, and of the beauty and mystery of our Earth.

Phi, Bao. **A Different Pond.** Carrying a tackle box a boy helps his Dad catch the family's dinner. And a father helps his child begin to understand the long journey their family has taken.

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Annable, Graham. **Peter and Ernesto: A Tale of Two Sloths** (series). Peter loves their tree and never wants to leave, while Ernesto loves the sky and wants to see it from every place on earth, so he leaves to have a grand adventure. Will their separation tear these friends apart...or can it bring them together?

Cathon. **Poppy & Sam and the Leaf Thief.** It's a beautiful day in the garden when Poppy and her friend Sam (a panda bear) hear a commotion nearby. Basil is crying, for someone has nibbled the leaves of his crown! But not to worry—Poppy is on the case.

Clanton, Ben. **Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea** (series). A happy-go-lucky, waffle-loving narwhal and a cynical, no-nonsense jellyfish forge an unlikely friendship and share adventures while exploring the ocean together.

Green, John Patrick. **Kitten Construction Company.** Marmalade, a trained architect who also happens to be an adorable kitten, teams up with other construction-trade cats to build the new mayor's mansion.

Guojing. **The Only Child.** In this wordless graphic novel, a young girl traveling from her city apartment to her grandmother's country home becomes lost and enters a fantastical world in the clouds.

McCloskey, Kevin. **Something's Fishy.** Science, art, and comedy blend to reveal the true story behind the common goldfish.

Nordling, Lee. **Belinda the Unbeatable** (series). Belinda and her best friend compete to become the champion of musical chairs.

Savage, Doug. **Disco Fever** (series). Laser Moose and Rabbit Boy face a familiar foe, a terrifying new enemy, and the frightening possibility that lasers can't solve everything in their biggest and most dangerous adventure yet.

Tetri, Emily. **Tiger vs. Nightmare.** While Tiger sleeps, Monster scares all of her nightmares away. Thanks to her friend, Tiger has nothing but good dreams. But waiting in the darkness is a nightmare so big and mean that Monster can't fight it alone. Only teamwork and a lot of bravery can chase this nightmare away.