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EARLY CHAPTERS

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

Florence, Debbi Michiko. *Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen* (series). Eager to do something her big sister has not done first, Jasmine Toguchi, decides to pound mochi with the men and boys when her family gets together for New Year's.

Griffin, Sammy. *Mighty Meg and the Magical Ring* (series). 8-year-old Meg's life is turned upside-down when the ring she received from her Aunt Nikki, an archaeologist, gives her superpowers.

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.

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.

NONFICTION

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

Einhorn, Kama. *Welcome Wombat* (599.24 EIN—True Tales of Rescue Series). Photo-packed series explores the stories and science behind animal sanctuaries. A up-close look at what life is like at a real wombat sanctuary in Australia.

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.

Hood, Susan. *Ada's Violin: The Story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay* (784.206 HOO). A town built on a landfill. A community in need of hope. A girl with a dream. A man with a vision. An ingenious idea.

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 HORNE). Describes the life of the actress, singer, and civil rights activist including her childhood, early years in vaudeville, and achievements in Hollywood.

FICTION

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

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.

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FICTION CONT.

Lia, Simone. *They Didn't Teach THIS in Worm School*. Marcus is a worm, and a bird named Laurence is about to eat him for breakfast. So what does Marcus do? He strikes up a conversation, of course! But even after talking his way out of being eaten, Marcus's troubles are just beginning...

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

Soundar, Chitra. *Mangoes, Mischief, and Tales of Friendship: Stories From India*. In tales inspired by traditional Indian folktales, 10-year-old Prince Veera and his best friend Suku are given the opportunity to preside over the court of his father, King Bheema, and outwit the kingdom's greediest, wiliest subjects.

Steinhofl, Andreas. *If My Moon Was Your Sun*. 9-year-old Max sneaks his grandfather and Miss Schneider out of their nursing home to enjoy a walk in the country, where he admits he is afraid Grandfather will soon forget to love him.

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.

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. *The Mushroom Fan Club*. Forage the forest for nature's more alien creatures and learn all the wildest fungus facts!

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.

Hernandez, Jaime. *The Dragon Slayer: Folktales From Latin America* (non-fiction graphic novels). A collection of three classic folktales retold as colorful comics.

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.

Torres, J. *How to Spot a Sasquatch*. On a camping trip with the Junior Rangers, Jay feels like the odd one out. He's determined to get a photo of Bigfoot—but none of his friends believe Bigfoot exists.