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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.

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.

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!

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?

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.

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.

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.

Michiko Florence, Debbi. *Jasmine Toguchi: Mochi Queen* (series). Jasmine worries that she will be the only one with no talent to share in the school talent show until her mother brings out her taiko drum.

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.

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

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

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

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* (JB THA). 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.

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NONFICTION CONT.

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.

Yousafzai, Malala. *Malala's Magic Pencil* (BIO YOU). Malala's first picture book will inspire young readers everywhere to find the magic all around them.

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.

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

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

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.

GRAPHIC NOVELS

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. *Hippopotamister*. The zoo where Hippo and Red Panda live isn't what it used to be, so Hippo sets out to live in the human world and is quite successful, becoming a construction worker, hairstylist, and sous-chef. Armed with new skills, he returns to the zoo and makes it a better place.

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

Savage, Doug. *Laser Moose and Rabbit Boy*. Superheroes Laser Moose and Rabbit Boy use their superpowers to defend their forest home against aliens, mutants, and cyborgs.