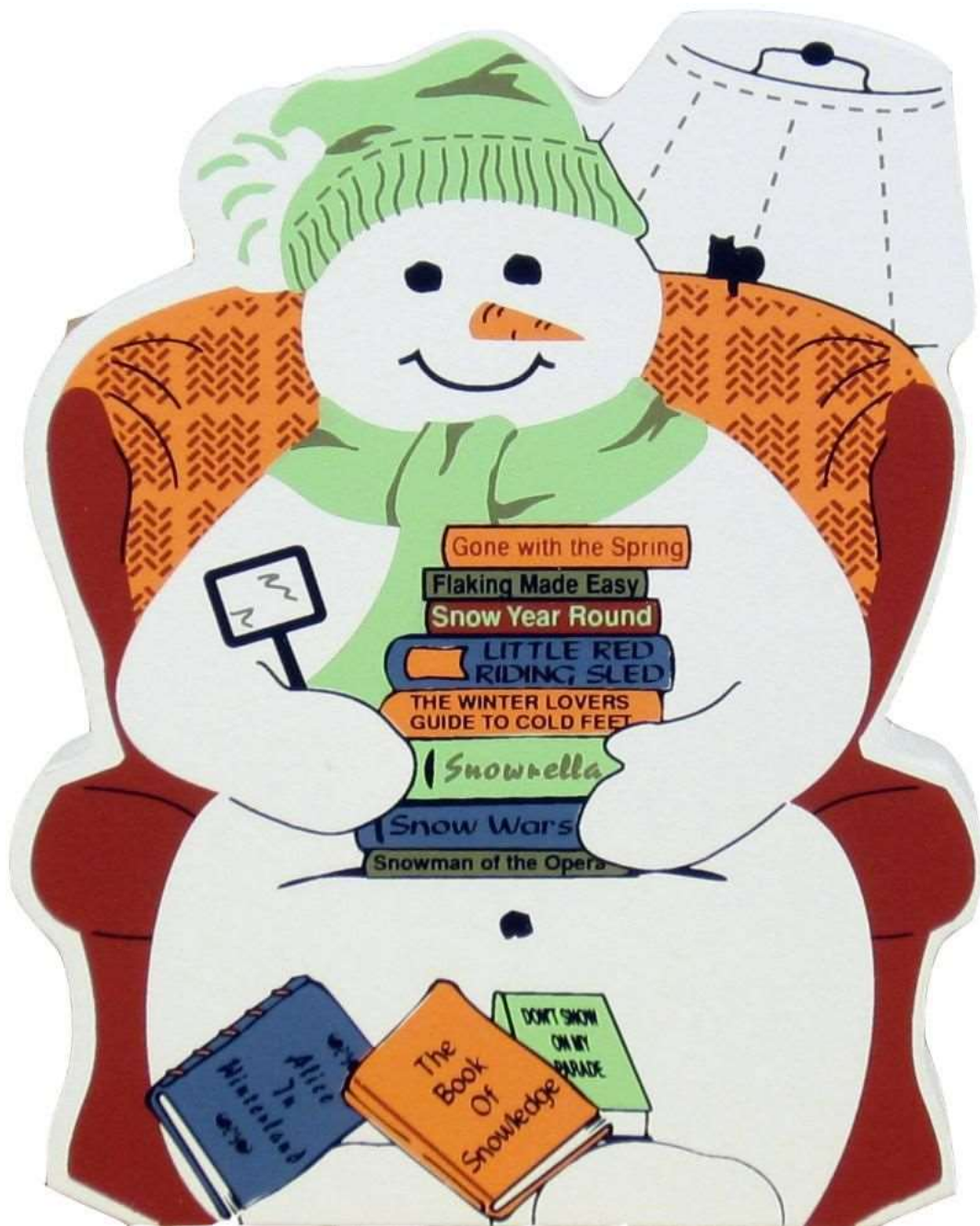


BOOK TALK



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EASY READER

Boothroyd, Jennifer. **How do helicopters work?**. How do helicopters stay in the air? And how do pilots control these special aircraft? Read this book to find out! Minneapolis: Lerner Publications Co., ©2013. **E BOO**

JUNIOR

Dixon, Franklin W.. **The missing playbook**. Frank and Joe try to hit a home run by figuring out what happened to the Bayport Bandits' playbook before the first big baseball game. New York: Aladdin, 2016. **J DIX**

Dixon, Franklin W.. **Talent show tricks**. Frank and Joe are excited for the school's annual talent show! Frank is working backstage, and Joe is going to show off his sweet juggling skills. Someone keeps playing pranks on all the acts-- bubbles are found in someone's trumpet and someone's music is replaced with the sound of croaking frogs! New York: Aladdin, 2016. **J DIX**

Dixon, Franklin W.. **The video game bandit**. Bayport Elementary is throwing a fundraiser so they can go on an end-of-the-year trip. Ellie Freeman's parents have volunteered their house for the event, and neighbors have donated all sorts of prizes to be raffled off including movie tickets and gift certificates to Fun World. But the best prize of all is a brand-new ZCross50000, a video game system that every kid has been drooling over. But sometime during the event, the ZCross goes missing. Can Frank and Jo figure out who took the prize before it's too late to save the big school trip? New York: Aladdin, 2016. **J DIX**

Dixon, Franklin W.. **Water-ski wipeout**. Frank and Joe Hardy are super-psyched for their school trip to Lake Poketoe. Along with their friends, they can't wait to go tubing, make smores, and take nature walks. And Joe is particularly excited to try out his brand-new water skis during the trip! But when the group tries to head out for their first day of boating, Joe discovers his skis are missing! Who could have taken them? And how could they have disappeared without anyone noticing? With time running out on their trip, can Frank and Joe figure out who the sneaky ski thief could be? New York: Aladdin, 2016. **J DIX**

INTERMEDIATE

Hahn, Mary Downing. **The ghost of Crutchfield Hall: a ghost story**. In the nineteenth century, ten-year-old Florence Crutchfield leaves a London orphanage to live with her great-uncle, great-aunt, and sickly cousin James, but she soon realizes the home has another resident, who means to do her and James harm. Boston: Clarion Books, ©2010. **I HAH**

Hamilton, Kersten. **The Mesmer menace**. Daring dachshund Noodles narrates as evil Mesmers bent on world domination arrive at the Amazing Automated Inn, where eleven-year-old inventor Wally Kennewickett, aided by Noodles and the inn's automatons, tries to foil their plans. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, ©2013. **I HAM**

Patterson, James. **From hero to zero**. Rafe Khatchadorian takes his troublemaking ways across the pond and gets lost in London! New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2018. **I PAT**

Springer, Nancy. **The case of the bizarre bouquets: an Enola Holmes mystery**. Fourteen-year-old Enola Holmes, disguised as a beautiful woman, finds clues in floral bouquets as she searches for the missing Doctor Watson, a companion of her famous older brother, Sherlock. New York: Puffin Books, an imprint of Penguin Group (USA) Inc., 2011. **I SPR**

Springer, Nancy. **The case of the cryptic crinoline: an Enola Holmes mystery**. In late nineteenth-century London, fourteen-year-old Enola Holmes, much younger sister of detective Sherlock Holmes, turns to Florence Nightingale for help when her investigation into the disappearance of a Crimean War widow grows cold. New York: Puffin Books, an imprint of Penguin Group (USA) Inc., 2011. **I SPR**

Springer, Nancy. **The case of the gypsy good-bye: an Enola Holmes mystery**. After fourteen-year-old Enola Holmes seeks the missing Duquessa Del Campo in the seedy underbelly of nineteenth-century London, she finally reaches an understanding with her brothers Sherlock and Mycroft. New York: Puffin Books, an imprint of Penguin Group (USA) Inc., 2011. **I SPR**

Springer, Nancy. **The case of the left-handed lady: an Enola Holmes mystery**. Pursued by her much older brother, famed detective Sherlock Holmes, fourteen-year-old Enola, disguised and using false names, attempts to solve the kidnapping of a baronet's sixteen-year-old daughter in nineteenth-century London. New York: Puffin Books, an imprint of Penguin Group (USA) Inc., 2011. **I SPR**

Springer, Nancy. **The case of the missing marquess: an Enola Holmes mystery**. Enola Holmes, the much younger sister of detective Sherlock Holmes, must travel to London in disguise to unravel the disappearance of her missing mother. New York: Puffin Books, an imprint of Penguin Group (USA) Inc., 2011. **I SPR**

Springer, Nancy. **The case of the peculiar pink fan: an Enola Holmes mystery**. While fourteen-year-old Enola Holmes endeavors to save her friend Lady Cecily Alistair from an unwelcome arranged marriage, she meets with some assistance from her older brother, Sherlock, and interference by the eldest, Mycroft. New York: Puffin Books, an imprint of Penguin Group (USA) Inc., 2011. **I SPR**

Watson, Tom. **A tail of two kitties**. Stick Cat and his best friend Edith must rescue a man in the building next door. New York, NY: Harper, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, ©2016. **I WAT**

YOUNG ADULT

Barnum, Melanie. **The book of psychic symbols: interpreting intuitive messages**. A unique and comprehensive guide to understanding psychic communication. With definitions for over 500 symbols and practical hands on exercises, this book walks us through where symbols come from, how we receive them, what they mean and how we can apply them to our everyday lives. Llewellyn, Minnesota: Llewellyn Publications, 2012. **YA 133.8 B**

Carter, Ally. **Cross my heart and hope to spy**. When the Gallagher Academy, a secret spy school for girls, hosts male guests from Knowlton-Hale, Cammie is blamed for a series of security breaches that forces her to clear her name while trying to deny her attraction to an incorrigible hottie named Zach. Los Angeles: Disney-Hyperion, 2016. **YA CAR**

Kubo, Tite. **Bleach. Vols. 70, 71, & 72, Friend**. Yhwach's invasion of the Soul Society has led its defenders to make some strange alliances, with Ichigo and his friends finding common cause with some of the Arrancars. And Soul Reapers who normally wouldn't have anything to do with each other now fight side by side as Kenpachi and Mayuri take on a truly monstrous Quincy. And because war brings changes to all, Mayuri's dutiful daughter Nemu is compelled to act in defiance of her father--even if it becomes the last thing she ever does. San Francisco: VIZ Media LLC, 2018. **YA 741.5 K**

Kubo, Tite. **Bleach. Vols. 73 and 74, Battlefield burning**. The final battle nears, and it will require every ounce of strength Ichigo and his friends have to win against an omnipotent enemy. If they win, it means the end of the millennium-long war between the Quincies and the Soul Reapers. If they lose... San Francisco: VIZ Media LLC, 2019. **YA 741.5 K**

NON-FICTION

Bucholz, Dinah. **The unofficial Harry Potter cookbook: from cauldron cakes to knickerbocker glory--more than 150 magical recipes for wizards and non-wizards alike**. Informative sidebars and colourful photographs accompany the text and allow readers to learn more about Senegal's rich culture. Avon, Mass.: Adams Media, ©2010. **641.5942 B**

Holub, Joan. **What were the Salem Witch Trials?**. Something wicked was brewing in the small town of Salem, Massachusetts in 1692. It started when two girls, Betty Parris and Abigail Williams, began having hysterical fits. Soon after, other local girls claimed they were being pricked with pins. With no scientific explanation available, the residents of Salem came to one conclusion: it was witchcraft! Over the next year and a half, nineteen people were convicted of witchcraft and hanged while more languished in prison as hysteria swept the colony. Author Joan Holub gives readers an inside look at this sinister chapter in history. New York, New York: Grosset & Dunlap, an imprint of Penguin Random House, ©2015. **345.744 H**

Kaufmann, Carol. **Polar: a photicular book**. Come along on a voyage to the North and South Poles, and learn about the creatures and sights found nowhere else. New York: Workman Publishing, 2015. **590.911 K**

Kurzius, Alexa. **Gravity**. Presents the basic principles of gravity, a history of how the theory was developed, the revisions made by Albert Einstein, and descriptions of how gravity works in space, with examples from America's space program. New York, NY: Children's Press, an imprint of Scholastic Inc., 2019. **531.14 K**

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Hale, Shannon. **Diana: Princess of the Amazons**. Eleven-year-old Diana, the gangly, sometimes clumsy, only child on the island of Themyscira, struggles to live up to the high Amazonian standards and longs for someone her own age whom she can talk to. Burbank, CA: DC Comics, 2020. **741.5 H**

VOX BOOKS

Barrow, David. **Have you seen elephant?**. Elephant wants to play hide and seek. He's very good! See if you can help the others find him. Wellington, New Zealand: Gecko Press, ©2019. **V P BAR**

Bonneau, Monique. **Seven bad cats**. From one bad cat that eats from fish traps to seven that flip over the boat, a young girl tells, in rhyme, of an adventure at sea. Naperville, Illinois: Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, ©2018. **V P BON**

Bowman, Chris. **Tree frogs**. The colours of most tree frogs help them blend in with their surroundings. But when startled, some tree frogs shock predators with their brightly coloured eyes. Beginning readers will be surprised by other cool facts about tree frogs in this eye-catching title. Minneapolis, MN: Bellwether Media, ©2016. **V E BOW**

Cronin, Doreen. **Click, clack, moo: cows that type**. When Farmer Brown's cows find a typewriter in the barn they start making demands, and go on strike when the farmer refuses to give them what they want. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2000. **V P CRO**

DiCamillo, Kate. **Good Rosie!**. One day George takes his dog Rosie to the dog park, but the park is full of dogs that Rosie doesn't know, which makes her feel lonelier than ever. When big, loud Maurice and small, yippy Fifi bound over and want to play, Rosie's not sure how to respond. Is there a trick to making friends? Somerville, Massachusetts: Candlewick Press, 2018. **V P DIC**

Fleming, Meg. **Sometimes rain**. Illustrations and simple, rhyming text celebrate the seasons of the year and the joy each one brings. New York: Beach Lane Books, ©2018. **V P FLE**

Fucile, Tony. **Poor Louie**. Louie can sense that his charmed Chihuahua life is about to change as his parents prepare to welcome a new addition to the family. Somerville, Massachusetts: Candlewick Press, 2017. **V P FUC**

Gardner, Kate. **Lovely beasts: the surprising truth**. This book contains a list of several animals that many people would consider scary (sharks), ugly (bats), or creepy (spiders) then explains how they benefit their biological niche, and humans! New York, NY: Balzer + Bray, an imprint of HarperCollinsPublishers, ©2018. **V P GAR**

Goodrich, Carter. **Nobody hugs a cactus**. Hank, a cactus who is as prickly on the inside as he is on the outside, decides he wants a hug. [Fairfax, Virginia]: [Library Ideas, LLC], ©2019. **V P GOO**

Guendelsberger, Erin. **Inky the octopus**. Out of this tank, I must be free. I must explore the open sea! Follow Inky the octopus as he escapes from the National Aquarium of New Zealand to the ocean! Based on a true story, Inky the Octopus chronicles the adventure that the real-life Inky might have taken on his escape to freedom in the open ocean! Naperville, Illinois: Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, ©2018. **V P GUE**

Gunti, Erin. **A place to stay: a shelter story**. This simple, touching picture book shows readers a women's shelter through the eyes of a young girl, who, with her mother's help, uses her imagination to overcome her anxiety and adjust. Includes factual endnotes detailing various reasons people experience homelessness and the resources available to help. Cambridge, MA: Barefoot Books, 2019. **V P GUN**

Hudson, Katy. **Too many carrots**. Rabbit has lots of carrots, and when he attempts take them with him when he moves in with friends--until he realizes that the best thing to do is share his carrots with all his friends. North Mankato, Minnesota: Picture Window Books, a capstone imprint, ©2016. **V P HUD**

Kekkabecca. **A child's story to Stravinsky's "Firebird"**. The stuck-up, best flyer of all the birds in the sky is badly injured but learns humility and gratitude when his friends stand by him as he struggles to recover. Music by Igor Stravinsky, performed by The New York Philharmonic, conducted by the composer. [Vienna, Virginia]: [Library Ideas, LLC], ©2018. **V P KEK**

Koestler-Grack, Rachel A.. **Poison dart frogs**. Relevant images match informative text in this introduction to poison dart frogs. Intended for students in kindergarten through third grade. Minneapolis, MN: Bellwether Media, 2019. **V E KOE**

MacIver, Juliette. **That's not a hippopotamus!**. A class trip to the zoo descends into a chaotic hunt for the missing hippopotamus. Teacher, zookeeper and all the children join the search. The noise and drama reach a pitch, and no one thinks to listen to quiet Liam. Wellington, New Zealand: Gecko Press, 2016. **V P MAC**

McDonnell, Patrick. **The monsters' monster**. Once upon a time, there were three little rascals who thought they were the BIGGEST, BADDEST monsters around. Then along came an even BIGGER monster who changed their minds. And all it took was two little words. New York: Little, Brown and Company, ©2012. **V P MCD**

Miller, Pat Zietlow. **Remarkably you**. Rhyming text encourages young readers to discover what they are good at and use it to make a difference in big ways or in small ones. New York, NY: Harper, an imprint of HarperCollinsPublishers, ©2019. **V P MIL**

Nelson, Kadir. **Nelson Mandela**. Presents a biography of the former South African president best known for his political activism and fight to end apartheid. New York: Katherine Tegen Books, ©2013. **V P NEL**

Parsley, Elise. **If you ever want to bring a piano to the beach, don't!**. Magnolia is a little girl with a big idea, determination, and one very heavy upright piano that she insists on taking with her to the beach, but in a series of mishaps, Magnolia quickly learns that a piano does not mix well with sand, sun, and seagulls. New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2016. **V P PAR**

Perish, Patrick. **Moths**. Developed by literacy experts for students in kindergarten through grade three, this book introduces moths to young readers through leveled text and related photos. Minneapolis, MN: Bellwether Media, 2018. **V E PER**

Schuetz, Kristin. **Severe weather**. Developed by literacy experts for students in kindergarten through grade three, this book introduces severe weather to young readers through leveled text and related photos. Minneapolis, MN: Bellwether Media, 2016. **V E SCH**

Silverman, Buffy. **How do space vehicles work?**. Including a diagram, fun facts, and colourful photographs, this book describes space vehicles, how they are launched, the three stages of the rocket, the capsule's splitting from the rocket, the capsule in orbit, and the return to Earth's atmosphere. Minneapolis: Lerner Publications Co., ©2016. **V E SIL**

Silverman, Buffy. **How do jets work?**. Including a diagram, fun facts, and colourful photographs, this book describes jet planes and how they take off, fly, and land. Minneapolis: Lerner Publications Co., ©2016. **V E SIL**

Sommer, Nathan. **Squids**. Simple text and full-colour photography introduce beginning readers to squids. Developed by literacy experts for students in kindergarten through third grade. Minneapolis, MN: Bellwether Media, 2018. **V E SOM**

Timmers, Leo. **Gus's garage**. Gus's workshop is chockful of useless odds and ends. One by one Gus's friends bring him their vehicles and Gus solves their troubles with ingenious solutions; a cooling system made with a fridge that doubles as an ice-cream machine, a burst of speed from a rocket blaster. Soon the workshop is almost empty, but the last scraps might be just enough to solve Gus's own problem at the end of a long day. Wellington, New Zealand: Gecko Press, 2019. **V P TIM**

Tuma, Refe. **What the dinosaurs did last night: a very messy adventure**. Photographs and simple text reveal the mischief toy dinosaurs get into all night long, from knocking over potted plants to painting on walls. New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2015. **V P TUM**