

SPRING IN TO BOOKS



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Parent Teacher

Brown, Marc. **Arthur Decks the hall.** As the reader lifts flaps and places the enclosed stickers in the scenes, Arthur, D.W., and their parents get ready for the holidays by decorating their house, writing Christmas cards and baking cookies. New York: Random House, c2998. **PT/P/BRO**

Griffin, Jennifer. **Humpty who? : A crash course in 80 nursery rhymes for clueless moms and dads.** A collection of classic nursery rhymes, contemporary songs, and finger plays aimed at helping parents interact with babies, with instructions for related movements and activities, historical information about some rhymes, and a CD containing music for thirty-five of the songs. New York: Workman Pub., c2007. **PT/398.8/G**

King, Calvin L. **Daddy, did you hear that bird? : The miracles of hearing, family and love.** This book shares the touching story of how the King family got through the trials of having a deaf child, including the natural grieving process they experienced upon hearing the news. Bloomington, IN: iUniverse LLC, c2014. **PT/305.909/K**

Soman, David. **Ladybug Girl loves.** Lulu, an energetic, imaginative child dressed in a ladybug costume, spends a very busy day enjoying all of the things she loves. New York: Grosset & Dunlap, c2010. **PT/P/SOM**

Picture Book

Alexander, Kwame. **Acoustic Rooster and his barnyard band.** Acoustic Rooster forms a jazz band with Duck Ellington, Bee Holliday, and Pepe Ernesto Cruz to compete in the annual Barnyard Talent Show against such greats as Thelonius Monkey, Mules Davis, and Ella Finchgerald. Ann Arbor, MI: Sleeping Bear Press, c2011. **P/ALE**

Allen, Joy. **Princess Palooza.** Six imaginative little girls spend a day having fun together at a princess-themed playground. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons c2011. **P/ALL**

Ashford, Jeron. **Winter candle.** When each family at the diverse Juniper Court apartment complex needs something to light up the dark of winter, the stumpy, lumpy candle provides a glow brighter than the fanciest taper, revealing the true spirit of each holiday it illuminates. Berkeley: Creston Books, 2014. **P/ASH**

Buehner, Caralyn. **Snowmen at night.** Snowmen play games at night when no one is watching. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, c2002. **P/BUE**

Burningham, John. **The way to the zoo.** Discovering a magical door in her bedroom that leads her to the zoo, a little girl is tempted to bring one little bear back to her room, and then a menagerie of smaller animals, and then a medley of big animals, until pandemonium ensues. Somerville, Massachusetts: Candlewick Press, c2014. **P/BUR**

Burton, LeVar. **The rhino who swallowed a storm.** When little Mica is frightened by a storm, her father tells her the story of a rhino who was feeling lost and alone, until he learns that with the love of family and friends, there will always be help during tough times. Burbank, California: Reading Rainbow, c2014. **P/BUR**

Chapman, Jared. **Pirate, Viking & Scientist.** A pirate and a Viking fight to become the very best friend of a kid scientist, who meanwhile devises the perfect formula for all three friends to play happily together. New York: Little Brown and Company, c2014. **P/CHA**

Cinderella. With the help of her fairy godmother, a kitchen maid mistreated by her stepmother and stepsisters attends the palace ball where she meets the prince of her dreams. New York: Golden Books, c2005. **P/CIN**

Conway, David. **The great fairy tale disaster.** When an old Big Bad Wolf who no longer has enough huff and puff to blow down a house tries to find a nice relaxing fairy tale for a change, he winds up making a big mess for Cinderella, Rapunzel, and other well-known characters. Wilton, CT: Tiger Tales, c2012. **P/CON**

Kimmel, Eric A. **I took my frog to the library.** A young girl brings her pets to the library--with predictably disastrous results. New York: Puffin Book, c1992. **P/KIM**

Korman, Justine. **The lion king.** Simba believes he is responsible for the death of his father, the king, and flees--but returns to claim his kingdom. New York: Golden Book, c2011. **P/KOR**

Novak, B.J. **The book with no pictures.** In this book with no pictures, the reader has to say every silly word, no matter what. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2014. **P/NOV**

Offill, Jenny. **11 experiments that failed.** A young child tries a series of wacky experiments, such as seeing if a piece of bologna will fly like a Frisbee and determining whether seedlings will grow if watered with expensive perfume, and then must suffer the consequences of experiments gone awry. New York: Schwartz & Wade Books, c2011. **P/OFF**

Offill, Jenny. **17 things I'm not allowed to do anymore.** A young girl lists the sixteen things she is not allowed to do anymore, including not being able to make ice after freezing a fly in one of the cubes. New York: Schwartz & Wade Books, c2007. **P/OFF**

Peter Pan. This is the adventures of the three Darling children in Never-Never Land with Peter Pan, the boy who would not grow up. New York: Golden Books, c2007. **P/PET**

Pinkwater, Daniel Manus. **Beautiful Yetta's Hanukah kitten.** Huddling with her parrot friends in a warm nest atop a street light as the winter begins, Yetta, the Yiddish chicken, discovers a stray kitten and must find it a safe home when her parrot friends are reluctant to adopt it. New York: Feiwel and Friends, c2014. **P/PIN**

Rubin, Adam. **Secret pizza party.** While Raccoon is eating pizza at his secret pizza party, he sees a masquerade party going on in the house next door to him and joins the fun. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, c2013. **P/RUB**

Schwartz, Corey Rosen. **Goldi Rocks and the three bears.** In this fractured fairy tale, the Three Bear Band holds tryouts for a lead singer. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons. **P/SCH**

Senior, Olive. **Anna carries water.** When Anna and her family fetches water from the spring, she wonders when she will learn to carry it on her head like her brothers and sisters. Vancouver: Tradewind Books, c2013. **P/SEN**

Sitomer, Alan Lawerence. **Daddies do it different.** A child relates all the things that Daddy does differently than Mommy, but the most important thing they do exactly the same. New York: Disney/ Hyperion Books, c2012. **P/SIT**

Snow white and the seven dwarfs. A princess takes refuge from her wicked stepmother in the cottage of seven dwarfs. New York: Golden Books, c2009. **P/SNO**

Teitelbaum, Michael. **The little mermaid.** The little mermaid, Ariel, risks losing her voice forever for a chance to win the human prince she loves. New York: Golden Books, c2013. **P/TEI**

Yates, Phillip. **A pirate's night before Christmas.** On a ship of mischievous brigands--who have visions of treasure chests dancing in their heads--Sir Peggedy, with his peg leg and hook arm, pays a visit to the pirates along with his eight giant seahorses--Salty, Scurvy, Sinbad, Mollie, Cutthroat, Cross-Eyes, Roger, and Jolly. New York: Sterling, c2008. **P/YAT**

Intermediate

Baker, E.D. **The fairy-tale matchmaker.** Defying her mother's wishes and the Tooth Fairy Guild, Cory quits her tooth fairy training to explore such things as babysitting an adventurous Humpty Dumpty and helping Suzy organize her seashells by the seashore until, at last, Cory discovers a power she never knew she had. New York: Bloomsbury, c2014. **BAK**

Epstein, Adam Jay. **Palace of dreams.** Aldwyn, Skylar, and Gilbert must embark on a journey to clear their names and save a Vastia after a necklace they give to Queen Loranella puts her under a dangerous curse. New York: Harper, c2014. **EPS**

George, Jessica Day. **Thursdays with the crown.** Castle Glower's towers have transported Princess Celie, her siblings, and her pet griffin, Rufus, to an unknown land. As they set out on a dangerous adventure to discover their whereabouts, they find an entire lost people, divided by the wishes of two wizards in a centuries-old quarrel over their beloved home--Castle Glower. New York: Bloomsbury, c2014. **GEO**

Goldblatt, Mark: **Twerp.** In Queens, New York, in 1969, twelve-year-old Julian Twerski writes a journal for his English teacher in which he explores his friendships and how they are affected by girls, a new student who may be as fast as Julian, and especially an incident of bullying. New York: Random House, c2013. **GOL**

Holzner, Tracy. **The secret hum of a daisy.** After 12-year-old Grace's mother's sudden death, Grace is forced to live with a grandmother she's never met. Then she discovers clues in a mysterious treasure hunt--one that will help her find her true home. New York: NY: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2014. **HOL**

Pinkney, Andrea Davis. **The red pencil**. After her tribal village is attacked by militants, Amira, a young Sudanese girl, must flee to safety at a refugee camp, where she finds hope and the chance to pursue an education in the form of a single red pencil and the friendship and encouragement of a wise elder. New York: Little, Brown and Company, c2014. **PIN**

Riordan, Rick. **The blood of Olympus**. The Greek and Roman demigods must simultaneously prevent the earth mother, Gaea, from waking and stop war from breaking out at Camp Half-Blood. Los Angeles: New York: Disney- Hyperion, c2014. **RIO**

Russell, Rachel Renee. **Tales from a not-so-smart Miss Know-It-All**. When Miss Know-It-All's inbox overflows with pleas for guidance, Nikki Maxwell, the school newspaper advice columnist, turns to her best friends for help. New York: Aladdin, c2012. **RUS**

Sternberg, Julie. **Friendship over**. Using the journal she receives for her tenth birthday from her father, Celie Valentine records what's on her mind, including feuding with her best friend Lula, spying on her parents, and trying to figure out her grandmother's odd behaviour. Honesdale, Pennsylvania: Boyds Mills Press, 2014. **STE**

Unsworth, Tania. **The one safe place**. In a near future world of heat, greed, and hunger, Devin earns a coveted spot in a home for abandoned children that promise unlimited food and toys and the hope of finding a new family, but Devin discovers the home's horrific true mission when he investigates its intimidating Administrator and the zombie-like sickness that afflicts some children. Chapel Hill, North Carolina: Algonquin Young Readers, c2014. **UNS**

Whitaker, Nathan. **Snap decision**. Eighth-grader Chase Clark gets the chance to play on the varsity team with his best friend, Tripp, at their small-town Florida school, but when a hard hit takes Tripp down Chase is the only one who knows what really happened, and telling could have serious consequences. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan, c2014. **WHI**

Zelter, David. **Lug: dawn of the Ice Age**. Lug is a cave boy who would rather paint than fight. When he is banished from his clan, he and his two friends discover that the Ice Age is coming, and must figure out how to save their people. New York: Egmont USA, c2014. **ZEL**

NON-FICTION

Bailey, Gerry. **Adventure home**. This presents an introduction to the basics of building design with examples from unusual homes, describing the features and building materials which go into such structures as a treehouse, boathouse, tent, and igloo. St. Catharine's, Ontario: Crabtree Publishing Company, c2014. **392.36/B**

Bailey, Gerry. **Storybook homes**. There was an old lady who lived in a shoe, but how was her shoe house designed? Students will love learning how their favorite storybook characters thought up and designed their quirky homes. St. Catharine's, Ontario: Crabtree Publishing Company, c2014. **392.36/B**

Berne, Emma Carlson. **What are graphic novels?** Introduces the differences between graphic novels and comic books and the main techniques graphic novels use to tell their stories, and describes and offers examples of such genres as nonfiction in graphic novel form and Japanese manga. Minneapolis MN: Lerner Publication Company, c2015. **741.59/B**

Biskup, Angnieskza. **Batsuits and capes : the science behind Batman's body armor.** This explores the real-world science and engineering connections to the features of Batman's Batsuit. North Mankato, Minnesota: Capstone Press, c2014. **623.441/B**

Bodden, Valerie. **What are fiction genres?** Introduces the main elements of fiction--characters, settings, and plot--and describes and offers examples of such genres as realistic stories, historical fiction, mysteries, adventures, scary stories, science fiction, and fantasy. Minneapolis: Lerner Publications Company, 2015. **808.3/B**

Bodden, Valerie. **What are nonfiction genres?** Introduces the main elements of nonfiction and describes and offers examples of such genres as biographies, autobiographies and memoirs, history, adventure, informational materials, how-to books, opinion and persuasive writing, and reviews. Minneapolis: Lerner Publications Company, 2015. **808/B**

Bullard, Lisa. **I'm fearsome and fury! : meet a werewolf.** In this book you will discover how people turn into werewolves, and find out where werewolf stories come from. Minneapolis MN: Millbrook Press 2015. **398.24/B**

Bullard, Lisa. **I'm from outer space! : meet an alien.** Learn why people on Earth started telling alien stories. Minneapolis MN: Millbrook Press. 2015. **001.942/B**

Bussiere, Desiree. **Tennis by the numbers.** Explains how numbers are used in tennis and uses the sport to introduce simple math. Minneapolis, Minnesota: ABDO Pub. Company, c2014. **796.342/B**

Crist, James J. **What to do when you're cranky & blue : a guide for kids.** Tells children and youth how to recognize and deal with sad feelings, ways to connect with other people and make new friends, and how to handle sad feelings that are too difficult to manage on one's own. Minneapolis, MN: Free Spirit Publishing, Inc., 2014. **618.92/C**

Diana, Carla. **LEO the maker prince: Journey's in 3D printing.** This is written for anyone who wants to learn more about 3D printing. Sebastopol, California: Maker Media, 2014. **681.62/D**

Ehlert, Lois. **The scraps book: notes from a colorful life.** This presents a visual survey of Lois Ehlert's artistic career that reflects on her parents' support, her early creative experiments, and her behind-the-scenes book-making processes. New York: Beach Lane Books, c2013. **751.6/E**

Environmental encyclopedia This is a huge compendium of information about the environment and environmentalism. Detroit: Cengage Learning, c2011. **R/363.7/E**

A family of poems : my favorite poetry for children. This is an anthology of poems celebrating poetry's ability to connect us like family. New York: Hyperion Books for Children, c2005. **808.81/F**

Forget-me-nots : poems to learn by heart. Over 120 poems, with accompanying illustrations, selected to help young readers discover the pleasures of committing verse to memory. New York: Little Brown and company, c2012. **811.008/F**

Furgang, Kathy. **Everything weather.** Filled with fun facts and amazing photographs, an in-depth look at amazing weather includes real-life encounters as documented by National Geographic tornado chaser, Tim Samaras. Washington, D.C.: National Geographic, c2012. **551.6/F**

Gray, Leon. **What is a search engine and how do I use it?** Learn what a search engine is and how to use it. New York: Rosen Publishing, c2014. **025.04252/G**

Gray, Leon. **What is a social network and how do I use it?** This book will give you the information you need to start using social networks safely and effectively. New York: Rosen Publish, c2014. **006.754/G**

Halls, Kelly Milner. **Ghostly evidence: exploring the paranormal.** Examines ghost culture and myths, discussing what a ghost may appear as, the places they are reported to appear, people who claim to connect with ghosts, and paranormal hoaxes. Minneapolis MN: Millbrook Press, 2014. **133.1/H**

Hanson, Anders. **Cool collage: the art of creativity for kids!** Presents an introduction to the art of collage, discussing tools, composition, the basic elements of an image, techniques, and suggestions for simple projects. Edina, MN: ABDO Pub. Co, c2009. **702.812/H**

Hoena, B. A. **Everything mythology.** This provides step-by-step instructions for building haunted houses using household materials. Washington, D.C.: National Geographic, 2014. **292.13/H**

Johnson, Robin. **The word wizard's book of nouns.** This book teaches young storytellers how to identify a fable and how to write one of their own. St. Catharine's, Ontario: Crabtree Publish Company, 2015. **428.2/J**

Knudsen, Shannon. **I'm a fire breather! Meet a dragon.** Find out from Alice the dragon where dragons store their treasure, all about their dragon powers and the different kinds of dragons from around the world. Minneapolis MN: Millbrook Press. 2015. **398.24/K**

Macdonald, Fiona. **You wouldn't want to meet a body snatcher! Criminals and murders you'd rather avoid.** Describes the incidents of body snatching and murder in Edinburgh in the nineteenth century, where criminals would commonly sell corpses to the medical community for dissection. New York: Franklin Watts, c2009. **940/M**

Malam, John. **You wouldn't want to be a ninja warrior! A secret job that's your destiny.** Examines the skills needed to become a ninja, including practicing with weapons every day, listening and not asking questions, and keeping identity secret. New York: Franklin Watts, c2012. **355.548/M**

Malam, John. **You wouldn't want to be a skyscraper builder! : a hazardous job you'd rather not take.** Offers a humorous look of the life of a crew member building a new skyscraper called the Empire State Building while doing different jobs such a wrecker, catcher for a riveting gang, and sky boy. New York: Franklin Watts, c2009. **690/M**

Mooney, Carla. **Sports and entertainments of the 2000s.** This book is part of series that takes a global look back at the many people and events that shaped and defined the decade. San Diego, CA : ReferencePoint Press, Inc., c2014. **796/M**

Mulder, Michelle. **Every last drop: bringing clean water home.** Looks at why the world's water resources are at risk and how communities around the world are finding innovative ways to quench their thirst and water their crops. Victoria, British Columbia: Orca Book Publishers, c2014. **333.91/M**

Peterson, Megan Cooley. **How to build hair-raising haunted houses.** This book provides step-by-step instructions for building haunted houses using household materials. Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, c2011. **745.594/P**

Owings, Lisa. **What are legends, folk tales, and other classic stories?** Introduces and offers examples of myths and legends, two kinds of traditional stories that people believed to have been true, as well as such types of imagined traditional stories as folktales, fables, and fairy tales. Minneapolis MN: Lerner Publications c2015. **808/O**

Rosen, Suri. **How to tell a fable.** This book teaches young storytellers how to identify a fable and how to write one of their own. St. Catharine's, ON: Crabtree Pub., c2012. **808.8/R**

Ross, Catherine Sheldrick. **Shapes in math, science and nature: Squares, triangles and circles.** Collects three volumes introducing the basics of geometry, with a variety of activities illustrating the many types of circles, triangles, and squares encountered in everyday life, from the natural world to the one humans have engineered. Toronto: Kids Can Press, c2013. **516.15/R**

Russell, P. Craig. **The graveyard book. Vol 1.** Nobody Owens is a normal boy, except that he has been raised by ghosts and other denizens of the graveyard. New York: Harper, 2014. **741.5/R**

Stewart, Melissa. **Robots.** Introduces robots and the science behind these amazing machines, including a historic timeline of robot development, common jobs robots perform in the workplace and at home, and robots of the future. Washington, D.C.: National Geographic, c 2014. **629.892/S**

Teitelbaum, Michael. **Electrician.** Look inside this book to find out more about how electricians help power the world. Ann Arbor, MI: Cherry Lane Pub., c2010. **621.3/T**

Top 101 musicians. Readers are invited to peek into the times, triumphs, and tragedies of the musical geniuses of various era. New York: Britannica Educational Publishing. **920/T**

Top 101 philosophers. This book chronicles the lives of influential philosophers throughout history, including Hannah Arendt, Socrates, John Stuart Mill, and Immanuel Kant. New York: Britannica Educational Publishing, c2014. **920/T**

Turnbull, Stephanie. **Sun, moon and stars.** A basic introduction to astronomy introduces readers to the sky above them and describes the characteristics of the moon, the sun, and the stars. London: Usborne, c2007. **523.2/T**

Venture, Marne. **Kylie Jean summer camp craft queen.** Introduces crafts related to the book Kylie Jean Summer Camp Queen, by Marci Peschke. North Mankato, Minnesota: Picture Window Books, c2014. **745.5/V**

Whisper and shout: poem to memorize. A collection of poems on different subjects and in different styles, that lend themselves to memorization. Chicago: Cricket Books, c2002. **811.008/W**

Zuchora-Walske, Christine. **That bull is seeing red! : Science's biggest- mistakes about animals and plants.** This book examines scientific notions and beliefs that have been proven wrong, from sunflowers following the sun and the ability of cats to land anywhere unharmed. Minneapolis: Lerner Publications Company, [2015] **500/Z**

Reference

Alcohol information for teen: health tips about alcohol use, abuse, and dependence including facts about alcohol's effects on mental and physical health, the consequences of underage drinking, and understanding alcoholic family member. This book provides basic consumer health information for teens about the physical and mental health effects of alcohol use, with facts about alcohol abuse and underage drinking, treatment and recovery, and coping with alcoholism in the family. Detroit, MI: Omnigraphics, Inc., 2013. **R/613.81/A**

Diet information for teens: Health tips about nutrition fundamentals and eating plans including facts about vitamins, minerals, food additives, and weight- related concerns. Provides basic consumer health information for teens about nutrition, healthy eating plans, and weight control, along with facts about food allergies, obesity, and related medical conditions. Detroit, MI: Omnigraphics, Inc., c2012. **R/613.2/D**

Environmental encyclopedia. This is a huge compendium of information about the environment and environmentalism. Detroit: Cengage Learning, c2011. **R/363.7/E**

Fermie, Peter. **Family health encyclopedia: the comprehensive guide to the whole family's health needs.** Written by experienced GPs, and produced in association with the Royal College of General Practitioners, this clear, rigorously researched encyclopedia will help all the family diagnose a vast range of ailments. London: Hermes House, c2011. **R/610/F**

Music: the definitive visual history. The Definitive Visual History guides readers through the progression of music since its prehistoric beginnings, discussing not just Western classical music, but music from all around the world. Profiles the lives of groundbreaking musicians from Mozart to Elvis, takes an in-depth look at the history and function of various instruments, and includes listening suggestions for each music style. London: New York: DK, c2013. **R/780.9/M**

Physicians' desk reference: 2015. This is a detailed listing of every pharmaceutical out on the market with suggested uses and potential side effects clearly spelled out. Montvale, New Jersey: Thompson PDR, c2014. **R/615/P**

Skin health information for teens: health tips about dermatological disorders and activities that affect the skin, hair and nails. Provides basic consumer health information for teens about acne, infections, and other skin conditions, with facts about skin cancer prevention and tips for taking care of the skin, nails, and hair. Detroit, MI: Omnigraphics, 2013. **R/616.5/S**

Bermudiana

Beek, Rosheena. **Mommy says!** When something seems hard to do, Mommy makes everything better. This story has little symbols that help us to understand what Mommy says. These are called Adinkra symbols. Bermuda: Moja Co. Productions, c2013. **R/BDA sect. P/BEE**

Hall, Linda. **The little cottage.** After being left without a family for many years, the little cottage is very sad and lonely. He spends all day and night with only messy mould, scary spiders and creepy cockroaches for company. Then one day, after much time has passed, a key mysteriously turn in the lock. The story that follows is a tale of family, love and the magic of life. **R/BDA sect./J/HALL**

Holder, Sheila V. **Samantha's secret hiding place.** Whilst playing a game of Hide-and-Seek with her family, Samantha falls asleep waiting for them to find her. Bloomington, IN: Author House, c2014. **R/BDA sect. P/HOL**

Mulderig, Elizabeth A. **Tiny's Bermudaful Cup Match.** Learn about Bermuda's favourite summer holiday, Cup Match, from Tiny the Tree Frog. Bermuda: The Author, 2012. **R/BDA sect./P/MUL**

Mythology

Barchers, Suzanne I. **The princess and the giant: a take from Scotland.** When the Scottish princesses are captured by a giant, the youngest princess makes a plan to rescue her sisters. South Egremont, MA: red Chair Press, 2014. **398.2/B**

Riordan, Rick. **Percy Jackson's Greek Gods.** Percy Jackson, a modern-day demigod, tells the origin stories of the gods of Olympus and provides an insider's point of view - with plenty of attitude - in this illustrated collection. New York: Disney-Hyperion Books, 2014. **292.13/R**