

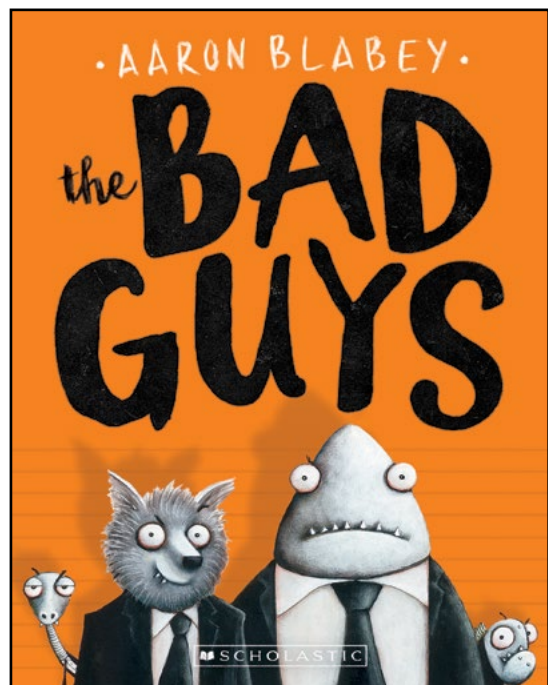


The Bad Guys

by Aaron Blabey

Booktalk!

Things never go well for the Big Bad Wolf. He is always defending himself and his wily ways, but mostly, he's just misunderstood. And he's not the only one! The snake, the piranha, and the shark aren't bad; they're just hungry! Wolf sets out to transform these seemingly bad guys into good guys. They are all sick of being the villains in every story. Wolf has some convincing to do and offers a series of funny questions the "bad guys" have to answer. The goal: Make the bad guys into heroes!



Best for grades 2-3



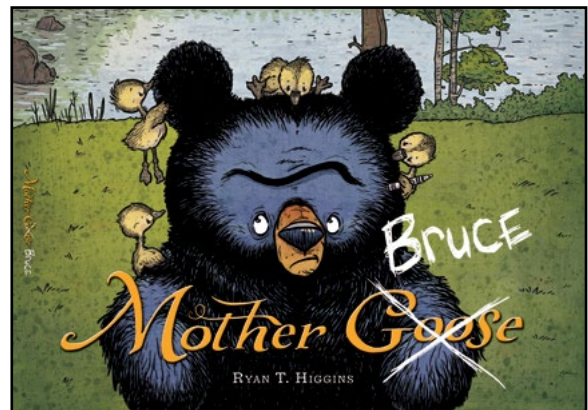
Booktalk!

Mother Bruce

by Ryan T. Higgins

Booktalk!

Meet Bruce. Bruce is a grumpy bear who craves eggs. One spring morning, before he has a chance to stoke the fire beneath his latest find of four large goose eggs, he is greeted with cries of “MAMA!” No matter what he does, even roar his most ferocious roar, the four goslings will not leave him alone; they stick to him like ticks. As the time for geese to fly south draws near, Bruce is happy. He will have freedom and peace and quiet...just not where he expected.



Best for grades K-1



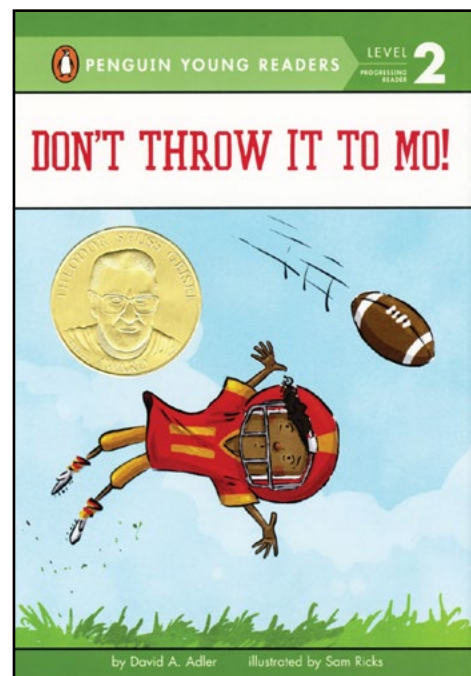
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Don't Throw It to Mo!

by David A. Adler

Booktalk!

Mo Jackson loves football more than anything, but he is younger and smaller than the other players on his team, the Robins. Mostly, Mo sits on the bench with Coach Steve during practice. When the Robins play the Jays, opposing team members laugh at Mo's small size. But when the game is almost over, and the Robins are losing, Coach Steve tells Mo that he is sending him in to play! Hopefully, Coach Steve's plan to have Mo "go deep" will allow the Robins to win, since the Jays don't think anyone would ever throw the football to Mo!



Best for grades 1-2

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Key Hunters Flip Book: The Mysterious Moonstone (Book 1) and The Spy's Secret (Book 2)

by Eric Luper

Booktalk!

How would you feel if your school librarian were trapped inside the pages of a book and you found a magical key that could help others? Excited? Scared? That's exactly how best friends Cleo and Evan feel as they work together to look for Ms. Hillard. Along the way, they must recover a stolen diamond and rescue Agent Dearth from the Viper's secret lair before he unleashes information that will put thousands of people at risk. Who knew getting lost in a book could be so dangerous and thrilling?



Best for grades 2-3





Sting

by Jude Watson

Booktalk!

March's twin sister Jules wants to steal some diamonds. It's what they do best! But another thief arrives at the site first, and instead of getting their hands on the amazing diamonds, the twins now possess a famous, cursed sapphire, part of a set once owned by Marie Antoinette. To stop the curse, they must find the other two sapphires and avoid the FBI and a dangerous group of criminals, including their evil aunt. Ending the curse means becoming involved in two more incredible jewel heists that could end their young lives!



Best for grades 4-8



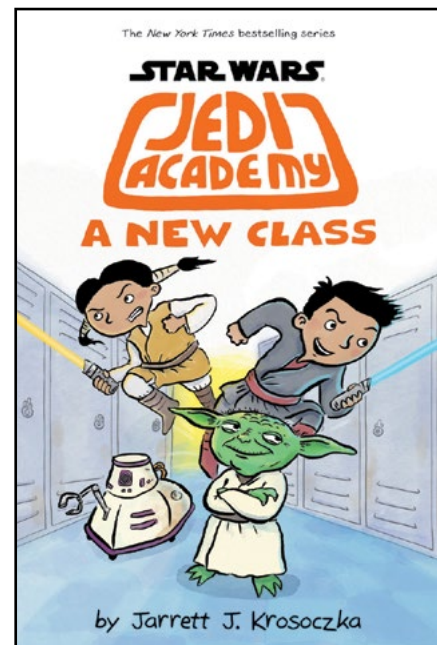


Star Wars® Jedi Academy: A New Class

by Jarrett J. Krosoczka

Booktalk!

A new book in the Jedi Academy series, there is. Read it, you must! Victor Starspeeder cannot wait to transfer to the Jedi Academy to learn about lightsabers and opening doors with the Force. He imagines days filled with action and adventure. Unfortunately, during the first week, he gets in trouble for daydreaming, injures P-10 during gym class, and is blamed for wreaking havoc in the cafeteria. Faster than warp speed, Victor is sent to detention. Yoda thinks joining the drama club will put his energy to good use. Will the Force be with Victor?



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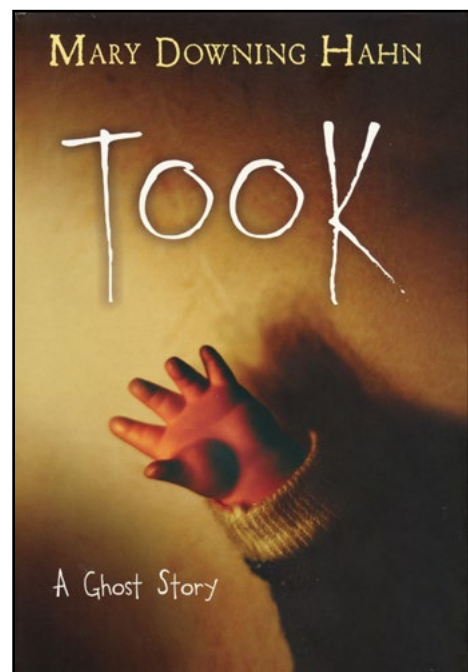


Took: A Ghost Story

by Mary Downing Hahn

Booktalk!

Seventh-grader Daniel and his little sister Erica never wanted to move to West Virginia, especially when their new small town has creepy stories about a seven-year-old girl named Selena who disappeared 50 years ago. She was never found, and most say she was “took” by a witch named Old Auntie, or eaten by a razorback hog. Daniel and Erica despise their old house, but they certainly didn’t know it’s where Selena used to live! After kids start telling them the old tales, the brother and sister are terrified. When Erica disappears, Daniel believes that the witch “took” his little sister too!



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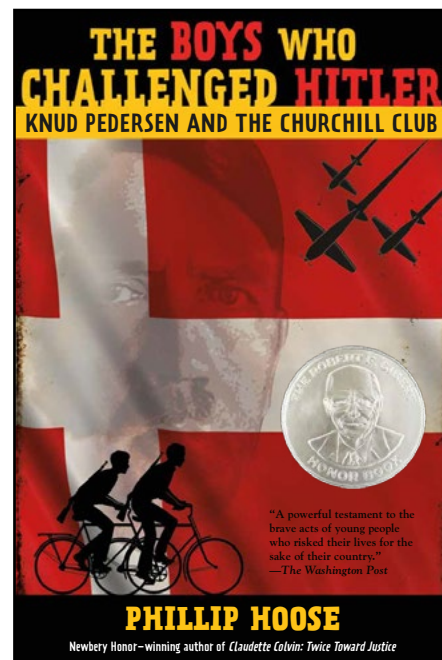


The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club

by Phillip Hoose

Booktalk!

When Hitler's army invaded Denmark, its nation's leaders surrendered. Embarrassed by their country, a group of teenage boys, led by Knud Pedersen and his brother, formed a secret club to sabotage their Nazi occupiers. Slashing tires and stealing weapons, the Churchill Club boys risked capture and death at every turn. How long can the Churchill Club remain a secret? What will the Nazis do to them if they're caught? These brave teenagers changed history, sparked a resistance movement, and saved their country. Imagine what you would do.



Best for grades 6-8



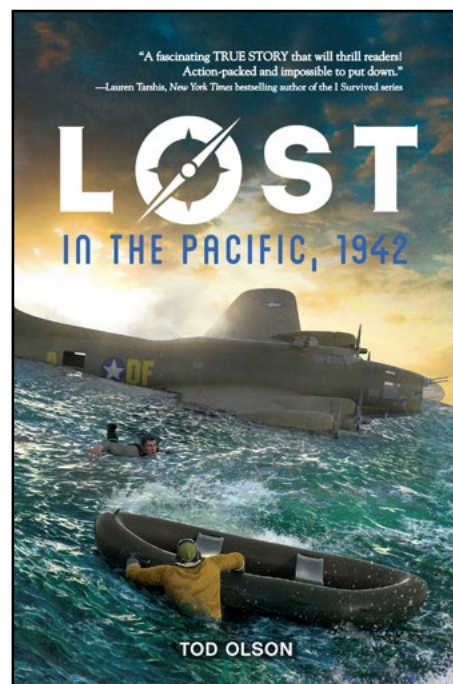


Lost in the Pacific, 1942

by *Tod Olson*

Booktalk!

During World War II, a plane carrying eight men crashed into the Pacific Ocean. On the plane was Colonel Eddie Rickenbacker, the world's most famous pilot. The men used three inflatable rafts to stay afloat in miles of ocean; supplies had been left behind. The men could last two to three months without food, but it would be a miracle to survive two weeks without fresh water. The men constantly thought about food, refusing to believe they had begun the process of starvation. Days passed and as spirits sank, each man realized the end was just a few hours away.



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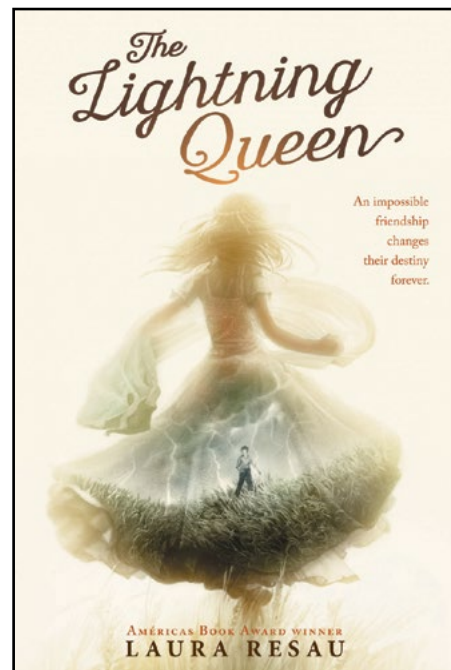


The Lightning Queen

by Laura Resau

Booktalk!

Believe in the impossible — that's what these two most unlikely friends do. Teo, a rural Mixteco boy, and Esmá, the Gypsy Queen of Lightning, become bonded forever. But it takes belief in magic, a blind goat, and a three-legged skunk to make their fortune come true. Along the way they confront a cruel teacher, but through belief in each other, they can overcome pain and sadness and save each other when no one else can. These unforgettable characters remind readers of the power of friendship and how it can make all things possible.



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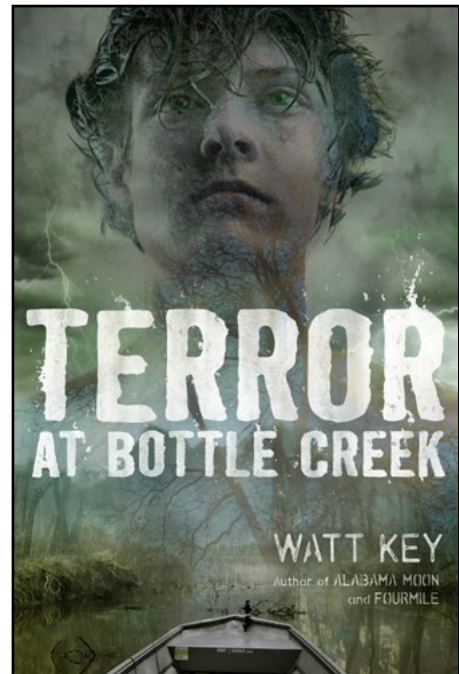


Terror at Bottle Creek

by Watt Key

Booktalk!

Thirteen-year-old Cort still bears the scars from a wild hog attack. Thousands of the creatures live in the swamps near his home, as well as alligators and snakes. Since his dad is a river guide, he knows the dangers of the swamp, but when a hurricane is predicted to make landfall and a state of emergency is declared, Cort must put danger aside to save two neighbor girls. As the three attempt to seek shelter on the top of an ancient Indian mound, they encounter wild hogs, snakes, alligators, bears, and deer doing the same. Cort wonders, how many ways are there to die in one place?



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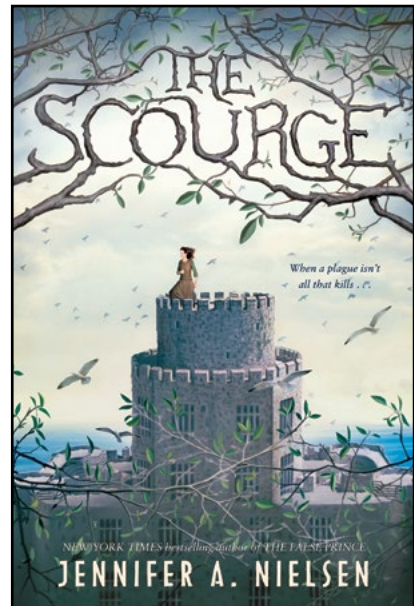


The Scourge

by Jennifer A. Nielsen

Booktalk!

Anni Mells is clever, but her smart mouth won't help her when she's dragged in front of the governor's wardens. Tested against her will, Anni is diagnosed with the deadly Scourge and exiled to Attic Island—a former prison converted into a quarantine hospital. Stricken with an incurable plague, the Scourge's victims live short, painful lives, but Anni fights to survive. With her best friend, Weevil, Anni investigates the truth behind the Scourge and uncovers a plot more dangerous than any disease. Will they live long enough to share the truth?



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