

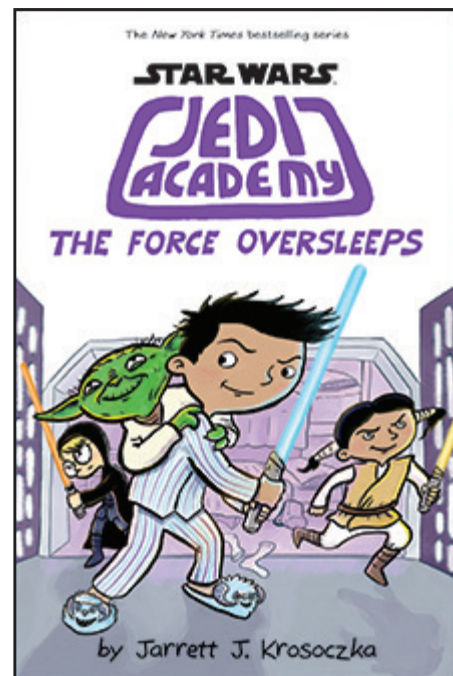
Booktalk!

Star Wars® Jedi Academy: The Force Oversleeps

by Jarrett J. Krosoczka

Booktalk!

Meet Victor Starspeeder. He lived a long time ago in a galaxy far away. He is the most awesome student at Jedi Academy! Victor has a huge crush on Maya, but she hasn't written him back after his nearly 100 holomessages. Victor thinks being a second-year student at Jedi Academy will be better than being a first-year. He hopes the younger kids will look up to him and he really wants to land a leading role in the annual musical! But Victor's big sister Christina is graduating, and she has always been his main support at Jedi Academy!



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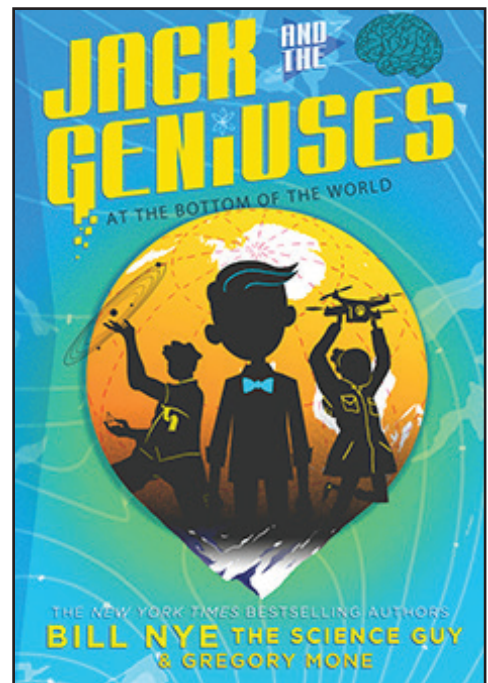
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Jack and the Geniuses: At the Bottom of the World

by *Bill Nye & Gregory Mone*

Booktalk!

Twelve-year-old Jack would be perfectly happy to land a leading role in a blockbuster movie or sign an NBA contract. Meanwhile, Matt and Ava, his genius siblings, love to build cool inventions. Jack thinks being a genius is overrated until the three of them learn about a science contest created to solve the world's biggest problems. They head for Antarctica, one of the most dangerous places on earth, where it's 98 percent ice! But it will all be worth it if they can win the \$1 million prize!



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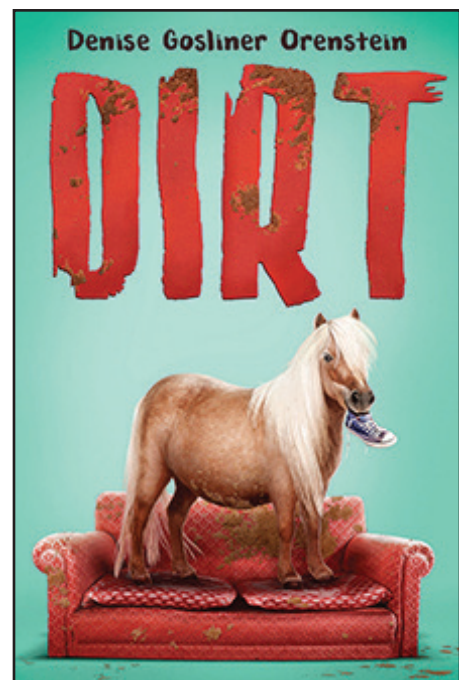
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Dirt

by Denise Gosliner Orenstein

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Yonder doesn't have any friends. Her mama died and her daddy is having a really hard time. School is miserable. The kids poke fun at her every day. When Yonder's mama passed, Yonder just stopped talking ... but she does communicate in other ways. Few people, other than her daddy, understand. One day, a short, one-eyed, covered-in-dirt Shetland pony walks into her yard from her nasty, next door neighbor's yard. Yonder adopts Dirt as a pet and believes Dirt can read her thoughts. It's not easy keeping an animal this size a secret, or in the house. What happens next will amaze you!



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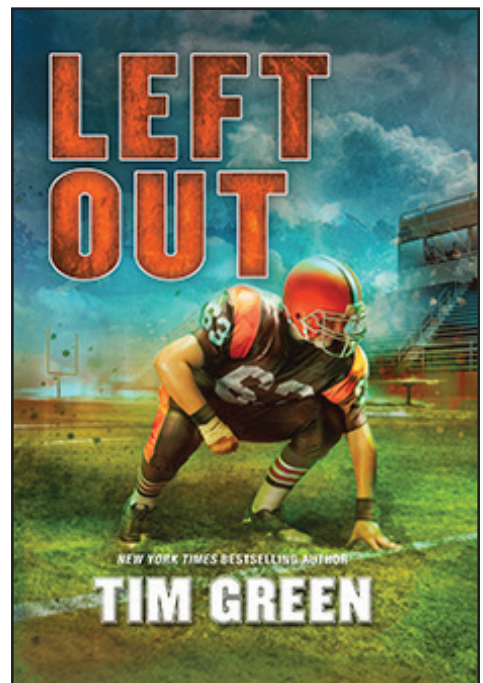
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Left Out

by Tim Green

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Twelve-year-old Landon has always dealt with bullies. Even Landon admits that the hearing implants he needs make him look like a Wookiee from the *Star Wars*TM movies! His family's move means a new start, and Landon hopes he can avoid bullying by playing football. But the teasing is worse than ever at his new school. Mentoring from an ex-NFL player helps his technique, but Landon must learn to channel his anger into healthy aggression on the field. Doing so might help him achieve his goal of becoming the team's starting right tackle instead of feeling "left out."



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Slacker

by Gordon Korman

Booktalk!

Cameron Boxer can't help it if his natural talents at being a slacker make him an awesome gamer. But after ignoring his mom's request to keep an eye on the stove causes the Great Ziti Inferno in his kitchen, Cam's parents force him to do the unthinkable — get involved in a real school activity! When Cam creates the Positive Action Group as a joke, he's shocked when students join and the club becomes real! Maybe Cam can learn that making a difference in the real world is better than winning a gaming championship.



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Wish

by Barbara O'Connor

Booktalk!

For a long time, Charlie Reese has made wishes on stars, ladybugs, dandelions, and four-leaf clovers. But her wishes for a better family life still haven't come true. Spunky Charlie feels like a loser that nobody wants. When she is sent to live in a small town with an aunt and uncle she barely knows, Charlie's spirits fall even more when she's surrounded by dirt roads, hillbilly kids, and a ramshackle mountain house. When she finds a stray dog that seems as much of a fighter as she is, Charlie finds the courage to make one more very important wish!



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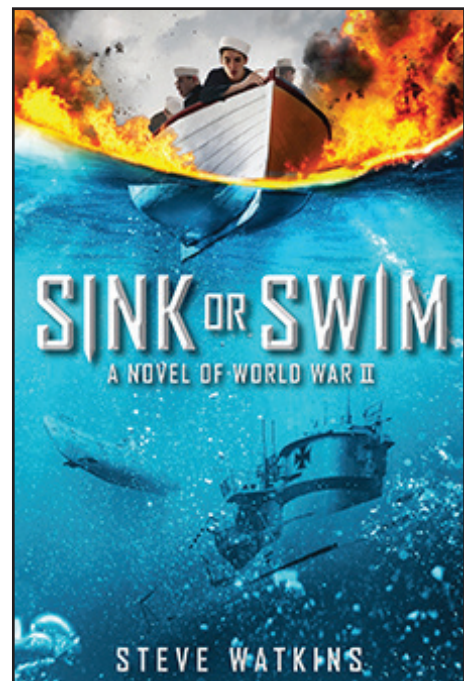


Sink or Swim

by Steve Watkins

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An enormous, gray object appears on the horizon and capsizes the fishing boat of 12-year-old Colton Graham and his brother Danny. At first they think it's a whale, but they find out it's a Nazi U-Boat! When Danny is seriously injured in the encounter, Colton decides to steal Danny's Navy enlistment papers, vowing to become a subchaser. His experiences serving on a patrol craft in the north Atlantic are based on the true stories of the youngest person to serve in the U. S. Military during World War II.



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Bow Wow

by Spencer Quinn

Booktalk!

Bowser knows that 11-year-old Birdie Gaux is a great thinker. Wasn't she the one who thought of adopting him from the shelter? The handsomest pooch on the bayou, Bowser can smell fear, and he won't allow Birdie to be afraid on his watch! Rumor has it that a gigantic bull shark is in the local waters, and bounty hunters are desperate to earn \$50,000 for its dead body. A man is missing, and the sheriff needs help with the investigation. It's the perfect job for Bowser and Birdie, even though Bowser thinks humans are too slow at times!



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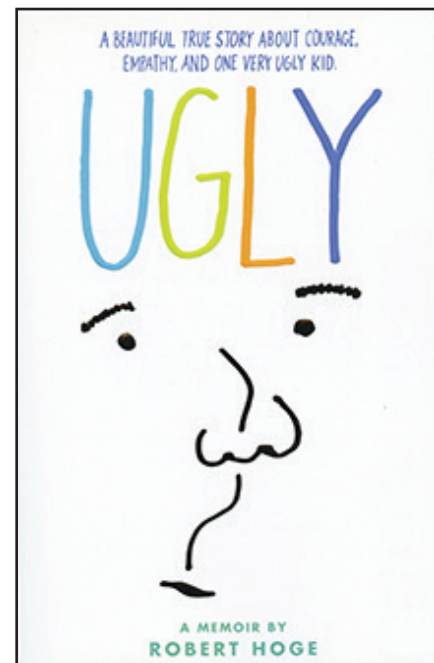
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Ugly

by Robert Hoge

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Robert Hoge is the ugliest person you've never met. Although he was born with a facial tumor and misshapen legs, he is determined to not let his disabilities define him. While attending a regular elementary school, Robert realizes that all kids are different. In his words, he just has "different differences." In this remarkable true story, 14-year-old Robert is faced with the choice of undergoing his most serious and risky operation to date. It could make him look more "normal," but he's not sure if he should he take his chances in a sometimes ugly world just the way he is.



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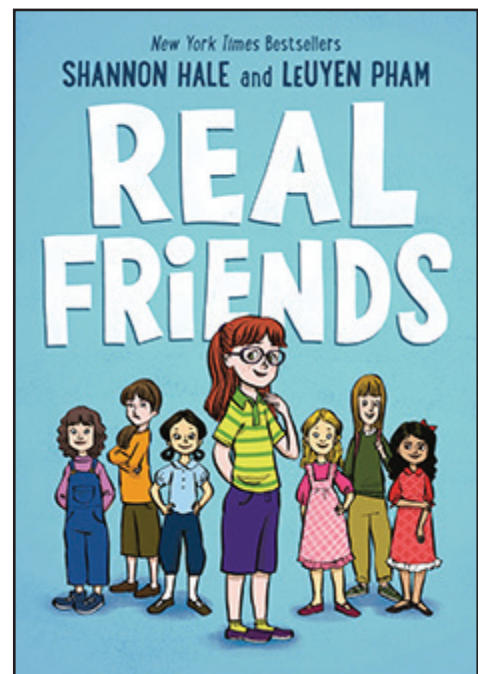


Real Friends

by Shannon Hale and LeUyen Pham

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Shannon struggles with making friends and keeping them. Not everyone likes Shannon, and when she becomes the target of teasing, she gets kicked out of the popular group at school. As she gains confidence and learns to stand up for herself, her family, and friends, can she find it within herself to form her own group of real best friends? After all, real friends are the best kinds of friends. They will always love you, no matter what!



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