

Booktalk!

Dr. KittyCat: Pumpkin The Hamster

by Jane Clarke

Booktalk!

Tonight, Dr. KittyCat and her assistant Peanut are taking the animals from her first-aid course stargazing. It will be a fun trip in the “vanbulance,” despite Dr. KittyCat’s terrible driving! But first, it’s a busy morning as the animals practice bandaging skills. Everyone learns quickly except for Pumpkin, whose bandages are twisted. When the vanbulance arrives in the country to see the night sky, Pumpkin drops the telescope, falls into a hole, and hurts his ankle. Dr. KittyCat thinks Pumpkin might need to wear glasses!



Best for grades 2-3



Ranger in Time: Escape from the Great Earthquake

by *Kate Messner*

Booktalk!

Ready to help, Ranger arrives in San Francisco after the Great Earthquake of 1906 hits. People believe the earthquake shook America from the Atlantic to the Pacific! Lily thinks the world is ending when Ranger's first-aid kit makes a noise and he finds her in an old house. Both Ranger and Lily are now trying to save lives! People have head injuries, broken bones, and some are trapped under fallen buildings. Ranger has helped lots of injured people, but he's never seen this many before! Flames continue to spread. Chinatown might burn to the ground by morning!



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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!



Best for grades 4-6

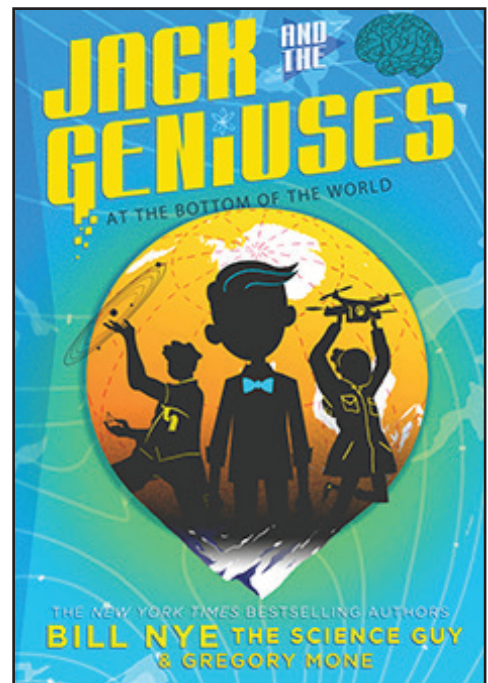
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Jack and the Geniuses: At the Bottom of the World

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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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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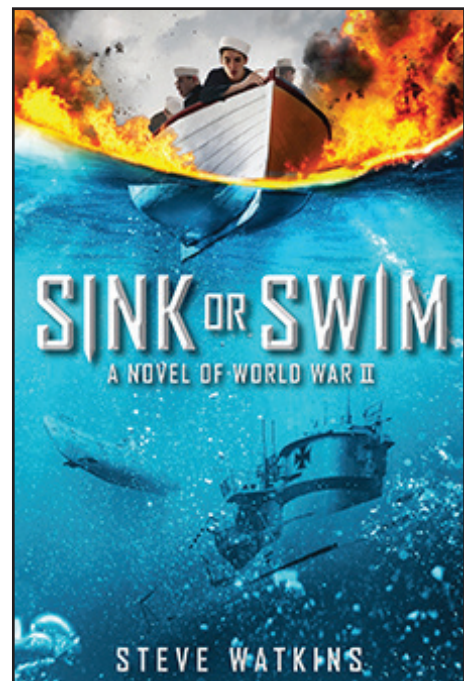


Sink or Swim

by Steve Watkins

Booktalk!

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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Swing It, Sunny

by Jennifer L. Holm & Matthew Holm

Booktalk!

Surviving the first year of middle school is hard enough, but Sunny Lewin is also sad that her teenage brother, Dale, has been sent to military school. Teddy, her little brother, can always be counted on to provide a few good laughs, and her beloved Gramps's advice strengthens the love her parents provide. But this thing called middle school is confusing! Luckily, Sunny has a best friend and an odd new neighbor to occupy her thoughts. She's not about to allow the confusion of both school and family life keep her down!



Best for grades 5-8





Moby Shinobi: Ninja in the Kitchen

by Luke Flowers

Booktalk!

Everyone's favorite ninja is back in town and he's looking for someone in need of help! Papa Peppy's Pizzeria is in a bind. They need more hands in the kitchen – FAST! Can Moby Shinobi come to their rescue? Balls of dough fly in the air and on the ground! Tables are smashed in half with tomatoes thrown all over them! Customers arrive with a smile, but they all leave with a frown. Can Moby make it up to Papa Peppy? This little ninja has a few more tricks up his sleeve! Zoom! Kick! Hi-yah! Hopefully, Moby can unlock the secret weapon to pizza-making perfection.



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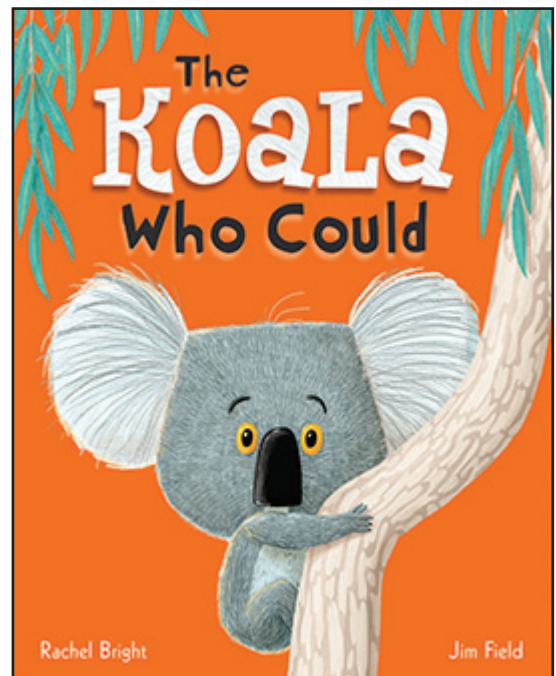


The Koala Who Could

by Rachel Bright, illustrated by Jim Field

Booktalk!

Meet Kevin, a koala who resides Down Under. He's perfectly happy hugging his tree, snacking on leaves, and snoozing in the sun. Beneath him, the pace, noise, and size of the other animals are too far out of his comfort zone. Despite an invitation from Wombat, the kangaroos, and dingoes, Kevin is not budging from his branch. It's not that he doesn't want to join in on the fun — it's that he's been hanging on for so long that he can't let go! One day, a frightening sound alters Kevin's lifestyle drastically. Choice is out of his paws, so what will Kevin do?



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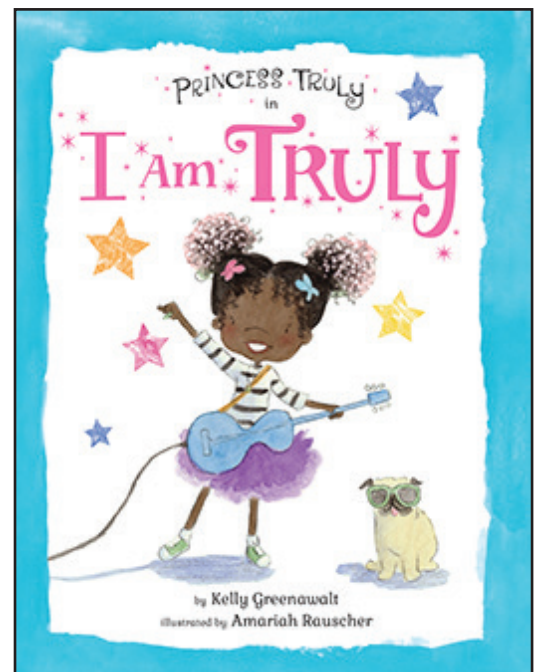
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Princess Truly in I am Truly

by Kelly Greenawalt, illustrated by Amariah Rauscher

Booktalk!

Princess Truly is small and mighty. She can roar like a lion and tame one too. She is strong, skillful, and a born leader. She has spirit, confidence, and courage. Princess Truly is smart and loves to read, but she also loves sports and climbing trees. She solves problems and builds block towers. Honestly, there's nothing Truly can't do when she sets her mind to it. This Princess is a superhero and thinks we can all do great things if we try hard enough. What do you think?



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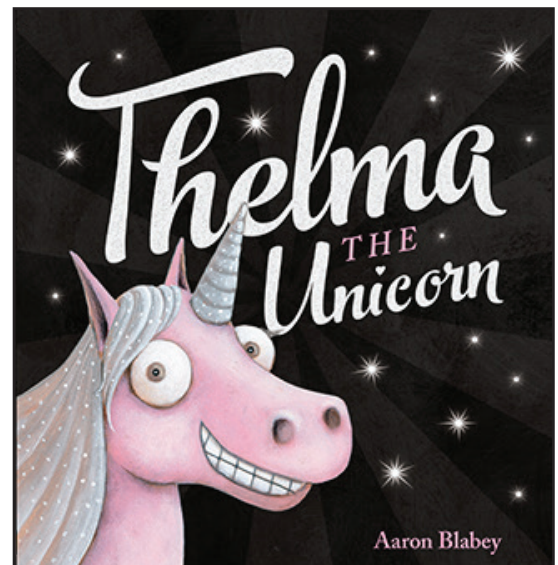


Thelma the Unicorn

by Aaron Blabey

Booktalk!

Let's be honest. Most of us wish we could change something about ourselves. Some of us, like Thelma, desire a complete transformation. Thelma, a small pony, wants to be a unicorn. One day, a discarded carrot gives her an idea, but when a truck driver sees her, he nearly loses control and splashes pink glitter and pink paint all over Thelma – POOF! – instantly making her look like a unicorn! Her rise to fame and fortune is fast and fun until her fans become a bit too overwhelming. Maybe Thelma's best friend Otis is right. Nothing is better than being you!



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