



## Ranger in Time: Hurricane Katrina Rescue

by Kate Messner, illustrated by Kelley McMorris

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### Booktalk!

Ranger, the time-traveling golden retriever, hears that humming sound his mysterious first-aid kit sometimes makes. Someone far away needs his help! Ranger winds up in New Orleans as Hurricane Katrina approaches. It's a monster storm, and people are evacuating. When Ranger meets Clare Porter, she is trying to find her grandmother, but Clare's father is also missing! Ranger stays by Clare's side while facing food and water shortages, dangerous creatures, and rising waters. When the levees break, it's going to be even harder to find Clare's family!



**Best for Grades 2-3**





## **Purrmaids: Search for the Mermicorn**

*by Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen*

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### **Booktalk!**

Angel gets to spend the entire day at sea school with her best friends Coral and Shelly. What could be more purr-fect? She can't wait to swim to school each morning! Ms. Harbor asks the students to conduct a research project on a favorite ocean animal. Angel always likes being the best, so her project has to be the most fin-teresting one in the whole class. She decides to study mermicorns, but Coral and Shelly don't believe they are real. Will the purrmaids decide that three pairs of eyes are better than one and search all of Kittentail Cove for a mermicorn?



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# Booktalk!

## The Wish Fairy #1: Too Many Cats!

by Lisa Ann Scott

### Booktalk!

**B**rooke and her best friend Izzy love cats more than any other animal. Brooke thinks her cat Patches is the best cat in the world. In the meadow, Patches captures what looks like a dragonfly, but it turns out to be a fairy! When Brooke saves the fairy's life, she is granted seven wishes. Brooke plans to make the most wonderful wishes in the world, but she soon learns that making wishes is not easy. After making her first wish, Brooke receives 100 cats! She realizes she should have been more careful with her wishes, especially when Patches goes missing!



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# Booktalk!

## Moby Shinobi: Ninja at the Firehouse

by Luke Flowers

### Booktalk!

Moby Shinobi is good at chores, like sweeping, cleaning, and raking leaves. As a ninja, he has lots of skills. He tells Fire Chief Dan he can swing, twist, run, and climb. Moby thinks the firehouse could use his help. The station is a very busy place, and he thinks he can keep up with the pace. His first job? Sort the firefighters' gear—boots, slickers, and helmets into the right locker. But sorting is not his best skill, and he finds out that washing the truck is harder than it looks. When the alarm sounds, Moby and the crew race to the fire, and he knows just how to help!



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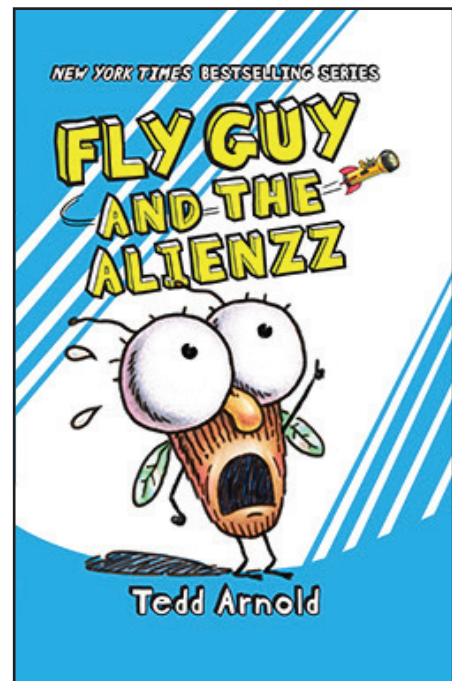


## Fly Guy and the Alienzz

by *Tedd Arnold*

### Booktalk!

Fly Guy and Buzz Boy are making a movie about defending the Secret Hero Fort. An alien spaceship surprised them and they were captured! But when the aliens weren't looking, Fly Guy and Buzz Boy escaped. More help was needed defending the fort so fire-spitting Dragon Dude joined, but the aliens got very mad and captured Dragon Dude! Fortunately, Fly Girl arrived just in time. She hatched a new plan to confuse the aliens. And when they weren't watching, their space ship was stolen by space pirates. And that's not even the end of the movie!



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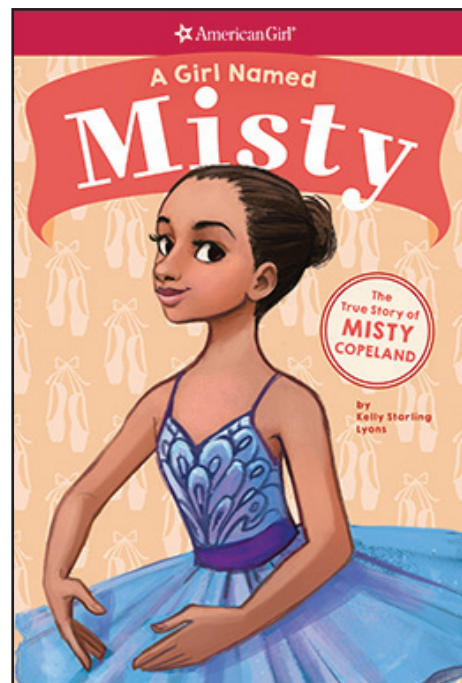


## American Girl®: A Girl Named Misty

by Kelly Starling Lyons, illustrated by Melissa Manwill

### Booktalk!

Misty grew up loving music and dance. When she watched gymnastics on TV, she thought she could move like the gymnasts. By the time she started middle school, her goal was to be captain of the drill team. She practiced very hard, impressing the judges. The coach thought Misty was special and believed in her abilities. But once she learned ballet, a new world opened for her, until her family moved and she had to give up ballet. But Misty never gave up and eventually, her family made a hard decision that changed her life!



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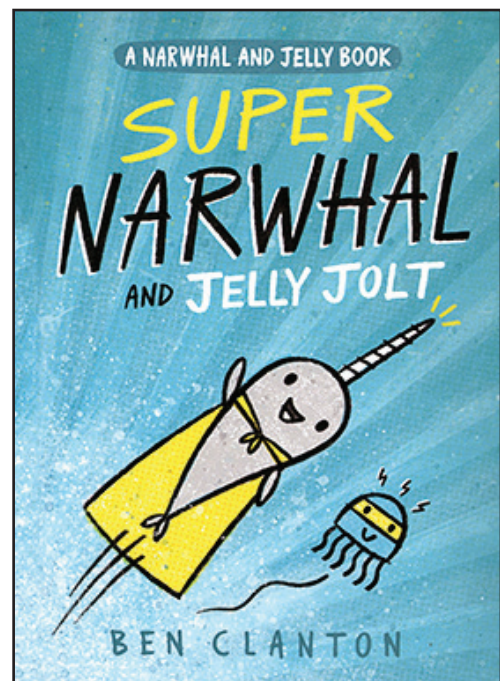


## Super Narwhal and Jelly Jolt

by Ben Clanton

### Booktalk!

Narwhal decides to become a superhero. His best pal, Jelly, tells him he'll need a special outfit. Narwhal looks super in his cape! Jelly also thinks a sidekick might be a good idea . . . Enter Jelly Jolt! But a superhero needs a super power, too. What could that be? Can Narwhal make himself invisible? Doesn't look like it . . . What about super strength? No, that rock over there still feels mighty heavy. What can Narwhal do? Turns out, he can be a super friend!



**Best for Grades 2-3**





## Hello, My Name Is... How Adorabilis Got His Name

by Marisa Polansky, illustrated by Joey Chou

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### Booktalk!

Everyone has a name, right? But the very tiny octopus, small enough to fit in your hand? He didn't. His deep-sea tank was filled with sea creatures that seemed far more interesting than him. He met a Fangtooth Shark with long, sharp teeth and a Clown Fish with orange-and-white stripes. The Moon Jellyfish glowed and was especially glamorous. But what could the tiny octopus do? He could flatten and parachute. When the scientist saw him, he named the tiny octopus Adorabilis because he was so cute. The name stuck!



**Best for Grades K-2**







## The Sun Is Kind of a Big Deal

by Nick Seluk

### Booktalk!

The sun is at the center of our solar system family. We couldn't do anything without it. The sun is also the biggest thing in our family. It's way bigger than earth. In fact, it's over a billion times bigger! All the planets move around the sun like a racetrack, and they all have their own lane. Some are fast, while some are slow. It takes us a whole year to make it around the sun. Without the sun, we wouldn't have life. Yes, that means plants, animals, and you! The sun gives us warmth, even in the coldest places. Every day, the sun is working hard for everyone — it's kind of a big deal!



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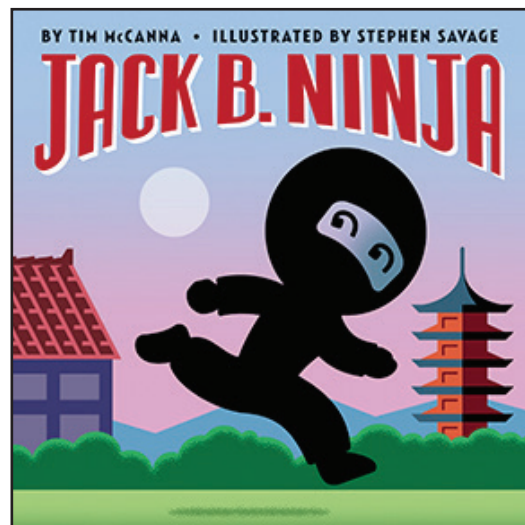
## Jack B. Ninja

by Tim McCanna, illustrated by Stephen Savage

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### Booktalk!

Jack B. Ninja; Jack be quick; Jack jumps over a bamboo stick! His mission starts at night, a fearless escape. As he hides from the guards, he spots a pool, dives in, and swims to the tunnel. Go, Jack, go! Bold and brave, he tiptoes into a cave and finds ... a treasure chest! But soon Jack is found! How can he outsmart the bandits? He leaps and jumps and twists up the rope. Go, Jack, go! When his ninja master appears, is Jack finally safe?



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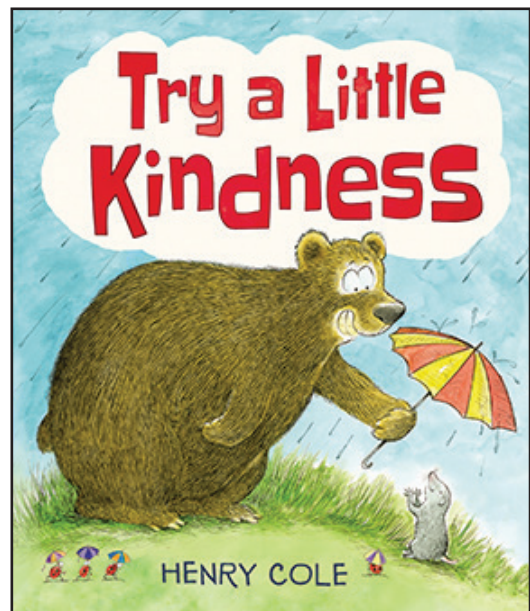


## Try a Little Kindness

by Henry Cole

### Booktalk!

Kindness can be fun. Actually, it's easier than being mean. There are so many different ways to be kind and these animal friends know just what to do. Bear wakes up with a smile. Fox plays red rover with a chicken. Mouse helps snake relax and unwind. Cat shares a toy with mouse. What act of kindness can you do? Compliment a friend's project. Hold the door open for a classmate. Praise someone's efforts. Help someone without being asked. Read to a friend. Think of new deeds to do and nice things to say, just like these animal friends, because after all, there are no limits to kindness.



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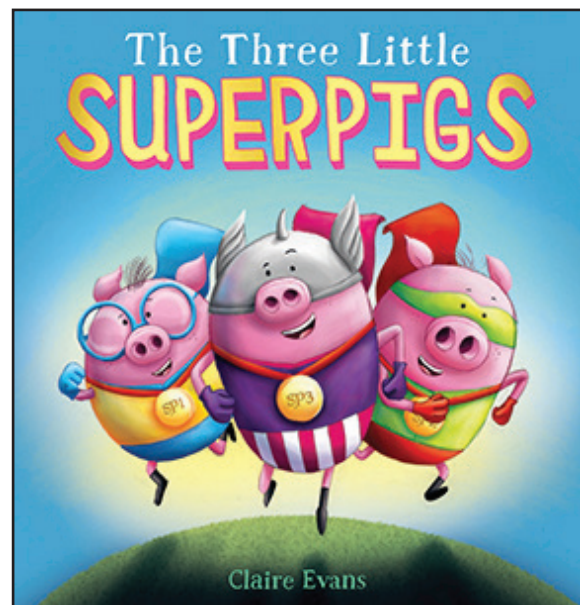


## The Three Little Superpigs

by Claire Evans

### Booktalk!

After capturing the Big Bad Wolf, the Three Little Pigs are now called The Three Little Superpigs by all the citizens of Fairyland. The Three Little Superpigs spend all their days being famous heroes, greeting fans, and fighting crime so that Fairyland is a safe place. Meanwhile, the Big Bad Wolf is plotting his revenge from a cold, dreary cell in “Happily Ever After” prison. When the shocking news of the Big Bad Wolf’s escape is received, the residents of Fairyland are terrified! The Three Little Superpigs are determined to find Wolf and make him pay!



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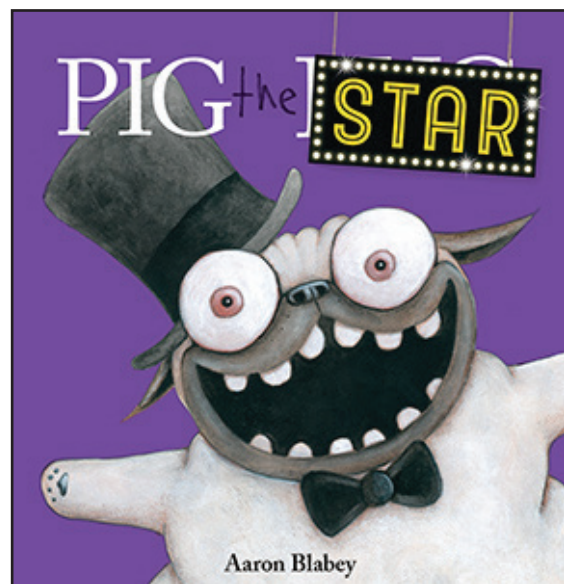
## **Pig the Star**

*by Aaron Blabey*

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### **Booktalk!**

**P**ig is a pug who loves attention and showing off all day long. He definitely thinks he's a big star, but Pig takes it too far during a photo shoot with Trevor. Pig claims all the costumes, rules the set, and hogs every shot. He even demands that Trevor get him a donut! But when the cameraman wants to make Trevor the star, Pig can't believe it. Hopefully, Pig will finally learn to let Trevor shine and not be such a swine!



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