

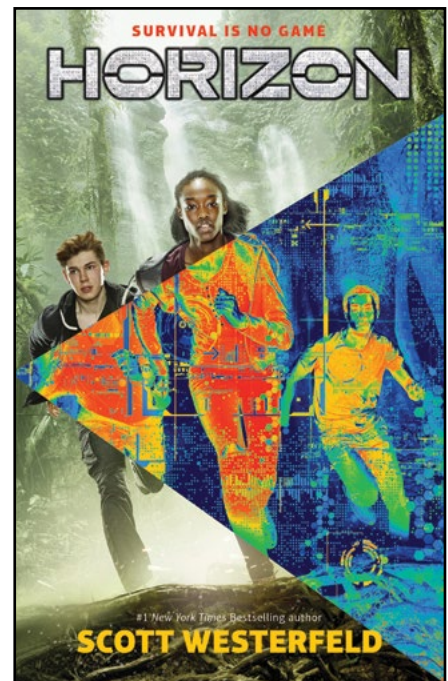


Horizon: Book 1

by Scott Westerfeld

Booktalk!

Traveling to Japan as members of a robotics club, the only thing on the minds of Molly, Javi, Anna, and Oliver is the competition. But a few hours into the flight, their plane crashes in a remote jungle. Do they have the skills and technology to survive? Will they have enough food and water to keep them alive until they are rescued? Or will it be too late? Survival is no game!



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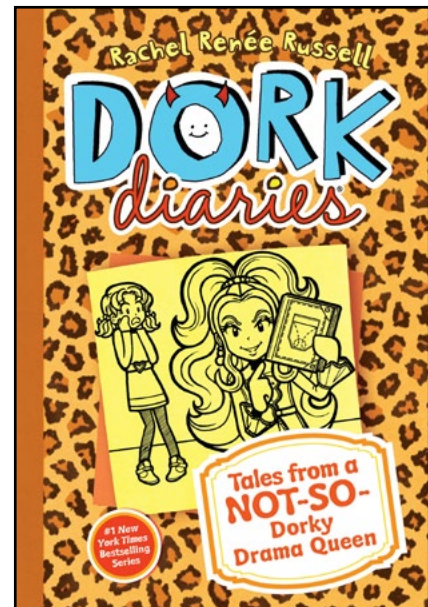


Dork Diaries: Tales from a NOT-SO-Dorky Drama Queen

by Rachel Renée Russell

Booktalk!

Eighth-grader Nikki doesn't know why Drama Queen MacKenzie hates her guts. She doesn't let it bother her, but what does bother her is someone starting awful rumors about her. CCP aka Cute, Cool, and Popular MacKenzie is evil and twisted. Does she go out of her way to make others feel miserable just because she is? When Nikki's diary and access to her advice column are stolen by MacKenzie, things get even worse. Losing a diary is like losing a piece of yourself, and MacKenzie writes very cruel answers in Nikki's "Miss-Know-It-All" column! Could Nikki get expelled from school?



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Upside-Down Magic: Showing Off

by Sarah Mlynowski, Lauren Myracle, and Emily Jenkins

Booktalk!

Nory and her upside-down magic classmates are preparing for the school's annual talent show, but the Sparkies are determined to undermine their plans for a winning performance. Can this group of fifth-grade magical misfits transform their powers into a show-stopping routine? Adding to the pressure, Nory is expecting an important visitor at the talent show. She hasn't spoken to her father since he sent her away to Dunwiddle Magic School to work on her upside-down magic skills. Will she be able to impress him, or will her magic go wonky yet again?



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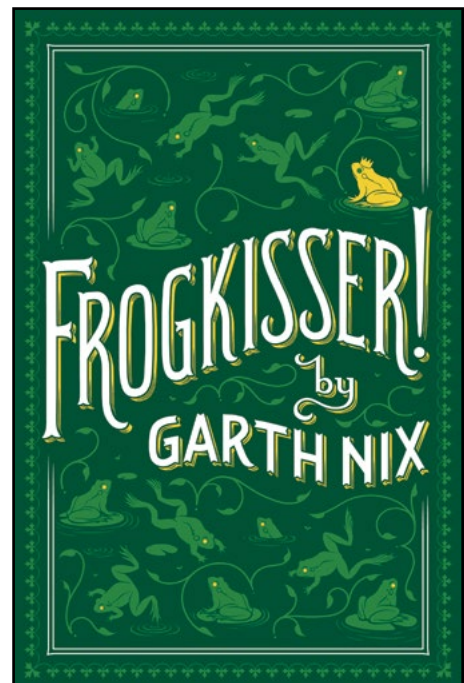


Frogkisser!

by Garth Nix

Booktalk!

Princess Anya can break curses with a kiss, but her magical ability can't solve her biggest problem. Anya runs away from home when she discovers that her evil stepstepfather wants to take over the kingdom. On a desperate and dangerous quest, Anya meets a diverse group of wizards and witches, a talking dog, and a special boy trapped in a newt's body. Can Anya and her new allies stop her stepstepfather and rescue the kingdom in time? Hopefully, Anya can also learn how to use her power properly to find friends in the most unlikely of places.



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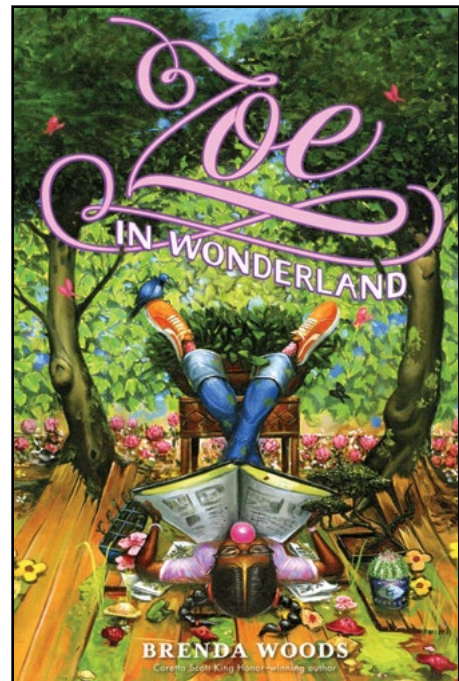


Zoe in Wonderland

by Brenda Woods

Booktalk!

Shy, perfectly plain Zoe G. Reindeer hates her last name and her big feet. She always feels self-conscious next to her brainy brother and beautiful older sister and prefers to spend free time in her father's plant nursery. There, she dreams up imaginary worlds where she's always cool, confident, and enjoying a perfect life. When Zoe and her friend Quincy manage to grow an endangered Baobab plant for a visiting astronomer from Madagascar, her family's interest in her success gives Zoe confidence to plan real adventures, not just imaginary ones.



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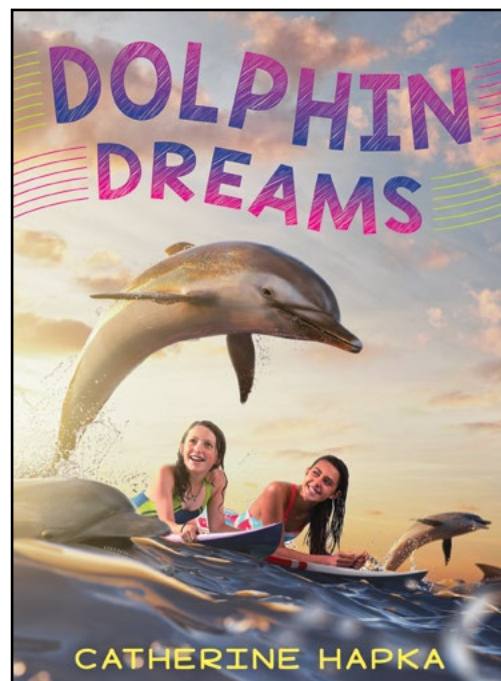


Dolphin Dreams

by Catherine Hapka

Booktalk!

A few years ago, Avery had a near-drowning experience that left her afraid of the ocean, but when she and her mother move from the Midwest to the California coast, Avery welcomes the chance to overcome her fears. Every night she has a marvelous dream about swimming in the ocean with a pod of dolphins, and when she befriends Maria, a surf-savvy girl who loves dolphins as much as she does, the two girls spend their summer days swimming and surfing at a secret cove. Will they learn more about dolphins and each other?



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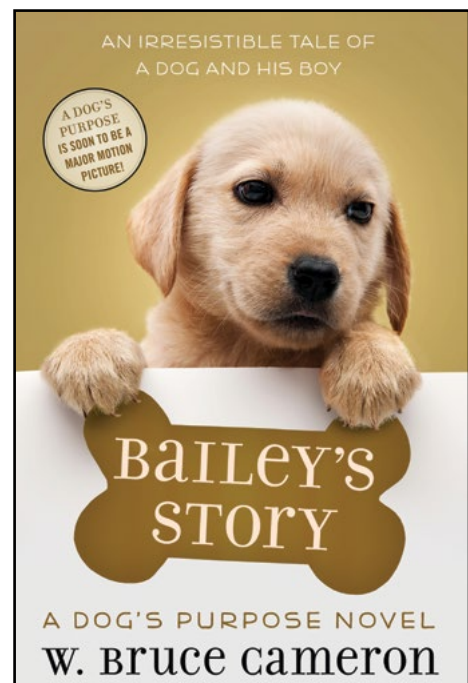


Bailey's Story: A Dog's Purpose Novel

by W. Bruce Cameron

Booktalk!

This puppy knows there are kinder people in the world than the man who caged him. He takes care of the entire litter and believes there must be something out there besides a wire cage and a concrete floor. Kind hands and gentle voices rescue him, but soon, he is on his own once again. Escaping heat exhaustion because of a kind lady, the puppy meets her son. The boy names him Bailey, and he realizes his most important job ever is just beginning. Will he succeed?



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DC Comics Secret Hero Society: Fort Solitude

by Derek Fridolfs, illustrated by Dustin Nguyen

Booktalk!

Because of his recent academic success, Clark Kent can attend Evergreen Adventure Camp for a week. His parents remind him to blend in and protect his identity – no powers allowed! At first, Clark enjoys the competitive camp activities, but then he senses that something weird is going on at Evergreen. Yucky cafeteria food, scary stories, and cruel pranks are bad enough, but now campers are disappearing! The counselors don't even seem concerned, so it's up to Clark and his best friends to find the missing campers. Maybe working together as a team can reveal their strengths.



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Serafina and the Twisted Staff

by Robert Beatty

Booktalk!

It's 1899. Twelve-year-old Serafina and her Pa live in the basement of the Vanderbilt family's elegant Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina. Her Pa is the head mechanic. Serafina is the Chief Rat Catcher. She is also a catamount, or shape-shifting mountain lion. Mysterious visitors arrive at the estate, and unexplained accidents happen! An unspeakable evil threatens the Biltmore and Serafina's forest kin. She and her friend Braedon must overcome their fear to defeat this powerful enemy before it engulfs them.



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