

# Booktalk!

## Whatever After: Sugar and Spice

by Sarah Mlynowski

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**T**OUCH VEGETABLES AT YOUR OWN RISK! That's the sign Abby and Jonah see as they are transported through their magical mirror into the next fairytale. Jonah hopes they can be part of *Jack and the Beanstalk*, but Abby knows it's another story. When they meet two hungry kids who look like their identical twins, they realize the story they've entered is *Hansel and Gretel*. All four kids walk through the forest toward a house built of chocolate chips, peanut brittle, gummies, and gingerbread. They are excited – and scared. Abby and Jonah know the real story, and they are all in serious danger!



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# Ranger in Time: Journey through Ash and Smoke

by *Kate Messner*

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**R**anger, the brave, time-traveling search-and-rescue dog, travels to Iceland during the Viking age. Iceland's rough terrain will prove difficult for Ranger to navigate, and he might actually need more rescuing than his new friend, Helga! But when Helga's mother goes into labor and a nearby volcano starts to erupt, will Helga and Ranger work together to find Helga's dad and bring him safely home? If Helga doesn't require Ranger's assistance and he doesn't help save the day, Ranger won't have a way to get back home!



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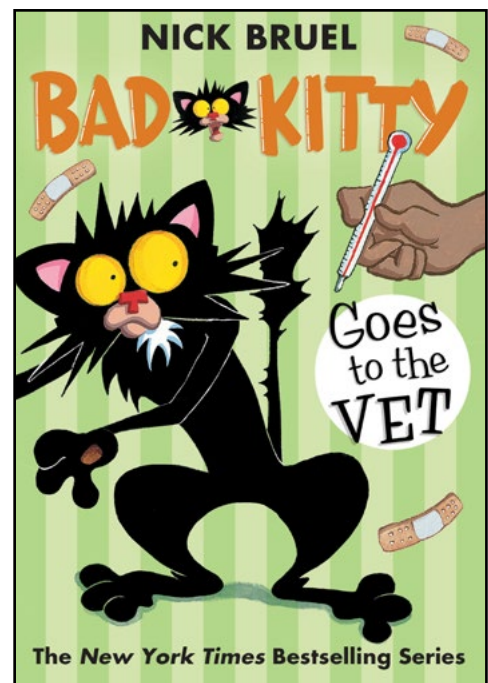
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## Bad Kitty Goes to the Vet

by Nick Bruel

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When Kitty is happy and healthy, she eats everything in sight. But Kitty looks terrible. She is not eating and won't even play with Puppy! This can only mean one thing: a trip to the pet clinic. But first, Kitty's family has to coax their clawing, angry pet into a pet carrier. She does her best to be bad, but the vet knows how to handle a bad kitty.



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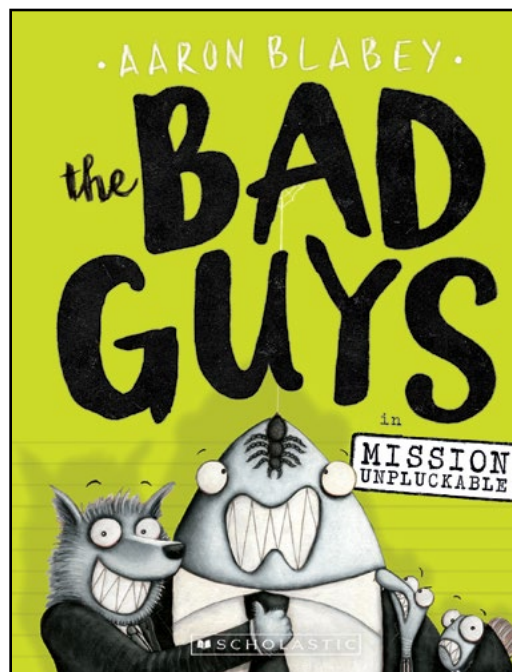


## The Bad Guys in Mission Unpluckable

by Aaron Blabey

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There are 10,000 chickens that need to be rescued from a high-security poultry farm. The farm has 30-foot-high steel walls that are 8 feet thick. There are no windows, doors that are heavily guarded, and alarms that go off if you touch anything! The Bad Guys – Mr. Wolf, Mr. Shark, Mr. Piranha, and Mr. Snake – will definitely need a plan and a secret weapon. Enter Mr. Tarantula. With eight legs, the ability to get into small places, and computer skills, he might just be the solution. But even if they can manage to enter the farm, will the chickens be safe from Mr. Snake, the “chicken swallower?”



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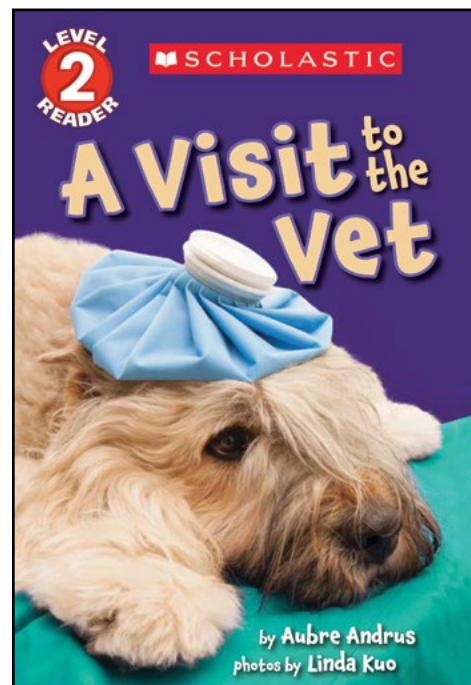
## **A Visit to the Vet**

*by Aubre Andrus, photos by Linda Kuo*

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Vets love all pets, whether scaly, furry, large, or small! Just like humans, it is important that animals visit the doctor to make sure that they lead happy, healthy lives. Animal doctors, called veterinarians, can provide the best advice, and adult animals need yearly checkups. The world's oldest dog was healthy enough to live 29 years! Most pets age a lot faster than people. Did you know that dogs see fewer colors than people? Pets need eye checkups even though they don't wear glasses. And horses must step on scales so their weight can be checked!



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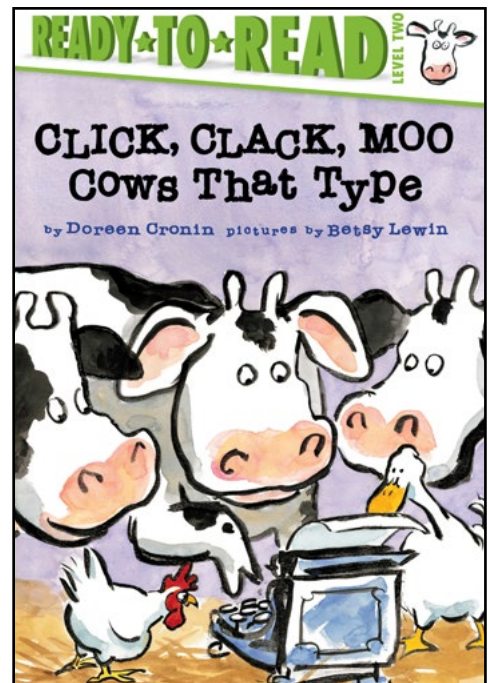
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## Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type

by Doreen Cronin, illustrated by Betsy Lewin

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How can Farmer Brown run a farm without milk and eggs? After his cows find an old typewriter in the cold barn, they type a letter to Farmer Brown demanding electric blankets! Farmer Brown refuses to grant the request, and the cows go on strike. No milk today! Soon, Farmer Brown gets another note demanding electric blankets for the hens, too. No eggs today! He is furious, so he gets out his own typewriter, typing a letter that demands milk and eggs! Maybe Duck, a neutral party, can help resolve this barnyard disaster for Farmer Brown.



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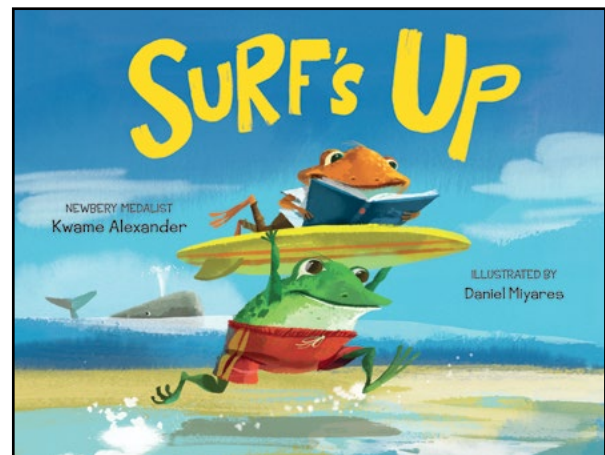
## Surf's Up

by Kwame Alexander, illustrated by Daniel Miyares

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Cowabunga! What could be better than sand, sun, and surfing? Reading, of course! During their scooter ride to the beach, Bro continues to shout exclamations, eyes never leaving the pages of his book, sharing bits and pieces of the action with the doubtful Dude. Slowly, Dude changes his attitude, until a twist of fate (or a rock in the wrong place at the wrong time) makes the duo become part of the tale. It's a bitter battle with a beast from the deep until they're zipping through the air back to sand and sun. Surf's up for only one!



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## **Pink Is for Blobfish**

*by Jess Keating, illustrated by David DeGrand*

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How would you like to be voted the ugliest animal on the planet? This is the not-so-distinguished honor awarded to the blobfish, which also happens to be pink. You'll have fun learning about this animal and 16 other pink critters. Each one has special qualities – like the pink sea star that can make its stomach come out of its mouth to eat large prey. You'll also learn about their species, size, diet, habitat, predators, and threats. In no time, you'll find yourself looking for pink everywhere!



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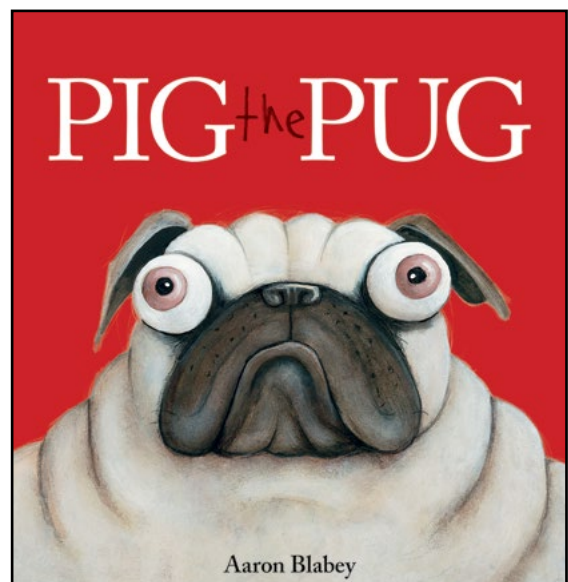
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## Pig the Pug

by Aaron Blabey

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Pig the Pug was a very greedy dog. He had some terrific dog toys, but he would not share them with Trevor, the wiener dog in the house. Trevor thought playing together would be fun. Pig did not. He flipped his wig and said, “NEVER!” Then, Pig the Pug gathered all of his toys into a huge pile and climbed on top. “These toys are MINE!” Trevor watched and saw an accident waiting to happen. Pig the Pug took a mighty big fall and learned something—pugs cannot fly! He also found out sharing might not be so bad after all.



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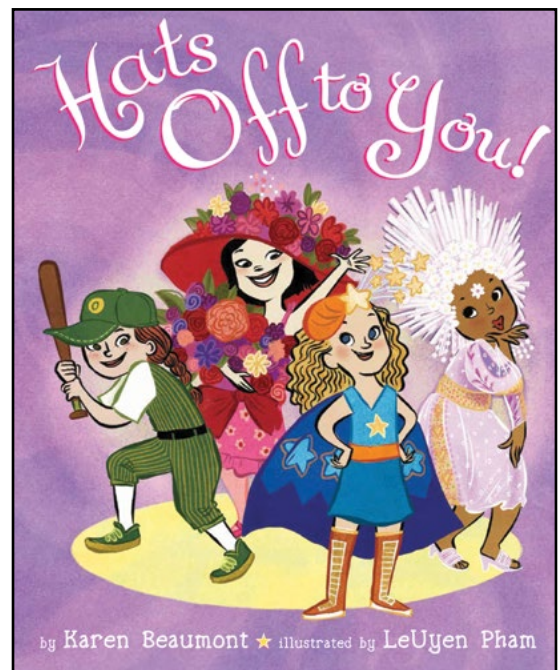
## Hats Off to You!

by Karen Beaumont, illustrated by LeUyen Pham

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“Hats and more hats piled up high.  
Which hats do we want to try?”

Emily, Ashley, Kaitlyn, and Claire are inviting everyone to put on a favorite hat and join in for lots of fun! A street fair vendor has hats hanging everywhere, but how will the girls choose between hats with flowers, hats with feathers, or hats with bells? What about a big sombrero or a cool beret? Perhaps there will even be a mother-daughter tea where the girls can practice their red carpet poses! It’s definitely going to be a “hats off to you” occasion for moms everywhere!



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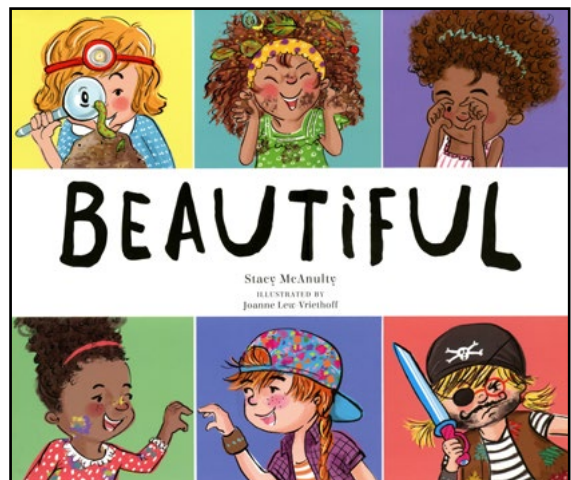
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## Beautiful

by Stacy McAnulty, illustrated by Joanne Lew-Vriethoff

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Beautiful girls show kindness. Beautiful girls love to laugh. Beautiful girls huddle under a blanket with friends to read by flashlight. Beautiful girls are smart and strong and brave! Beautiful girls like science. Beautiful girls play football. Beautiful girls play soccer, baseball, and wheelchair basketball, too. Beautiful girls plant gardens and smell like flowers. Beautiful girls dig in dirt, and beautiful girls splash in mud. Beautiful girls feel free to be themselves. Every girl is unique, talented, and lovable. Every girl is BEAUTIFUL.



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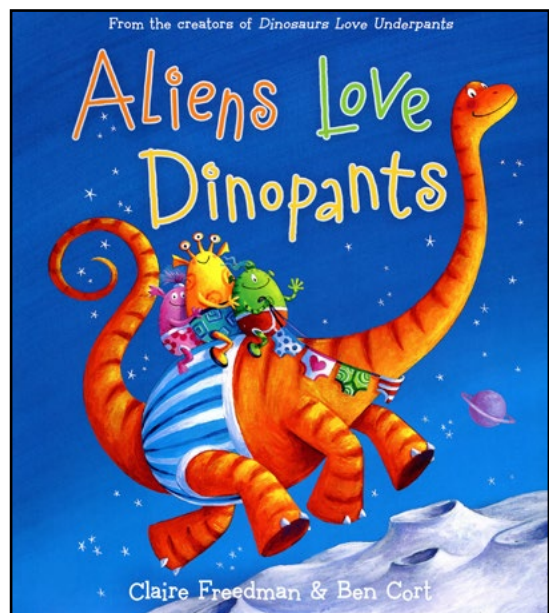
## Aliens Love Dinopants

by Claire Freedman and Ben Cort

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Aliens have crash-landed in a strange new world! Their underpants tracker signals the presence of underwear nearby. Climbing through jungles and slimy swamps, the aliens find a secret gate. Beyond the doors they see underwear for days! Huge, ginormous underpants await as they cheer and sing hooray ... until the owners of these underpants show up and spoil their day. Huge ginormous dinosaurs are protecting the underpants hoard! Turns out, aliens and dinosaurs love underpants all the same! Will they decide to work together to become an underpants exploring team?



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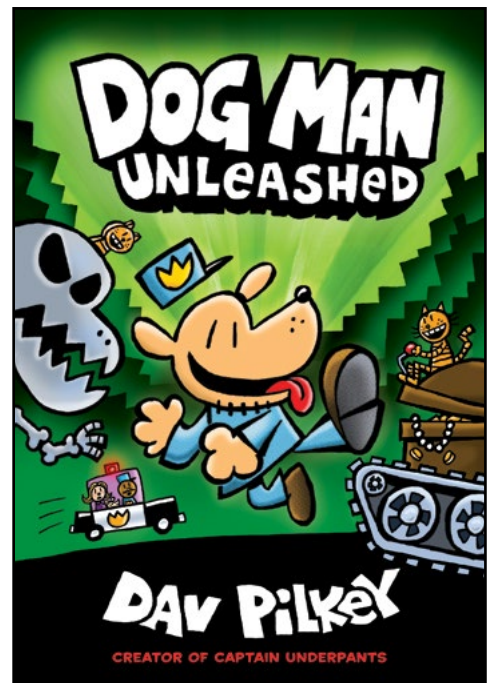
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## Dog Man Unleashed

by Dav Pilkey

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It's a man! It's a dog! No, it's Dog Man! He's back in pursuit of pets, robbers, and squeaky balls. Squeaky balls? Dog Man is still struggling with his canine cravings. Will they hinder or help him in his pursuit of the evil feline Petey, his equally evil twin Flat Petey, and a Petey impersonator? Get ready for woof-tastic episodes, interesting inventions, and laugh-out-loud situations. This "tail" is full of dastardly criminals and a clever cop doing what he does best!



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