

Booktalk!

Whatever After: Sugar and Spice

by Sarah Mlynowski

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TOUCH 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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Ranger, 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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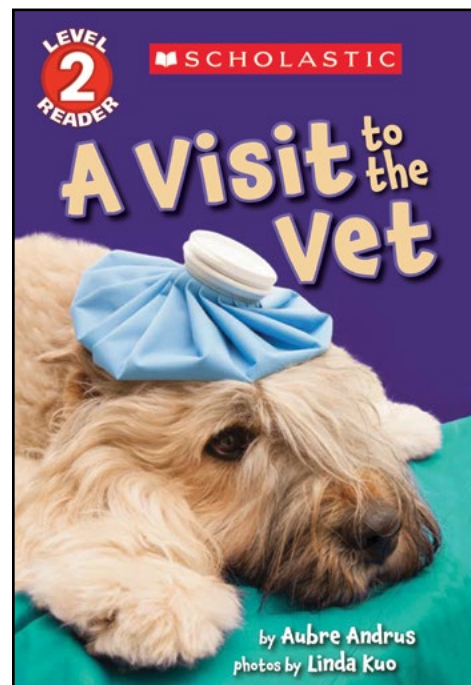
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A Visit to the Vet

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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Upside-Down Magic: Showing Off

by Sarah Mlynowski, Lauren Myracle, and Emily Jenkins

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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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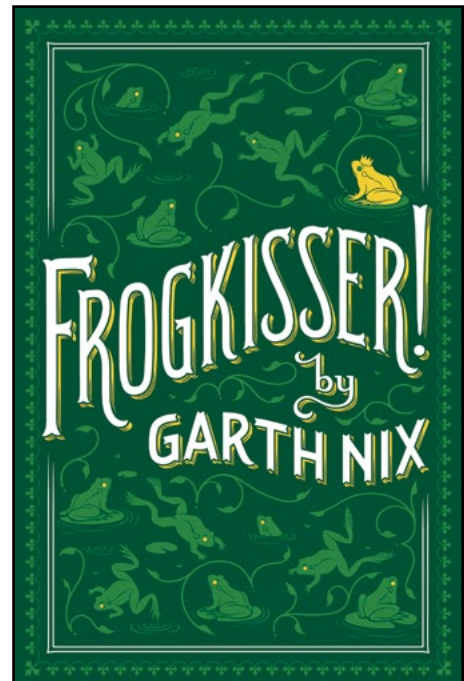
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Frogkisser!

by Garth Nix

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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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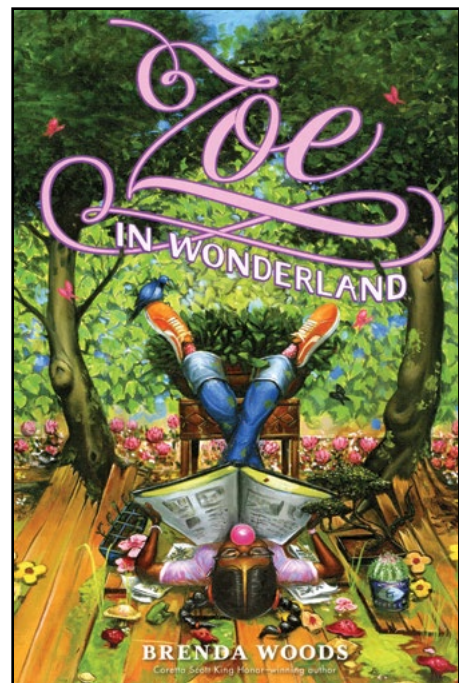
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Zoe in Wonderland

by Brenda Woods

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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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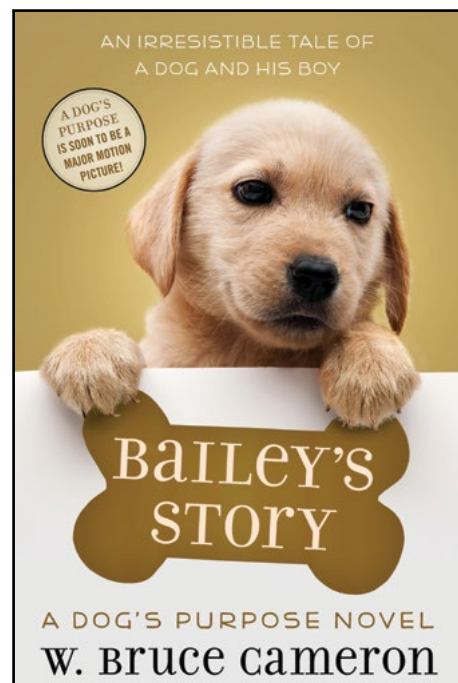


Bailey's Story: A Dog's Purpose Novel

by W. Bruce Cameron

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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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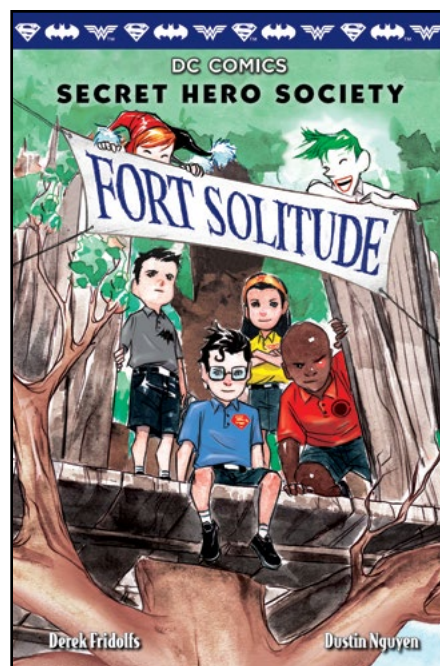


DC Comics Secret Hero Society: Fort Solitude

by Derek Fridolfs, illustrated by Dustin Nguyen

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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

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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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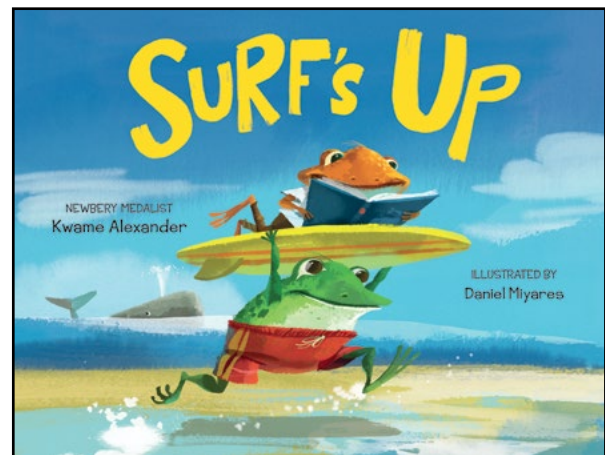
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Surf's Up

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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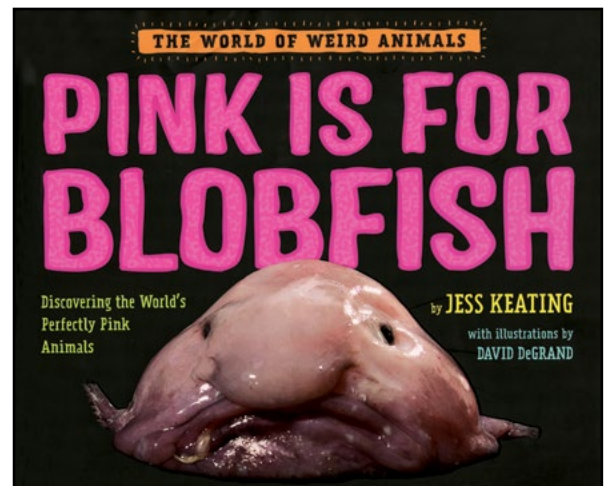


Pink Is for Blobfish

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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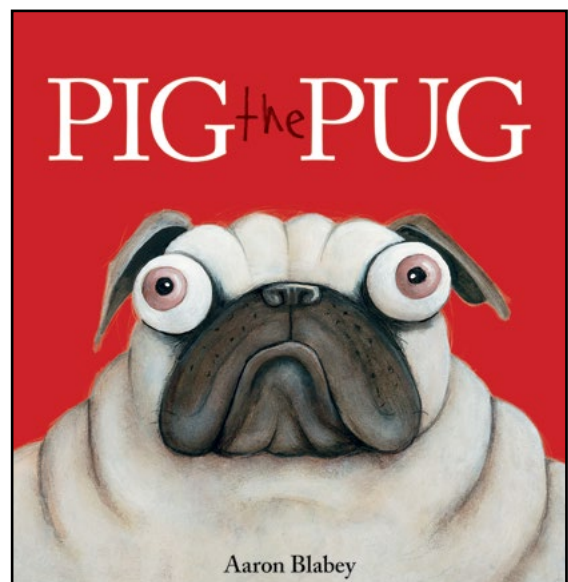
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Pig the Pug

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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