

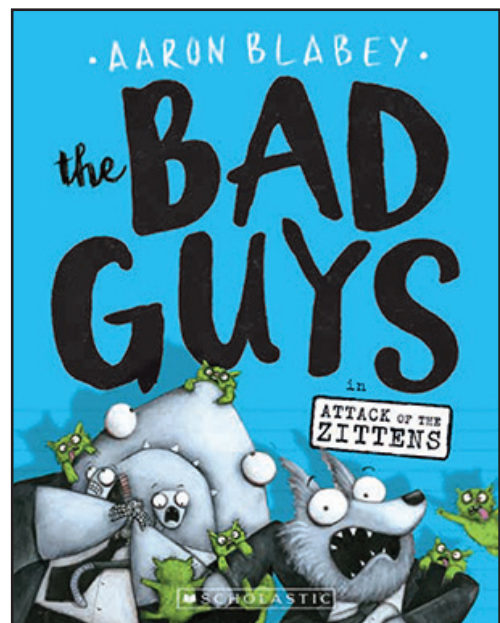


The Bad Guys in Attack of the Zittens

by Aaron Blabey

Booktalk!

The evil Dr. Marmalade has unleashed an army of “zittens,” which are zombie kittens. It is up to the Bad Guys to save the world from these furry, adorable, flesh-eating monsters! With the help of Agent Fox, they locate Granny Gumbo, the toothy, peculiar, and feisty alligator who has an insatiable appetite for all things slithery. Granny Gumbo’s zombie kitten antidote may be just what they need to save the world from the zitten apocalypse. But will the Bad Guys be able to stop Dr. Marmalade in time before he unleashes his master plan?



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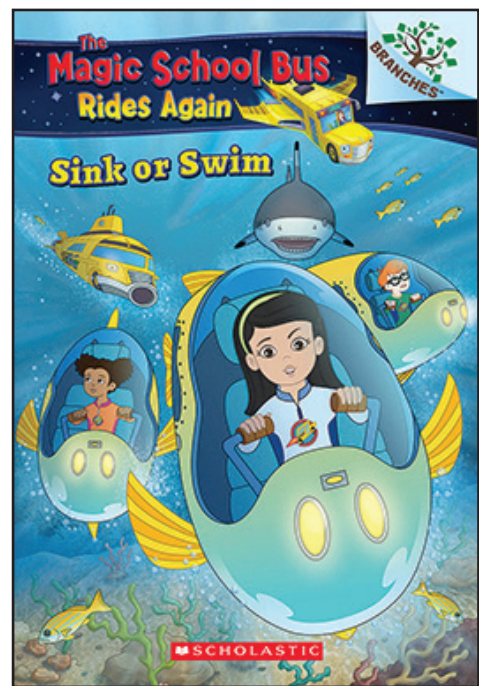


The Magic School Bus: Rides Again: Sink or Swim

by Judy Katschke

Booktalk!

The Magic School Bus is back and ready to ride! With Professor Frizzle's kid sister Fiona Frizzle at the wheel, the students in Walkerville Elementary School are eager for new adventures. When their own frigid temperatures get them down, they decide to visit the sunny, warm tropics of Hawaii! They're ready for some rest, relaxation, and riding waves, but their plans are put on hold when Wendy tries to help a fish in need. Unfortunately, Wendy finds herself in a sea of trouble instead! Will Ms. Frizzle and her class be able to save Wendy before she becomes shark bait?



Best for Grades 1-3





Purrmaids #1: The Scaredy Cat

by Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen

Booktalk!

It's the first day of sea school in KittenTail Cove, and Purrmaids Coral, Angel, and Shelley are very excited. They've been friends fur-ever. At their new teacher's suggestion, the friends decide to search for something unique to show at school, but they swim to Tortoiseshell Reef, a very scary place where barracudas, giant squids, and sharks live. When the Purrmaids discover a shipwreck, they want to explore! It's "meow or never." Will it be a cat-tastrophe or will they learn that there are good fish in the sea?



Best for Grades 1-3





American Girl®: A Girl Named Rosa

by Denise Patrick, illustrated by Melissa Manwill

Booktalk!

Born in Alabama in 1913, Rosa was no stranger to hard work. After all, she grew up on her grandparents' farm. But she was also no stranger to the injustices faced by African-Americans. Rosa's family wanted her to have a better life and encouraged her to pursue an education, but Rosa also found opportunities to educate others on important life lessons. In 1955, standing up for fairness and equality, Rosa remained seated on a Montgomery bus and instigated what would become a 13-month bus boycott. Devoting her life to fighting for civil rights, this brave girl would grow into a strong and courageous woman who made a huge difference.



Best for Grades 1-3





Moby Shinobi: Ninja at the Pet Shop

by Luke Flowers

Booktalk!

Ninjas are heroic, honest, and brave. That's why when Moby finds a lost puppy, he takes it to a pet shop right away. When he gets there, he finds out they are having a pet festival! They could really use a hand with the hounds, so Moby helps by scrubbing the dogs with soap and water, but they soon turn the place into a bubbly mess. Then during feeding time, Moby mixes up the treats and gives the wrong ones to most of the animals. Snakes are given bones, and puppies get carrots. Oops! When a big python is set loose, Moby has one more chance to redeem himself. What will he do?



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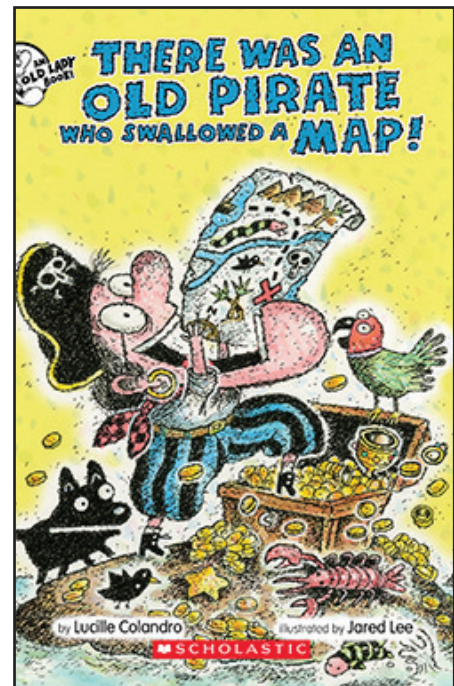
Booktalk!

There Was an Old Pirate Who Swallowed a Map!

by Lucille Colandro, illustrated by Jared Lee

Booktalk!

It's not known why the old pirate actually swallowed a map. "But it wasn't a trap!" She needs to know which way to go, and reading a map will let her know. Will she swallow a line to hold the map? After all, the line is used to hoist the sail, which will steer the pirates toward their trail. She even swallows a sword to cut the line! Now that the old pirate has swallowed all of these things, the other pirates can plant a flag and stake their claim. This adventure proves to be one wild pirate ship ride!



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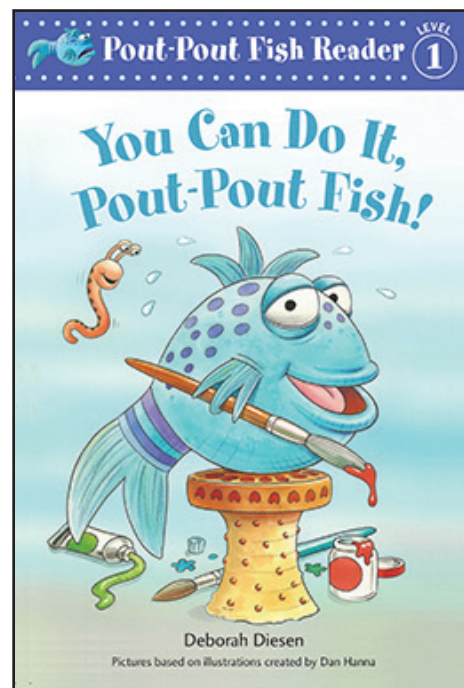
Booktalk!

You Can Do It, Pout-Pout Fish!

by Deborah Diesen, illustrated by Dan Hanna

Booktalk!

Instead of pouting, Mr. Fish has a big idea. It is so big and so much fun that Mr. Fish wants to do it all on his own. When Ms. Clam asks if she can help, Mr. Fish replies, “No.” Then, Mr. Eight asks if he can help, and again, Mr. Fish replies, “No!” Finally, Mr. Squid swims up and asks to lend a tentacle and is met with a resounding “NO!” Mr. Fish works and works and works, but he soon realizes this big fun idea might never be accomplished. Will Mr. Fish pout and quit, or will he happily say “yes” to the help of his friends?



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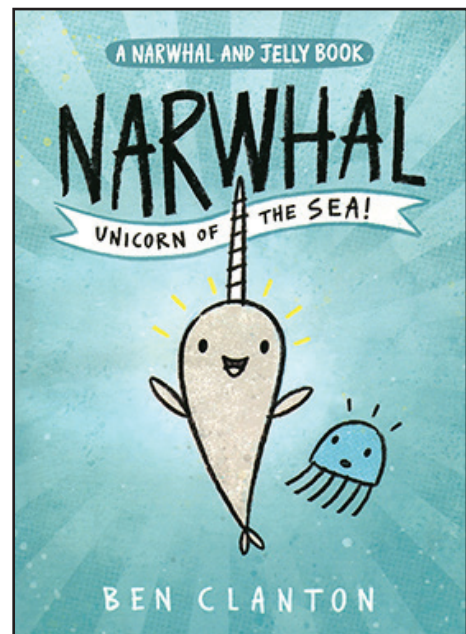


Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea!

by Ben Clanton

Booktalk!

Narwhal is a happy-go-lucky sea creature with a big imagination. He meets Jellyfish and thinks he looks jelly-ish. Narwhal wants proof that Jellyfish is real. When he gets stung, he knows it's true! Jellyfish has also never seen a narwhal and is amazed by his horn, which is really a tusk-tooth. But what they both really want and need is a friend. Narwhal convinces Jellyfish to read a book, but the book is blank! Maybe the friends will learn that a story can be made from a blank page by using imagination?



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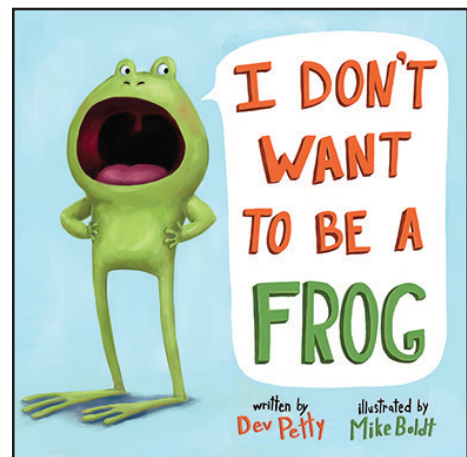


I Don't Want to Be a Frog

by Dev Petty, illustrated by Mike Boldt

Booktalk!

Who would want to be a wet, slimy, bug-eating frog? This frog would be happier being almost any other animal! He thinks it would be much better to be a pig. They get to eat garbage instead of flies! And owls have wings, look wise, and turn their heads all the way around. Cats are cute and warm, and rabbits can hop all day! The frog's dad tries to convince him that being a frog is cool, but nothing works ... until they run into a very scary wolf! The hungry wolf has a little secret — and it might be just the thing to convince frog to be happy the way he is.



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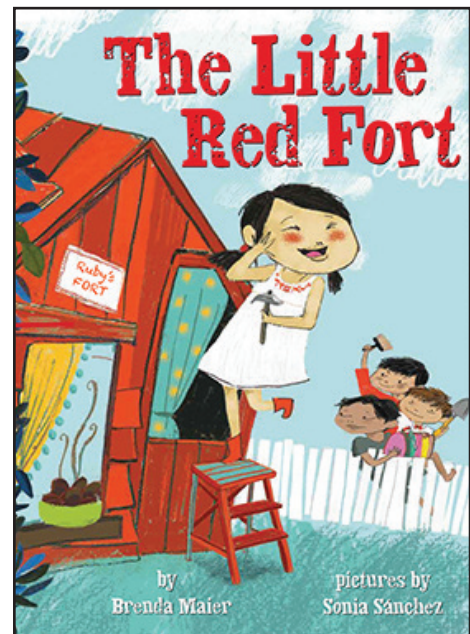
Booktalk!

The Little Red Fort

by Brenda Maier, illustrated by Sonia Sánchez

Booktalk!

Ruby's mind is always full of ideas. When she finds some old wood boards, she wants to build something, but first she'd like some help drawing plans, gathering supplies, cutting boards, and hammering nails. She asks her three brothers, but they are not interested in the project at all. "We don't want to play anyway," the boys say. But when Ruby's brothers see the incredible results of her hard work, maybe they'll help her build the fort after all, or at least make a mailbox, plant flowers, and paint it fire-engine red.



Best for Grades K-3

Booktalk!

The Magician's Hat

by Malcolm Mitchell, illustrated by Joanne Lew-Vriethoff

Booktalk!

Nothing could be as special as the library's Family Fun Day! The games were fun, but when a magician shows up, everything changes. After performing tricks, he takes off his special hat, promising the kids in his audience they can find whatever they want to be inside his hat. One boy wants to be a football player, and when he reaches in the hat, he pulls out a football book that will teach him the skills he needs to fulfill his dream. Another boy doesn't believe the hat is special, so his dream didn't come true. But when the hat shows the boy's real desire, magic truly does happen, proving that magic is always inside a book!



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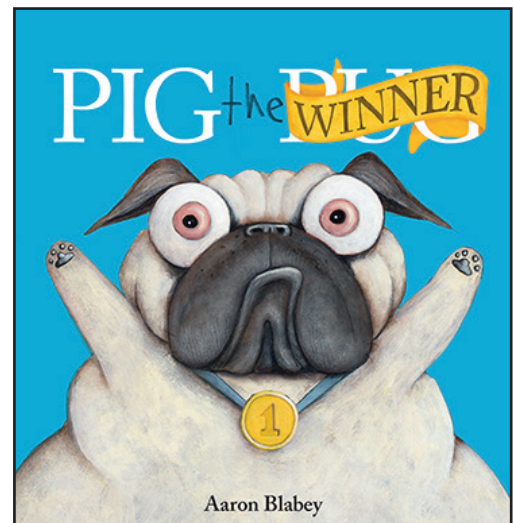
Booktalk!

Pig the Winner

by Aaron Blabey

Booktalk!

If Pig the Pug doesn't always win, it ruins his day. He must always come first, even if it means cheating! And when Pig loses, he screams, sobs, and sulks. Yes, Pig must always win, and he doesn't want anything to stop him! Meanwhile, Trevor just wants to have fun. Winning isn't important to him. And Trevor definitely does not want to compete in an eating race with Pig. But when Pig wolfs down his food so fast that he accidentally swallows his bowl, it's Trevor to the rescue! Maybe Pig the Pug will finally learn that winning at everything is not always fun.



Best for Grades K-3

Booktalk!

Some Pets

by Angela DiTerlizzi, illustrated by Brendan Wenzel

Booktalk!

Fluffy, furry, silly, or strange, some pets know tricks like sit and stay. Some pets drool and beg for treats. Some pets squawk and some pets squeak! Some pets love to nuzzle, while others run away when you cuddle. Some pets are cute and adorably sweet, but some pets are scary —definitely unique! What if you had a pet that slithered or squeaked? Show off your pets at the pet show today! Let's see what they can do — sit, fetch, or stay! Big or small, we love them all!



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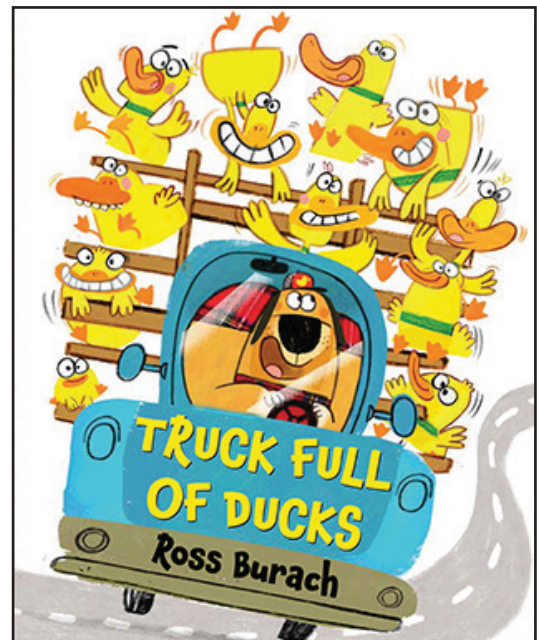
Booktalk!

Truck Full of Ducks

by Ross Burach

Booktalk!

Someone just called Bernie's delivery service requesting a truck full of ducks, but one of the ducks eats the customer's directions! Bernie isn't worried though, and he assures the ducks that they will find the right customer in time, even if that means asking lots of questions and making lots of stops! They answer delivery calls for a dump truck, an ice cream truck, a truck full of crackers, a tow truck, and even a duck removal truck. When the truck full of ducks arrives at a fox's house, they hope he isn't the one who made the call. Or is he?



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