

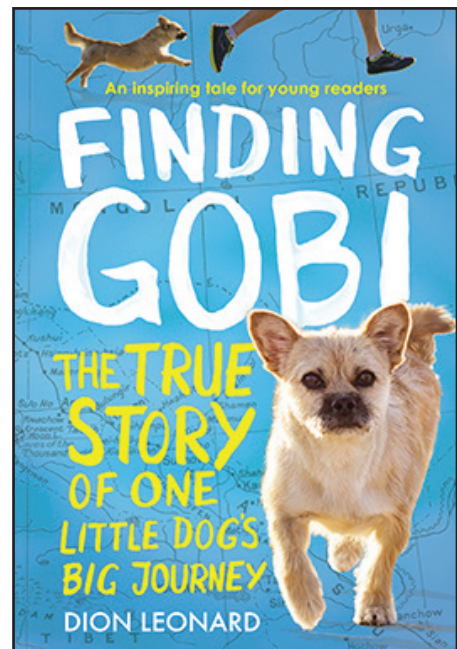


Finding Gobi: The True Story of One Little Dog's Big Journey

by *Dion Leonard*

Booktalk!

On day two of a week-long race across the Gobi Desert, ultra-marathon runner Dion Leonard is surprised by a small dog following him. He wonders why she wants his attention. The small bundle of fur is always hungry and wants to be Dion's friend. She settles in with Dion and runs alongside him, staying with him throughout the entire race. Since they are running through the Gobi Desert, Dion decides to name his new friend Gobi. He wants to find a way to take her home with him, but rules about transporting animals are strict. Then, Gobi disappears in China! How can Dion find her?



Best for Grades 4-8





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



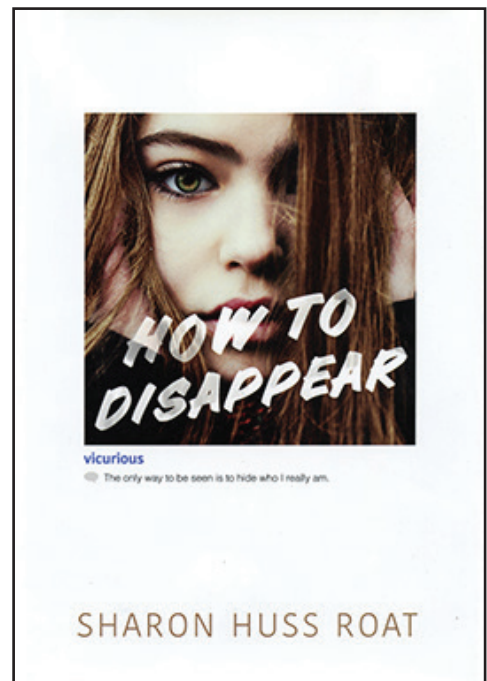


How to Disappear

by Sharon Huss Roat

Booktalk!

Vicky has only one friend — other than that, she hasn't spoken to anyone else in months. So, when her one friend moves to another state, Vicky's left completely alone. She keeps a secret list of anything that terrifies her or makes her nervous, and she hides in the bathroom when the freshman class photo is taken. But thanks to her genius photo-editing skills, she can place pictures of herself into other people's pictures—and lives! After opening a social media account, Vicky realizes she can become someone else from the comfort of her own room. Thousands of people follow her posts, but will Vicky ever learn that a real smile is better than a picture of one?



Best for Grades 6-8



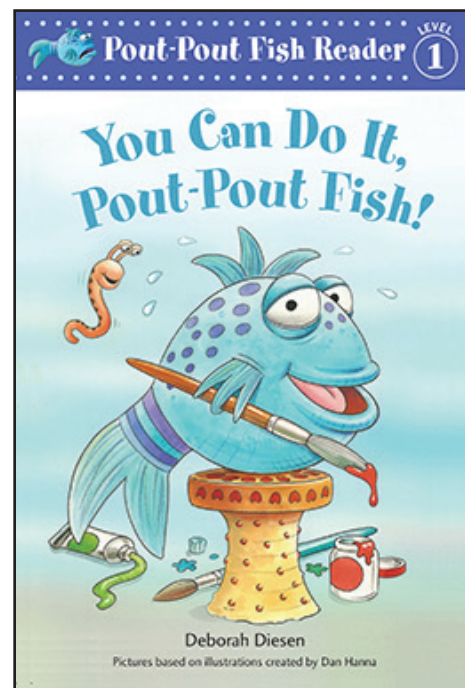
Booktalk!

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?



Best for Grades K-2

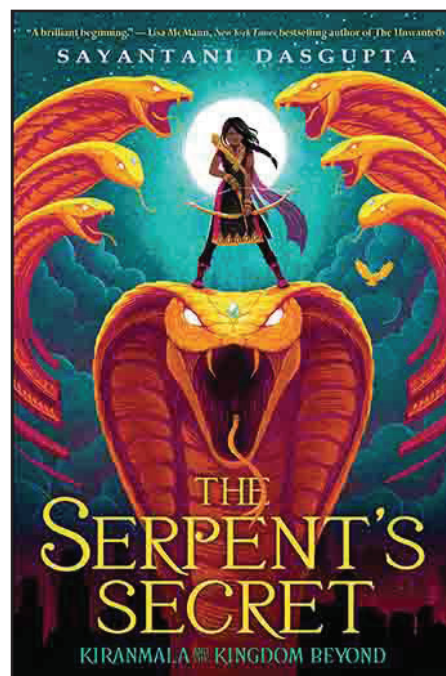


Kiranmala and the Kingdom Beyond #1: The Serpent's Secret

by Sayantani DasGupta

Booktalk!

Most of us look forward to our birthdays, but when Kiranmala returns home from school on her 12th birthday, she is more than surprised at what is waiting for her. First, her parents are nowhere to be found. Then, a massive, drooling demon is tearing apart their kitchen, one appliance at a time. When two princes arrive at her door on horseback, she thinks she must be dreaming! But then, the princes tell her the story her parents have been telling her for as long as she can remember. Turns out, Kiranmala is a real princess! Now, she must return to the magical realm and become who she really is in order to save her parents.



Best for Grades 4-8





Greetings from Witness Protection!

by Jake Burt

Booktalk!

It's called sticking. Lucky kids stick with their foster families. Thirteen-year-old Nicki Demere hasn't stuck before – she's lived with five families in the five years she has been at the Center. But that situation could change quickly when two U.S. marshals appear at the Center to meet her. They need her help because a powerful family wants Nicki as their daughter, and she would have to assume a new identity. It's a matter of life and death, and it means that all records of Nicki's former life must be destroyed!



Best for Grades 5-8



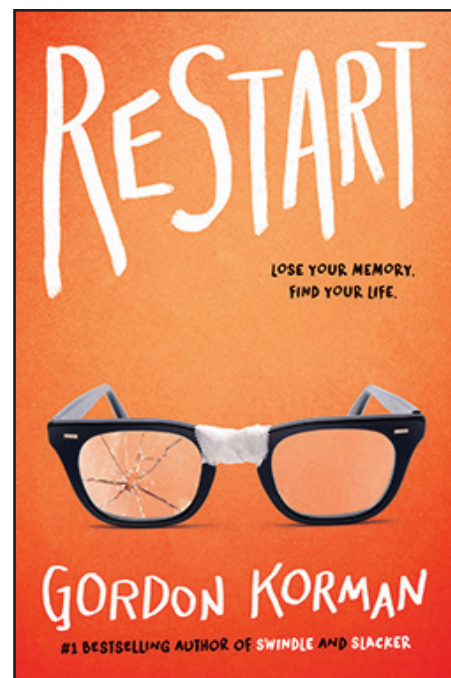


Restart

by Gordon Korman

Booktalk!

Chase Ambrose thinks the worst thing about falling off his roof is the loss of his memory. But it turns out that learning about the person he was before the fall is even worse! Chase finds out he was the school's star athlete and big man on campus — and he also finds out that he was a bully. He's even been sentenced to community service at the local senior center for a prank that literally blew up in his face. Now, Chase actually enjoys helping people, and even befriends some of his former victims. He has the chance to hit the restart button on his life, but which version of Chase will he decide to be?



Best for Grades 4-8



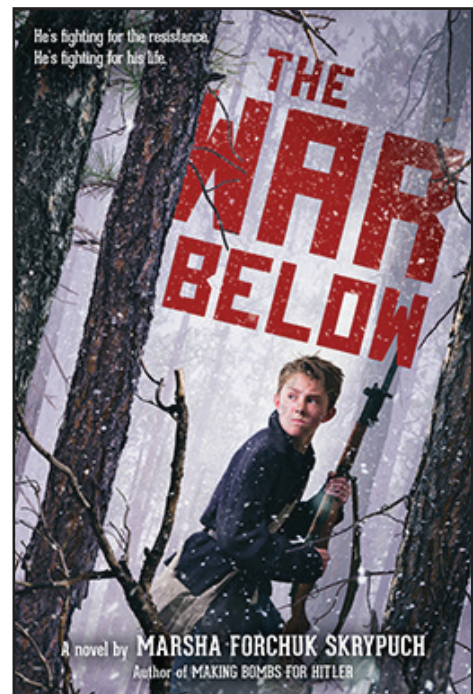


The War Below

by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch

Booktalk!

A German slave labor camp producing munitions is bombed by the Allies and 13-year-old Luka escapes by hiding among a truck full of corpses. He must leave his friend Lida behind but promises to find her when the war is over. Luka also vows to find his father, who has been taken from their home in the Ukraine to a Siberian work camp. To survive, Luka must evade capture by both the Nazis and Russian agents. He eventually joins the underground Ukrainian Insurgent Army, but will he survive long enough to fulfill his promises?



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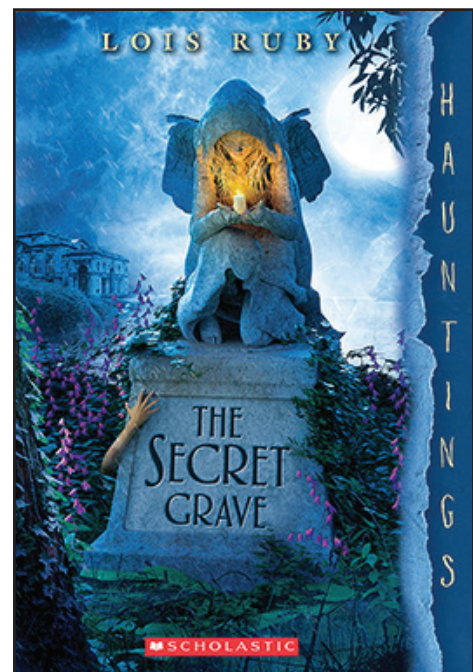


The Secret Grave

by Lois Ruby

Booktalk!

A sprawling 120-year-old mansion would be a great home for ghosts, right? That's exactly what 12-year-old Hannah Flynn is starting to think, especially when she finds an old trunk full of her great-grandparents' belongings in the creepy attic. Then Hannah meets Cady, a girl her age who has twigs in her hair and clothes from another century. Cady only appears when she wants to be seen, showing up without a sound and seemingly out of nowhere! Hannah wonders if she should tell her family about Cady, but when she finds the small graveyard in the woods, she's pretty sure she knows what to do.



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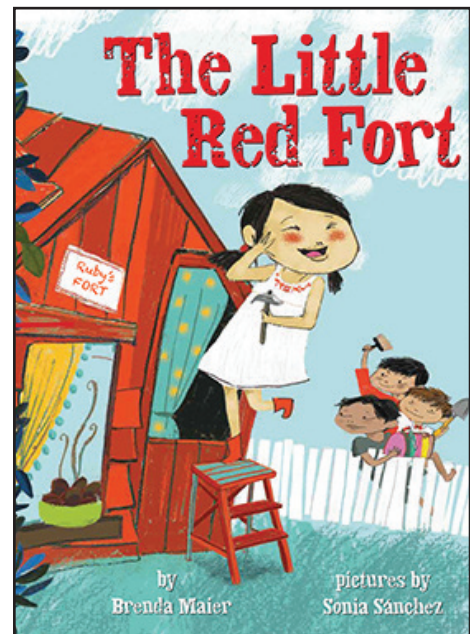
Booktalk!

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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