



Tell Me Everything

by Sarah Enni

Booktalk!

Ivy is invisible to everyone at her high school except her BFF Harold. But ever since that moment they shared before he went off to camp, Harold hasn't been himself. Then, Ivy finds a new photo- and art-sharing site called VEIL. No one can see who the artists are behind the art, but she's still not sure she wants to post her own. Eventually, Ivy recognizes some VEIL users and shows them support, which gives her confidence a boost. She's also sure she's figured out Harold's secret and wants to use her artwork for a grand gesture. But will it rekindle their friendship or be a disaster?



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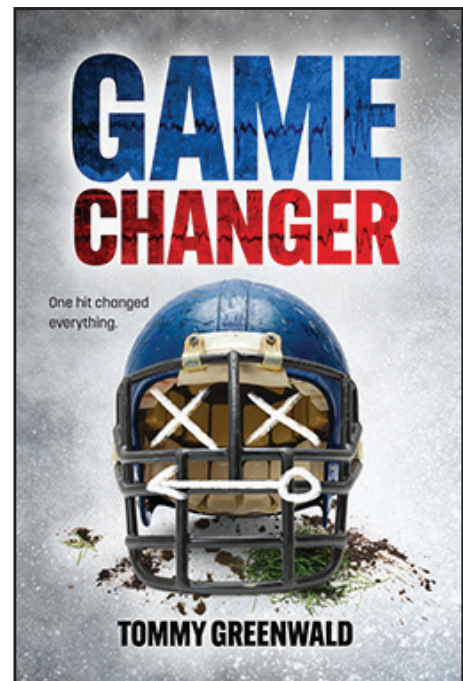


Game Changer

by Tommy Greenwald

Booktalk!

A 13-year-old boy is admitted to the ER: head trauma, comatose, and not breathing on his own. Condition: critical. Did a tough hit during football practice cause the injury or is more going on than meets the eye? No one is talking, especially not the varsity Walthorne Wildcats. They are a team, they are family, and they protect the tradition -- no matter the cost. Staying quiet takes its toll on everyone and divides friends, families, and the entire town until silence is no longer an option.



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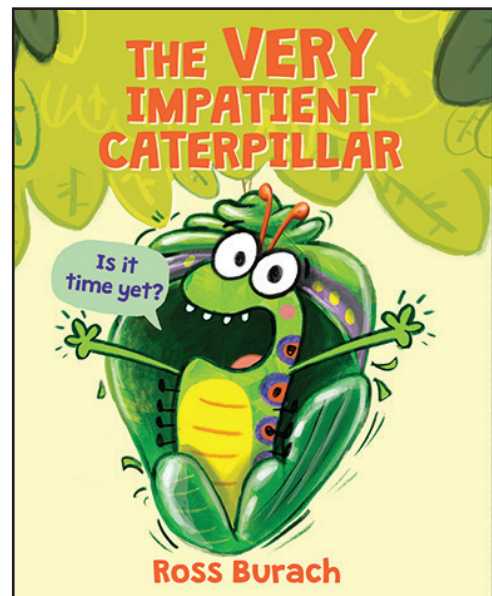


The Very Impatient Caterpillar

by Ross Burach

Booktalk!

Caterpillar cannot believe his luck! Apparently, he can do an amazing thing called metamorphosis, which will transform him into a beautiful butterfly — with wings! All he has to do is build his chrysalis, sit still for two weeks, and let nature take its course. But he'll need a lot of patience to endure two whole weeks of waiting. Ugh! What's an impatient caterpillar to do?



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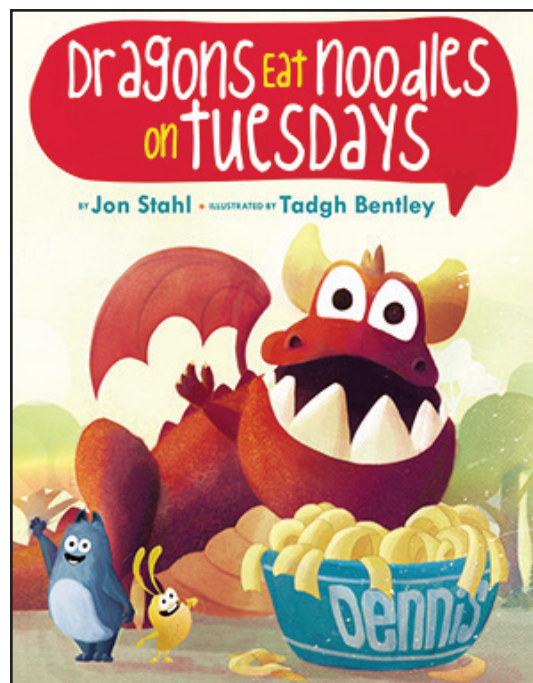


Dragons Eat Noodles on Tuesdays

by Jon Stahl, illustrated by Tadgh Bentley

Booktalk!

The little yellow monster tells the big blue monster that dragons shouldn't eat people. A dragon and a kid could be friends, says the yellow monster. But the blue monster thinks nice is boring. A dragon must eat someone! The yellow monster tells the story of a dragon that is stopped from eating a cowardly knight when a brave damsel appears and reminds the dragon about Tuesday's menu. Dragons can only eat noodles on Tuesdays! But what about Wednesdays?



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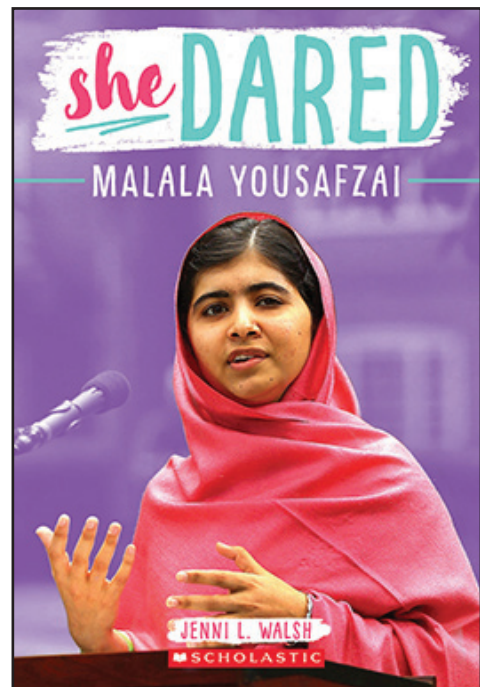


She Dared: Malala Yousafzai

by Jenni L. Walsh

Booktalk!

Have you ever wondered how brave you might be? It is hard to imagine anyone braver than Malala Yousafzai. School had always been Malala's happy place. She had dreams of becoming a doctor one day. Then the Taliban came and everything changed. They did not want women to leave the house or girls to go to school. At 11 years old, Malala dared to speak out and has not stopped since. She has turned tragedy into triumph, becoming an education activist and the youngest person to ever receive the Nobel Peace Prize because she dared!



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The Girl in the Locked Room

by Mary Downing Hahn

Booktalk!

Alone in a locked room, Lily forgets her name and her birthday. But it doesn't matter because no one visits. She talks to the people in the old paintings that hang on the walls. Why won't they come to life and keep her company? Jules, on the other hand, can't recall how many houses she's lived in, or the number of schools she's attended. Her father's job restoring historic buildings makes them move — a lot. When Jules and her parents move to a house built in 1786, she sees and hears horrifying things. She wants to help a ghost girl trapped in the 21st century rejoin her family, but how?



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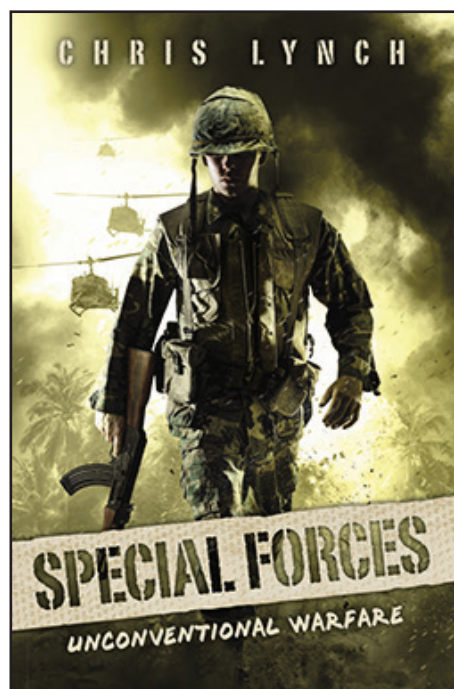


Special Forces #1: Unconventional Warfare

by Chris Lynch

Booktalk!

“Focus, Manion. No daydreaming. Focus — or die.” How did his high school wrestling coach become his commanding officer? Danny Manion is one tough kid and has been in trouble his entire life, but when his latest actions and smart mouth land him in front of a judge, Danny must choose between jail and the army. Now, secret missions on the Ho Chi Minh Trail have become a part of his everyday life. Not even his family knows where he is. Things that used to get him in trouble are now helpful and may even save his life. How did he get here and will he survive?



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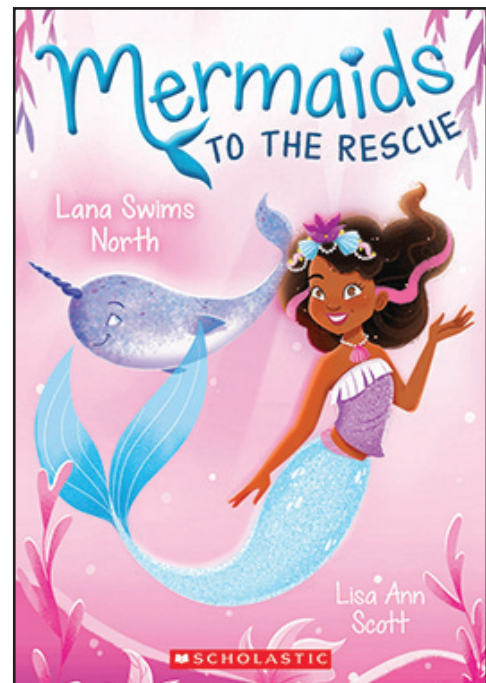


Mermaids to the Rescue: Lana Swims North

by *Lisa Ann Scott*

Booktalk!

Princess Lana isn't exactly known for her courage, even though she's a member of the Royal Mermaid Rescue Crew — the bravest mermaids of all. She doesn't even speak up in class when she knows the answer! She tries to take her mind off of school and her fears by helping a new friend find his way home to the Northern Seas. The journey is filled with fun new sights until they find themselves in the middle of a dangerous situation without any of the other Rescue Crew members. Will Princess Lana be able to find her voice and keep the seas safe, or will her fears get the better of her and her new friend?



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Stolen Girl

by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch

Booktalk!

The war is over. I should feel safe in my new home — my new country — but those nasty boys at school call me a Nazi. Even my new friend Mychailo has his doubts. Could it be true? I am having terrible dreams. Why do I remember meeting Hitler at a rally? And why did he say that I am the perfect specimen of Aryan youth? Marusia, my new mother who saved me in the camps, says that she did not steal me. She says I am not a Nazi, but as the memories start to slowly come back I can't help but wonder, if I am a Nazi, how can anyone love me?



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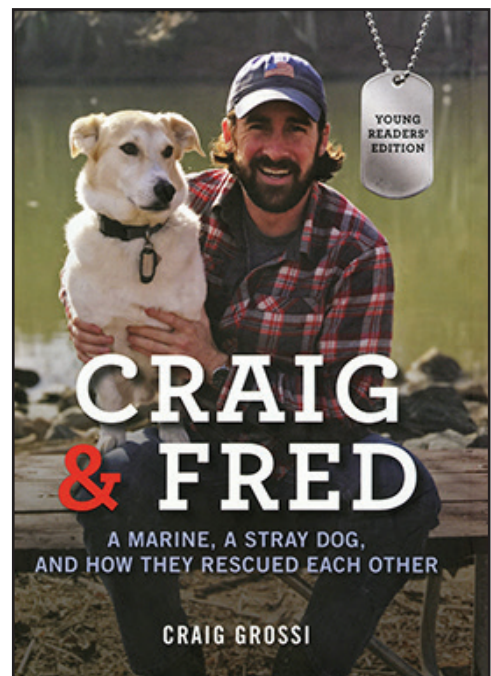


Craig & Fred: A Marine, a Stray Dog, and How They Rescued Each Other

by Craig Grossi

Booktalk!

From the second that Craig, a U. S. Marine in Afghanistan, saw the goofy-looking little dog, he knew it was different. The dog was alone, and he didn't run in a pack like most strays. Craig was certain that making friends with a dog was off-limits. Some carried rabies, and many were put to death, but this dog had a stubbornly positive attitude. He named him Fred, and other soldiers made friends with him, too. Fred gave them something to smile about when facing danger. But in order to save Fred's life, Craig had to find a way to bring him home — back to the United States.



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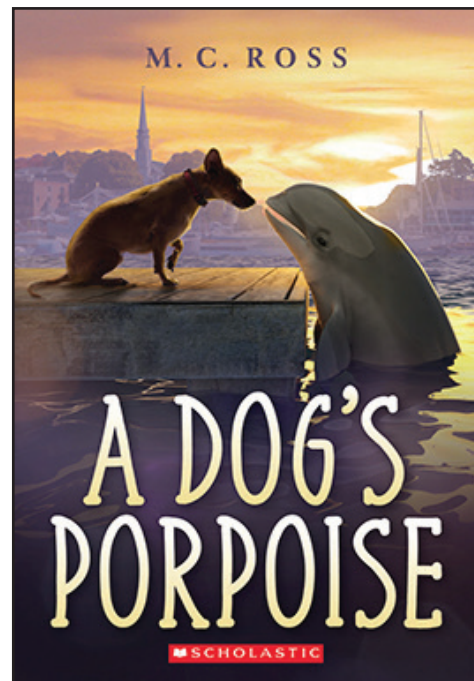


A Dog's Porpoise

by M. C. Ross

Booktalk!

Bangor, a harbor porpoise, is always adventurous. Harbor porpoises usually live in one place, but Bangor wants to swim in any direction that offers a chance to make new friends and eat fish. During a big storm, huge waves separate him from his family. When Natalie sneaks Lars, a stray dog, onto her father's fishing boat, they encounter the same storm. Lars is thrown overboard into the dark, stormy waters, but will Bangor rescue him? Will three completely different species become friends where the water meets the land?



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