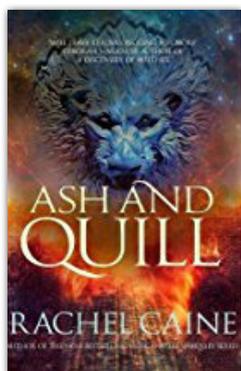


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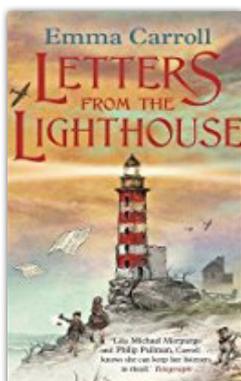
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Great Library 3: Ash and Quill by Rachel Caine

9780749017422 | Jonathan Ball Publishers | PB | R170

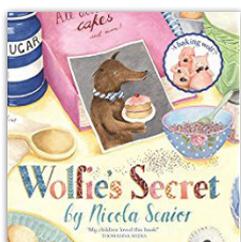
Held prisoner by the Burner forces in Philadelphia, Jess and his friends struggle to stay alive in the face of threats from both sides ...but a stunning escape guarantees worse is coming. The Library now means to stop them by any means necessary, and they'll have to make dangerous allies and difficult choices to stay alive. They have only two choices: face the might of the Great Library head on, or be erased from life, and the history of the world, forever. Win or die. Rachel Caine is the author of more than fifteen novels, including the *Morganville Vampires* and *Weather Warden* series. She was born at White Sands Missile Range, which people who know her say explains a lot. She has been an accountant, a professional musician, and an insurance investigator, and still carries on a secret identity in the corporate world.



Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll

9780571327584 | Faber & Faber | PB | R150

February, 1941. After months of bombing raids in London, twelve-year-old Olive Bradshaw and her little brother Cliff are evacuated to the Devon coast. The only person with two spare beds is Mr Ephraim, the local lighthouse keeper. But he's not used to company and he certainly doesn't want any evacuees. Desperate to be helpful, Olive becomes his post-girl, carrying secret messages (as she likes to think of the letters) to the villagers. But Olive has a secret of her own. Her older sister Sukie went missing in an air raid, and she's desperate to discover what happened to her. And then she finds a strange coded note which seems to link Sukie to Devon, and to something dark and impossibly dangerous.

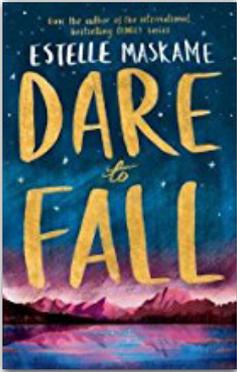


Wolfie's Secret by Nicola Senior

9780571331246 | Faber & Faber | PB | R150

Wolfie was no ordinary wolf. He was a wolf with a difference. He had a special, super secret that nobody knew . . . Wolfie is supposed to be a big bad wolf. Unfortunately though, he's not very good at it - and worse yet, he has a terrible secret. Instead of gobbling up little pigs, Wolfie would much rather be wolfing down . . . cakes! Yes, it's true - this big, burly wolf is a star baker in the making. But can he keep his secret from those pesky little pigs? This stunning debut from author/illustrator Nicola Senior is a playful take on an old favourite tale, and one sure to make you laugh as you root for a wonderful new hero.





Dare to Fall by Estelle Maskame

9781785301087 | Black & White | PB | R165

MacKenzie Rivers seems like she has it all figured out. She has great friends, she's doing well in school and her handsome ex-boyfriend is desperate to win her back. But something is missing from her life in Windsor, Colorado. And as much as she hates to admit it, that something might be Jaden Hunter. Tall, blond and athletic, a year ago Kenzie was falling fast for him and his crooked smile. Twelve months later, everything has changed. A tragic accident has destroyed Jaden's family and, despite the way she feels, Kenzie has no idea how to talk to him anymore. She is all too familiar with the impact family tragedy can have on the people she loves, and she can't bear to go through it again with Jaden. She does the only thing she knows how to do: walk away.



When Dimple Met Rishi by Menon Sandhya

9781473667402 | Hodder & Stoughton | PB | R165

Dimple: Her main aim in life is to escape her traditional parents, get to university and begin her plan for tech world domination. Rishi: He's rich, good-looking and a hopeless romantic. His parents think Dimple is the perfect match for him, but she's got other plans... Dimple and Rishi may think they have each other figured out. But when opposites clash, love works hard to prove itself in the most unexpected ways. This is a frothy, funny contemporary romance set at a coding convention in San Francisco over one exciting summer. Told from the dual perspectives of two Indian American protagonists, Dimple is fighting her family traditions while Rishi couldn't be happier to follow in the footsteps of his parents. Could sparks fly between this odd couple, or is this matchmaking attempt doomed to fail?



Ella and Owen 4: Evil Pumpkin Pie Fight by Jaden Kent

9781499803716 | Simon & Schuster | PB | R130

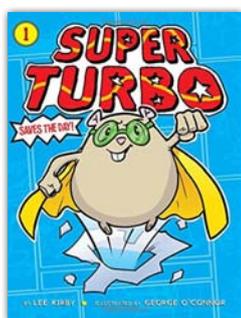
In this fourth book in the *Ella and Owen* series, the dragon siblings run up against an evil pumpkin king, a hungry spider, and a witch. On top of that, they have to deal with an army of pumpkins that want to fight with pie, when all the twins really want to do is get home without getting lost. As this story begins, Ella's sense of adventure gets the twins in trouble--yet again! The siblings are stuck outside at night, unsure of where they are, when a light in the distance intrigues Ella. The two end up meeting an evil pumpkin king, traveling through a graveyard to meet with a witch. This early chapter book series has it all--humor, adventure, a dash of some gross-out stuff, and just the right mixture of sibling rivalry/love. Black and white illustrations with dragon details galore on every page add to the enjoyment, making Ella and Owen's world pop on each page.



Tales of Sasha 4 Princess Lessons by Alexa Pearl

9781499803990 | Simon & Schuster | PB | R130

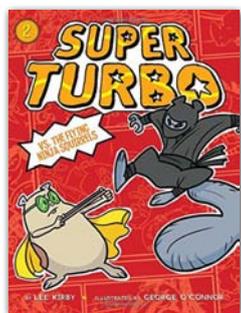
In book four in the *Tales of Sasha* series, Sasha has to pass the Princess Test. . . . But is she princess material? Sasha has just discovered that she is a princess of the flying horses! But before she can attend to any princess duties, she has to pass a Princess Test. In order to pass, she'll have to learn how to act regal, and she'll have to learn all about the history of the flying horses. But Sasha struggles with these things, and she isn't sure what to do. Will she find a way to pass the Princess Test? Alexa Pearl is the author of more than forty children's books. She lives in New Jersey with her family. Paco Sordo is a comic artist, animator, storyboarder, and background artist based in Spain.



Super Turbo 1 Saves Day by Kirby Lee

9781481488846 | Simon & Schuster | PB | R130

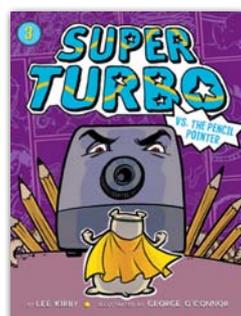
He's not just the class pet hamster, he's SUPER TURBO! In this brand-new series that's packed with adventure, Captain Awesome's loyal sidekick is the star of the show! You know Turbo as the crime-fighting hamster from the *Captain Awesome* books. But ever wonder what actually goes on when the last school bell rings and Turbo is left to his own devices? After all, what do you think your class pets do all day? You think they sleep, eat, and wait for you to play with them? Well, think again, because Turbo isn't just any hamster. He's SUPER TURBO and he's here to fight evil in and out of the classroom! Along with his superpet companions, Turbo battles everyday evils at Sunnyview Elementary, such as flying ninja squirrels, a gang of evil rats, giant Eraser Dude, and more!



Super Turbo 2 vs Flying Squirrels by Kirby Lee

9781481488877 | Simon & Schuster | PB | R130

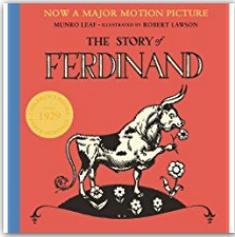
In this second book, Super Turbo battles flying ninja squirrels who threaten to take over the school! Along with his superpet companions, Turbo battles everyday evils at Sunnyview Elementary, such as flying ninja squirrels, a gang of evil rats, giant Eraser Dude, and more! Turbo and the Superpet Superhero League think they can lay low for a little while since they defeated Whiskerface and his rat pack...but they're wrong! When something goes flying across Classroom C while Turbo is jogging on his wheel, he speeds up that jog and springs into action. Because it's not just something flying across his classroom. It's an evil flying ninja squirrel determined to take over the school with his pals. The Superpet Superhero League must stop them!



Super Turbo 3 vs Pencil Pointer by Kirby Lee

9781481494380 | Simon & Schuster | PB | R130

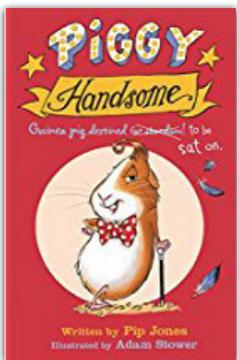
He's not just the class pet hamster, he's SUPER TURBO! Super Turbo battles the evil Pencil Pointer in this third book of the Super Turbo chapter book series. In this third book, there's a new villain in the classroom. He's big, he's shiny, and he can sharpen a pencil like Super Turbo has never seen. And he stares at Turbo. All. Day. Long. But just when Turbo begins to think that the Pencil Pointer might not be that evil...the villain starts spewing pencil shavings! If he keeps at it, Turbo's hamster home will be destroyed. Then Turbo learns that evil isn't only trying to take over his classroom. The rest of the classroom pets are battling their own Pencil Pointers! Can the Superhero Superpet League stop the Pencil Pointers and save the school—and themselves?



Story of Ferdinand by Munro Leaf

9780571335961 | Faber & Faber | PB | R150

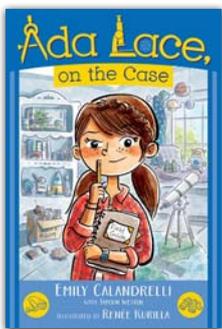
Once upon a time in Spain, there was a little bull and his name was Ferdinand . . . Unlike all the other little bulls - who run, jump, and butt their heads together in fights - Ferdinand would rather sit under his favourite cork tree and smell the flowers. So what will happen when Ferdinand is picked for the bull fights in Madrid? Beloved all over the world for its timeless message of peace, tolerance and the courage to be yourself, this truly classic story has never been out of print in the US since its release in 1936. Hitherto unpublished in the UK.



Piggy Handsome by Pip Jones

9780571327546 | Faber & Faber | PB | R130

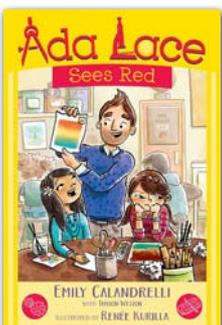
'Jeffrey, I'm no mere guinea pig! I'm a Handsome. And Handsomes have always been famous. I simply cannot be the only Handsome in history to not be famous.' Piggy Handsome is a very confident Guinea pig with a hugely inflated ego - he hails from a long line of very famous Guinea pigs. But sadly Handsome hasn't yet achieved world renown. With the help of gruff-talking Jeffrey the budgie and the inadvertent efforts of two dastardly villains Dan and Dolly Dixon, Handsome might realise his dream, get in the papers and save the day - without even realising. All in one day trip to the seaside!



ADA Lace 1 on the Case by Emily Calandrelli

9781481485982 | Simon & Schuster | PB | R150

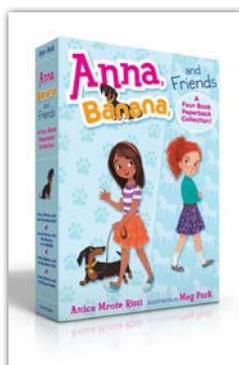
From Emily Calandrelli—host of *Xploration Outer Space*, correspondent on *Bill Nye Saves the World*, and graduate of MIT—comes the first novel in a brand-new chapter book series about an eight-year-old girl with a knack for science, math, and solving mysteries with technology. Ada Lace—third-grade scientist and inventor extraordinaire—has discovered something awful: her neighbor's beloved Yorkie has been dognapped! With the assistance of a quirky neighbor named Nina (who is convinced an alien took the doggie) and her ever-growing collection of gadgets, Ada sets out to find the wrongdoer. As their investigation becomes more and more mysterious, Ada and Nina grow closer, proving that opposites do, in fact, attract.



ADA Lace 2 Sees Red by Emily Calandrelli

9781481486019 | Simon & Schuster | PB | R150

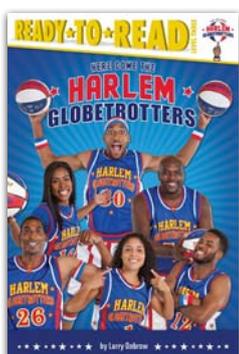
Ada Lace is building a new robot! She's determined to beat Milton in the upcoming robotics competition. But she's distracted—Ada finds her dad's art class impossible, while Nina is the star of the class, basking in the glory of being Mr. Lace's star pupil. When Mr. Lace suggests that Nina put on an art show, Ada becomes jealous and loses her temper. Now Ada isn't speaking to her dad, she's falling behind in art class, and she still doesn't know how to fix her robot. As the competition looms closer, Ada starts to wonder if there might be a way to use both science and art to solve her problems. Will Ada make up with her father in time to test her hypothesis? Or will her hurt feelings leave her seeing red and without a medal at the end of the day?



Anna Banana and Friends--A Four-Book Paperback Collection by Anica Mrose Rissi

9781534411531 | Simon & Schuster | PB | R505

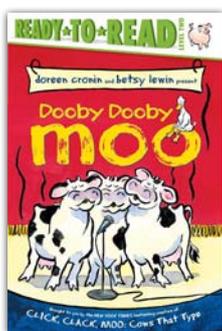
Join Anna and her beloved wiener dog Banana for some entertaining adventures with the first four books in the illustrated *Anna, Banana* chapter book series—perfect for fans of *Judy Moody*, *Clementine*, and *Ivy & Bean*. The delightful chapter book series about a third-grader named Anna, who navigates the joys and challenges of elementary school friendships with her beloved wiener dog Banana by her side. This charming collection includes paperback editions of: *Anna, Banana, and the Friendship Split*; *Anna, Banana, and the Monkey in the Middle*; *Anna, Banana, and the Big-Mouth Bet*; and *Anna, Banana, and the Puppy Parade*.



Here Come the Harlem Globetrotters by Larry Dobrow

9781481487450 | Simon & Schuster | PB | R85

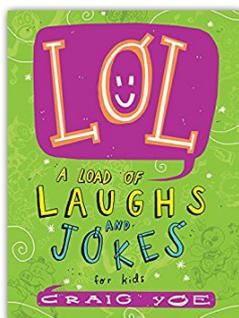
Get to know the legendary Harlem Globetrotters in this slam-dunk Level 3 Ready-to-Read that will have everyone cheering! Did you know that the Harlem Globetrotters have played on every continent in the world (except Antarctica)? Or that they hold more than a dozen basketball world records? For more than ninety years, the Harlem Globetrotters have dazzled and entertained fans around the world with their incredible basketball skills. Learn all about these wizards of the court and what it means to be a Globetrotter in this incredible leveled reader!



Dooby Dooby Moo by Doreen Cronin

9781534401761 | Simon & Schuster | PB | R85

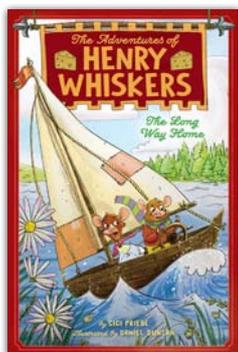
New York Times bestselling duo Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin's story is now available as a Level 2 Ready-to-Read! Duck and his friends are at it again. But this time they're trying to win a local talent show, because first prize is a trampoline! The cows want to sing. The sheep want to sing. The pigs want to...dance. Dance? And Duck? Duck just wants to win that trampoline. But first he'll have to handle Farmer Brown. Doreen Cronin is the author of *The Chicken Squad* series, her debut novel *Cyclone*, and many other New York Times bestselling picture books, including *Click, Clack, Surprise!*



Lol A Load of Laughs and Jokes for Kids by Craig Yoe

9781481478182 | Simon & Schuster | PB | R130

What do you get when you cross a wacky, jam-packed joke book with a kid who loves to LOL? *A load of laughs and jokes* for kids in this perfect book for young comedians! What winter sport do trees participate in? Al-pine skiing! What do construction workers use to block traffic in winter? Snow cones! What did one telephone give the other telephone on Valentine's Day? A ring! *LOL: A Load of Laughs and Jokes for Kids* is crammed full of the wildest, wackiest jokes ever! Covering a range of topics from Animals to Zippers and everything in between, it will have your jokesters howling with laughter.



Long Way Home by Gigi Priebe

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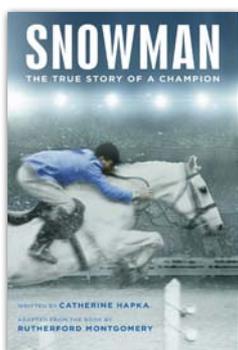
Little Henry Whiskers is thrilled when he discovers an old, crinkly map, complete with a giant X marking a spot, full of treasure—at least, that’s what Henry thinks. All he knows is that this map is something BIG—he can feel it right down to the tip of his tail. But before he can share his exciting find with his cousin and best friend, Jeremy, they find themselves in the danger zone: The Windsor Castle Kitchen. And after being unceremoniously caught and thrown out of the castle, with nothing but the map, the two little mice realize they have bigger problems than being caught in the kitchen! How will they get back to the dollhouse? With the help of his cousin, Jeremy and a fellow field mouse named Wisely, the cousins battle a hungry falcon, an endless and stormy lake, and the maze of landmarks on the Windsor Castle Grounds as they try to find his way back home—and discover the mysterious map is more connected to the Whiskers family than either of them could have ever imagined.



Marvelous Magic of Miss Mabel by Natasha Lowe

9781481465342 | Simon & Schuster | PB | R170

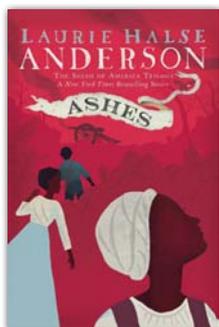
The morning Nora Ratcliff finds a baby in the flowerpot on her front steps her life changes forever. She had always wanted a child, but after her husband passed away, Nora never thought it would be possible. She decides to name her miracle flowerpot child Mabel, and as Mabel grew up, she showed a distinct talent for magic. When Mabel is accepted to the prestigious witch school, Ruthersfield Academy, she excels at the curriculum, especially magic, but is constantly in trouble for experimenting and inventing her own potions. One day she is asked to write a paper on the origin of her magical roots and discovers the truth about her birth after a mean classmate blurts out what everyone seems to know—except Mabel. Mabel is shocked but the revelation does explain a lot. In an act of rebellion, Mabel changes her name to Magnolia and sets out to learn why she was left in the flowerpot and who her birth family might be. Will Mabel find the answers she’s looking for.



Snowman The True Story of a Champion by Catherine Hapka

9781481478137 | Simon & Schuster | PB | R190

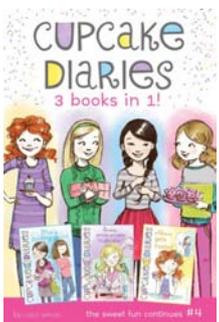
A twist of fate brings a man and horse together in this remarkable true story now available in a new version adapted by the author of the Marguerite Henry’s Ponies of Chincoteague series. Snowman, an Amish plow horse, was bound for the meat market when Harry deLeyer, a Long Island riding instructor, spotted him at auction. After making eye contact with the gentle giant deLeyer decided to purchase him for \$80. At first, Snowman was just a horse that children rode during lessons, but when deLeyer sold him to a neighbor, the horse had other ideas. He would jump the high fences so he could return “home.” Harry then began training Snowman as a show jumper. Less than two years out of the plow fields, Snowman won the 1958 horse show jumping Triple Crown—the American Horse Shows Association Horse of the Year, Professional Horseman’s Association Champion, and Champion of Madison Square Garden’s Diamond Jubilee.



Ashes by Anderson Laurie Halse

9781416961475 | Simon & Schuster | PB | R190

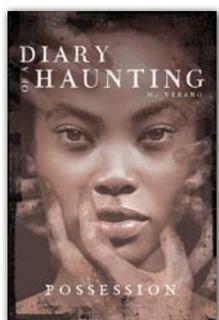
Return to the American Revolution in this blistering conclusion to the *Seeds of America* trilogy that began with the bestselling National Book Award Finalist *Chains* and continued with *Forge*, which Kirkus Reviews called “the best book you’ll ever read.” As the Revolutionary War rages on, Isabel and Curzon have narrowly escaped Valley Forge—but their relief is short-lived. Before long they are reported as runaways, and the awful Bellingham is determined to track them down. With purpose and faith, Isabel and Curzon march on, fiercely determined to find Isabel’s little sister Ruth, who is enslaved in a Southern state—where bounty hunters are thick as flies.



Cupcake Diaries 3 Books in 1 by Coco Simon

9781534409651 | Simon & Schuster | PB | R190

Join Katie, Mia, Emma, and Alexis as they form the Cupcake Club—and fast friendships. This book includes three stories in the *Cupcake Diaries* series: Mia’s Boiling Point; Emma, Smile and Say “Cupcake!”; and Alexis Gets Frosted. Coco Simon always dreamed of opening a cupcake bakery, but she was afraid she would eat all the profits. When she’s not daydreaming about cupcakes, Coco edits children’s books and has written close to 100 books for children, tweens, and young adults, which is a lot less than the number of cupcakes she’s eaten. *Cupcake Diaries* is the first time Coco has mixed her love of cupcakes with writing.



Possession by M. Verano

9781481464420 | Simon & Schuster | PB | R230

In the tradition of *Paranormal Activity* and *The Exorcist*, an ordinary girl with a strange illness recounts her experience with the dark and ancient entity that’s making her sick in this chilling diary that features photos and images of what she experienced. All her life, Laetitia Jones has only wanted to be a star. But her path to stardom now seems to be halted by a mysterious, undiagnosed illness that’s taken over her body. Doctors don’t have a clue and most days, she’s stuck at home documenting her strange symptoms —symptoms that start with fevers and chills, but soon escalate to bizarre bodily reactions. Laetitia’s only escape from her illness is following the news—and the race riots that are moving closer and closer to her neighborhood. But when horrific visions begin to invade her mind, even the media can’t distract her and she begins to wonder—is her illness something biological...or is it something more? Are the voices she hears and the notes she finds in her own handwriting signs of insanity...or signs of something much more sinister and demonic? Or, perhaps, signs of something benevolent...something holy even.



Just Kill Me by Adam Selzer

9781481434959 | Simon & Schuster | PB | R255

Megan Henske isn't one to heed warnings... When the last letters in her alphabet cereal are D, I, and E, she doesn't crawl right back into bed. When her online girlfriend won't text a photo, she just sends more of herself. And when she realizes that Cynthia, her boss at a Chicago ghost tour company, isn't joking about making stops more haunted by euthanizing people there, she doesn't quit her job—she may even help. But soon she learns people in the murdermonger industry are being murdered, and doesn't know who it is doing it. Could it be the head of the rival tour company? Or could it be someone near and dear to Megan? After she realizes she has an uncanny resemblance to a flapper who disappeared in 1922, Megan receives a warning she can't ignore: the next ghost on the tour might be her...



T is for Tree by Greg Fowler

9781785301261 | Black and White Publishers | PB | R165

Eddy knows he's not like other teenagers. He doesn't look like them. He doesn't think like them. He doesn't go to school or have friends like they do. Eddy's not even allowed to leave his bedroom – except on shower day of course. He doesn't know why; all Eddy knows is that he's different. Bandoned by his mother and kept locked away by his grandmother, Eddy must spend his life watching the world go by from his bedroom window. Until Reagan Crowe moves in next door and everything starts to change. She's kind, funny, beautiful, and most importantly, she's Eddy's first friend. Over time, Reagan introduces Eddy to the strange and wonderful world outside his bedroom: maths, jam, love. But growing up isn't that simple for either of them. And Eddy has a secret. The tree that's slowly creeping in through his window from the garden is no ordinary tree. But then again, Eddy's no ordinary boy. He's special... Set over the course of five years, *T is for Tree* is moving, life-affirming, and shows that we can all find greatness in the small things.