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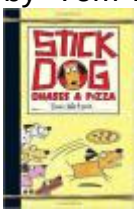
Stick Dog Chases a Pizza

by Tom Watson



Reading Level: Grades 4 - 7

Stick dog and the crew are back for a third adventure. This time they have found something better than hamburgers and better than hotdogs! It's pizza! Before before they get they're hands (muzzles) on some pizza there's plans to be made and a kitten to rescue. Then there's one very messy game of frisbee.

Meet author Tom Watson at the iRead kick-off on January 10th.

Check availability of this book

Other books by Tom Watson

Reading Level: 3rd Grade,4th Grade,5th Grade,6th Grade,7th Grade Subjects: Animals--Talking, Books for Boys, Books for Girls, Friends, Humor Location: J Fiction
Reviewer:
HG

Game Over, Pete Watson

by Joe Schreiber

Reading Level: Grades 4 - 7

You don't have to be a gamer to love this book. It's an action-packed, hilarious adventure of video games and spies. Pete Wilson is short $20 to buy the newest, most awesome video game, Brawl-A-Thon 3000XL. Since he need money he decides, without permission, to hold a garage sale and sell his father's ancient 8-bit game console CommandRoid 85 to The Bug Man. Mistake!!! His father is kidnapped and the President of the U.S. starts talking nonsense. It's up to Pete and friends to save the day. (game on) Cartoons and heavily pixilated images by Andy Rash make a winning combination.

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Other books by Joe Schreiber

Other books written or illustrated by Andy Rash

Illustrator: Andy Rash Reading Level: 4th Grade,5th Grade,6th Grade,7th Grade Subjects: Adventure, Books for Boys, Books for Girls, Humor, Mysteries, Science Fiction Location: J Fiction

Reviewer:
HG

Princess Sparkle-Heart Gets a Makeover

by Josh Schneider

Reading Level: Preschool - Grade 2

With typical humor and understanding, Schneider creates another gem of a picture book. Amelia and her doll, Princess Sparkle -Heart, do everything together. There's tea parties, weddings, and secrets. But on every page there's the GRRRRRR of the jealous family dog until the pup tears up Princess Sparkle-Heart. Mom comes in with her sewing box to save the day for the heartbroken Amelia. Working together, they show that love and creativity can create wonders.

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Other books by Josh Schneider

Reading Level: Preschoolers,Kindergarteners,1st Grade,2nd Grade Subjects: Books for Girls, Humor Location: Picture Books
Reviewer:
HG

Cupcake Cousins

by Kate Hannigan

Reading Level: Grades 3 - 5

Nine-year-old cousins Willow and Delia are happy to be at the their annual family vacation in Saugatuck, Michigan. They're happy that Aunt Rosie's wedding will be in just a few days. What

they're not happy about is the pink,poufy, babyish flower girl dresses they are expected to wear at her wedding. They decide to show Aunt Rosie how much better it would be if they were the wedding caterers instead. But there's a new grown- up cook in the kitchen and some of their recipes don't turn out exactly as planned. Add in some impossible older sisters and some real-life problems and mix well for a sweet read The book includes some of delicious recipes that would be fun to make!

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Reading Level: 3rd Grade,4th Grade,5th Grade Subjects: Books for Girls, Family, Humor, Realistic Fiction Location: J Fiction
Reviewer:
HG

The Summer I Saved the World in 65 Days

by Michele Weber Hurwitz

Reading Level: Grades 5 - 8

Can a 13-year-old girl really make a difference in the world? While she's never been the "kind of person who goes out of her way to help people" Nina decides to do one nice thing for a neighbor for each day of the summer. All the while she's dealing with the loss of her beloved grandmother, her type-A parents, and her brother who may be headed for trouble. Nina also deals with her changing friendship with her best friend, Jorie. It's even harder when she realizes they both has a crush on the same neighbor boy, This is a feel-good read with a bright, charming heroine you'll be rooting for.

Meet author Michele Weber Hurwitz at the iRead Kick-off on January 10th.

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Other books by Michele Weber Hurwitz

Reading Level: 5th Grade,6th Grade,7th Grade,8th Grade Subjects: Books for Girls, Family, Friends, Realistic Fiction Location: J Fiction
Reviewer:
HG

Wanderville

by Wendy McClure

Reading Level: Grades 4 - 6

In 1904, 11-year-old Frances and her younger brother Harold are sent on an orphan train heading to Kansas from New York. On the train they meet Jack, whose family could not afford to keep him. When they hear rumors about horrible conditions that await them in Kansas, the three children jump the train. They meet up with Alexander, a boy who has escaped from a work farm and set up his own "kids-only" town called Wanderville. There they find happiness until the unthinkable happens.

This is the first in a series of historical fiction.

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Other books by Wendy McClure

Reading Level: 4th Grade,5th Grade,6th Grade Subjects: Adventure, Books for Boys, Books for Girls, Historical Fiction Location: J Fiction
Reviewer:
HG

Nate the Great, Where Are You?

by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

Reading Level: Grades K - 2

Nate the Great and Sludge his dog have five cases in one day. Nate the Great does not want to

have five cases. He and Sludge would like to take a break from being detectives Nate the Great and Sludge go to a costume shop to get disguises so they do not have to solve their cases or look like detectives. Nate the Great does not like any of the disguises so they do not get any. They go to the woods to be alone and quiet and everyone thinks they have been lost and come after them. The real mystery is: will Nate the Great and Sludge ever get some peace and quiet?

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Other books in the Nate the Great series.

Reading Level: Kindergarteners,1st Grade,2nd Grade Subjects: Mysteries Location: JP Fiction
Reviewer:
EF

Mister Bud Wears the Cone

by Carter Goodrich

Reading Level: Ages 3 - 7

Poor Mister Bud has a bad hot spot and has to wear a cone for the day, and his brother, Zorro, is not overly sympathetic.

Check availability of this book

More books by Carter Goodrich

Reading Level: Preschoolers,Kindergarteners,1st Grade,2nd Grade Subjects: Animals--Talking, Family, Humor Location: Picture Books
Reviewer:
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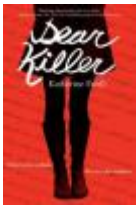
Dear Killer

by Katherine Ewell



Reading Level: Grades 7 and up

Kit's mother was a serial killer before she married. She had a drop box in London where people could request a murder and she marked each of her victims with a magic marker heart on their chest, but she never managed to reach the notoriety that most serial killers do. After "quitting" her mother uses her experience to train her only child to be a perfect killing machine. Kit takes over the drop box (with her mother's help) at age nine and, as she grows older and becomes independent, leaves her calling card, the letters cleaned of all DNA, with each of her victims. By the time she is seventeen she has reached Jack the Ripper status and is known to the public as The Perfect Killer. However, when she gets a request from a classmate to kill another classmate things begin to spiral out of control.

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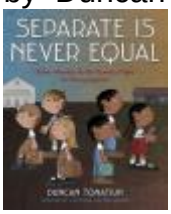
More books by Katherine Ewell

Reading Level: 7th Grade,8th Grade,High Schoolers,Adults Subjects: Adventure, Crime and Punishment, Family, Friends, Misfits, School, Self Image, Social Issues Location: JY Fiction
Reviewer:
SH

Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her Family's Fight for Desegregation

by Duncan Tonatiuh



Reading Level: Grades 2 - 5

When Sylvia's family moved to a new town in California, her aunt took her and her brothers along with her cousins to register for school. The school secretary gave enrollment forms to her two light skinned, light haired cousins, but informed Sylvia and her brothers that they would have to attend the Mexican school. After getting the runaround from every branch of the local government in a town where it was not unusual to see signs that read, "No dogs or Mexicans

allowed" Sylvia's father decided the only thing to do was sue the Westminster School District to prove that segregation was unfair; a point that had to be proven seven years later by the more famous Brown vs. The Board of Education case.

Check availability of this book

More books by Duncan Tonatiuh

Reading Level: 2nd Grade,3rd Grade,4th Grade,5th Grade Subjects: Family, Non-Fiction, School, Self Image, Social Issues Location: JP Non-Fiction
Reviewer:
SH

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