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Reviewer:
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Elizabeth, Queen of the Seas

by Lynne Cox

Reading Level: Grades K - 4

Elizabeth the elephant seal lived in a park in the middle of a busy city. The residents all loved her, but drivers did not because she had a tendency to take naps in the middle of the road. Eventually the government decided that Elizabeth needed to be relocated to an elephant seal colony well away from the city where she would be happy. However, Elizabeth had a different opinion about what would make her happy.

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More books by Lynne Cox

More books by Brian Floca

Illustrator: Brian Floca Reading Level: 2nd Grade,3rd Grade,4th Grade Subjects: Animals--Real, Biographies, In Other Lands, Non-Fiction Location: JP Non-Fiction
Reviewer:
SH

Free to Fall

by Lauren Miller

Reading Level: Grades 8 - Adult

In the not-so-distant future almost everyone is always connected online, and every phone, tablet, app, search engine and social network is made by Gnosis. Rory, like everyone else, allows her Lux app to decide everything, from what she should wear and eat to where she should go and when she should leave and then she posts her every move to Forum, after all, only those pitiful people with untreated APD listen to that tiny opinionated voice in their head (dubbed The Doubt by the drug companies). When she is accepted to a very exclusive college prep school, which guarantees she will get into the best college and find a high powered job, she is thrilled because the school is packed with all the latest Gnosis technology. But the more she learns about her family's past, Gnosis, and The Doubt the more she begins to wonder if Lux is really designed to help her lead the happiest life she can have or if The Doubt may be trying to tell people something important.

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More books by Lauren Miller

Reading Level: 8th Grade,High Schoolers,Adults Subjects: Adventure, Dystopias, Family, Friends, Mysteries, School, Science Fiction, Social Issues Location: JY Fiction

Reviewer:
SH

The Haven

by Carol Lynch Williams

Reading Level: Grades 6 - 8

Shiloh is a Terminal. She has a terrible disease that sometimes requires operations to remove a lung or a kidney, maybe an arm or leg. That is why the Terminals live at Haven Hospital and Halls, so they can be protected and monitored by Dr. King who is the only one who knows when an amputation is necessary. If it wasn't for the Tonic which helps her sleep and remain calm, Shiloh doesn't know how she or the other Terminals would cope.

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More books by Carol Lynch Williams

Reading Level: 6th Grade,7th Grade,8th Grade Subjects: Adventure, Dystopias, Mysteries, Relationships, Science Fiction Location: JY Fiction
Reviewer:
SH

Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress

by Christine Baldacchino

Reading Level: Ages 3-7

Morris Micklewhite likes Sundays when his mother makes him pancakes. He also loves Mondays because he gets to to go school, and there are lots of activities he likes there: painting, singing, snack time, the list goes on. The very best thing about school is the dress up box, where he always finds his favorite bright tangerine dress to put on. The other kids aren't very accepting of

Morris wearing a dress, but he is able to find solace at home where he paints pictures inspired by his dreams and imagination.

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More books by Christine Baldacchino

Illustrator: Isabelle Malenfant Reading Level: Preschoolers,Kindergarteners,1st Grade
Subjects: Misfits, School, Social Issues Location: Picture Books
Reviewer:
JL

Uninvited

by Sophie Jordan

Reading Level: Grades 8 - 12

Davy's life is wonderful. She lives in a wealthy suburb far from the city which keeps getting more and more dangerous. She is a senior at a private school where she dates the hottest boy on campus, and she is a musical genius who will be going to Julliard next year. Everything is perfect until the results of a mandatory DNA test come in and it is discovered that she has HTS, Homicidal Tendency Syndrome. The Wainwright Institute has shown that the majority of violent crimes have been committed by people with HTS and as an HTS carrier Davy is suddenly considered a danger to society, no longer welcome at her private school or Julliard, having to see a Wainwright Institute counselor (parole officer) on a regular basis, and worst still, being forced to finish her senior year in The Cage with other HTS carriers at the local public school. Her life couldn't get any worse, or so she thinks...

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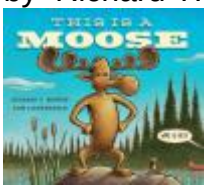
More books by Sophie Jordan

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

This is a Moose

by Richard T. Morris



Reading Level: Ages 3 - 7

A director is trying to make a documentary about the mighty moose in his natural environment, but the moose wants to be an astronaut.

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More books by Richard T. Morris

More books by Tom Lichtenheld

Illustrator: Tom Lichtenheld Reading Level: Preschoolers,Kindergarteners,1st Grade,2nd Grade
Subjects: Animals--Talking, Humor Location: Picture Books
Reviewer:
SH

The Forbidden Library

by Django Wexler

Reading Level: Grades 4 - 6

Alice is up past her bedtime when she hears her father arguing with someone about her. Peeking through the crack in the door she sees that the person he is arguing with is not a person at all, but rather a large, ugly yellow and black fairy. Four days later Alice is orphaned and is informed that she is to go live with her Uncle Jerry. Alice knows she doesn't have an Uncle Jerry, but what can she do other than move to a spooky old mansion with scary servants she can see, mysterious servants she can't, and a gigantic library she is forbidden to enter without an escort.

If you liked the Inkheart series you will enjoy this book.

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More books by Django Wexler

Reading Level: 4th Grade,5th Grade,6th Grade Subjects: Adventure, Animals--Talking, Family, Fantasy, Friends Location: J Fiction
Reviewer:
SH

Silver People: Voices from the Panama Canal

by Margarita Engle

Reading Level: Grade 6 & up

Written in verse from alternating viewpoints, this book gives the reader many different perspectives on the creation of the Panama Canal over a hundred years ago. We hear from howler monkeys, Theodore Roosevelt, a Cuban immigrant named Mateo, the trees, and many others who played a role in this large undertaking that connected the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean.

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More books by Margarita Engle

Reading Level: 6th Grade,7th Grade,8th Grade,High Schoolers Subjects: Historical Fiction
Location: JY Fiction
Reviewer:
JL

Death's Academy

by Michael Bast

Reading Level: Grades 4 - 6

Midnight "Night" Smith is the son of the most infamous Death ever. Because of his father's bad reputation most other young hoodies (Deaths) are not allowed to associate with Night and he also cannot get a sponsor to help him practice for his entrance exams for Death's Academy. After being caught trying to illegally kill a chipmunk by a halo (Guardian Angel) Night ends up grounded. While sneaking out one evening Night accidentally stumbles across evil unicorns and overhears their plan to attack the Death's headquarters, but who will believe the son of a disgraced criminal?

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More books by Michael Best

Reading Level: 4th Grade,5th Grade,6th Grade Subjects: Adventure, Family, Fantasy, Humor, Misfits, Mythological Location: J Fiction
Reviewer:
SH

Constable & Toop

by Gareth P. Jones

Reading Level: Grades 4 - 7

Sam Toop has lived all his life above Constable & Toop. His father builds caskets for Mr. Constable, the mortician. Perhaps his close association with death is the reason Sam is a Talker (someone who can see and hear ghosts). Meanwhile the ghost Lapsewood has worked for many years filling out forms in the bureaucratic monstrosity of the afterlife. Little do they know that Sam's life and Lapsewood's afterlife will be forever changed by a mysterious disappearing of ghosts from haunted houses.

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More books by Gareth P. Jones

Reading Level: 4th Grade,5th Grade,6th Grade,7th Grade Subjects: Adventure, Fantasy, Mysteries Location: JY Fiction
Reviewer:
SH

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