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Reading Level:
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Genre:
AdventureAnimals--RealAnimals--TalkingAward WinnersBiographiesBooks for BoysBooks for GirlsChick LitCrime and PunishmentDon't Miss TheseDystopiasFamilyFantasyFolktalesFriends Historical FictionThe HolocaustHorrorHumorIn Other LandsLGBTMisfitsMysteriesMythological Non-FictionNon-ProsePhoneticRead-AlikesRead-AloudsRealistic FictionRebusRelationships SchoolScience FictionSelf ImageShort StoriesSocial IssuesSpiesSportsSupernaturalSurvival Time TravelVampiresWerewolves

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Reviewer:
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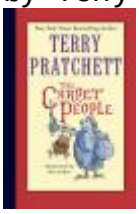
The Carpet People

by Terry Pratchett



Reading Level: Grades 3 and older

When the mythical Fray returns and destroys the Munrung's village with its terrible winds the entire tribe must make a perilous journey across the Carpet, battling the mouls who are said to control Fray, as they search for a safe new place to live. If you liked the Borrowers or the Littles you will enjoy this book about the microscopic beings that live in the wild jungle beneath your feet. (and it will make you look at your vacuum cleaner differently too.).

Check availability of this book

More books by Terry Pratchett

Reading Level: 4th Grade,5th Grade,6th Grade,7th Grade,8th Grade,High Schoolers,Adults
Subjects: Adventure, Fantasy, Friends, Humor, Survival Location: J Fiction
Reviewer:
SH

The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights

by Steve Sheikin

Reading Level: Ages 10 - 14

On July 17, 1944, an explosion at the Port Chicago naval base in California killed over 300 people and sank two ships. All the men loading bombs and ammunition onto ships were black. All supervising officers were white. Black sailors who had never received proper training in the handling of munitions were afraid and refused to go back to work on the docks. Some gave in under pressure from the navy until only 50 men held fast. They were brought up on charges of mutiny, a charge that could mean the death penalty. Sheinkin has crafted another book that brings history to life. You'll be outraged, but you'll cheer for 50 new heroes in the fight for equal rights.

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Other books by Steve Sheinkin

Reading Level: 3rd Grade,4th Grade,5th Grade,6th Grade,7th Grade Subjects: Books for Boys , Books for Girls, Crime and Punishment, Don't Miss These, Non-Fiction, Social Issues
Location: J Non-Fiction
Reviewer:

HG

Nick and Tesla's High-Voltage Danger Lab: A Mystery With Eletromagnets, Burglar Alarms, and Other Gadgets You Can Build Yourself

by "Science Bob" Pflugfelder

Reading Level: Ages 9 - 12

Eleven-year-old twins, Nick and Tesla, are sent to spend the summer with their comical, mad scientist uncle while their parents are out of the country. Instead of the boring time they expect, they encounter a spooky deserted mansion guarded by ravenous dogs, a mysterious girl at the window holding a "GO AWAY" sign, ill-tempered construction workers, and black van that keeps following them. The twins are science geeks themselves who use everyday objects to build what they need to solve the mystery and survive. Interspersed in the book are great directions for building the gadgets. Have fun!

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Reading Level: 4th Grade,5th Grade,6th Grade,7th Grade Subjects: Adventure, Books for Boys, Books for Girls, Mysteries Location: J Fiction
Reviewer:
HG

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by Steve Hockensmith

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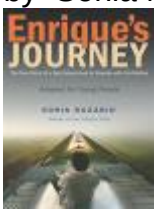
Reviewer:
HG

Enrique's Journey: The True Story of a Boy Determined to Reunite with His Mother

by Sonia Nazario



Reading Level: grade 7 & up

Pulitzer Prize winning author, Sonia Nazario had adapted her adult book for teens. It's the story of sixteen-year-old Enrique whose mother left her children in Honduras to come to the U.S. 12 years earlier with the promise she would return. When she doesn't, Enrique decides he will go to his mother. The journey is fraught with danger as he rides the tops of trains while hiding from the authorities, thugs, and bandits. Enrique's journeys across Central America and Mexico are a study in determination and the strength of love. His story will give readers a new perspective on illegal immigration and some things to think about. WARNING; Nazario does not gloss over beatings, rapes, maimings, and even murder.

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Books by Sonia Nazario

Reading Level: 7th Grade,8th Grade,High Schoolers Subjects: Adventure, Biographies, Books for Boys, Books for Girls, In Other Lands, Non-Fiction, Social Issues Location: JY Non-Fiction
Reviewer:
HG

The Great Trouble: a Mystery of London, the Blue Death, and a Boy Called Eel

by Deborah Hopkinson

Reading Level: Ages 9 - 12

In 1854 there was a cholera outbreak in London. Hundreds died. There was no cure and no one knew the cause of cholera. Hopkinson 's hero is a thirteen-year-old orphan, Eel, who scavenges the filthy Thames River and works odd jobs. One job brings him in contact with Dr. Snow, a real historical figure who was an early epidemiologist. The fast-paced novel combines a medical mystery, a race against the clock, evil child snatchers, and an assortment of characters. You'll love Eel and his friends and want to them to triumph.

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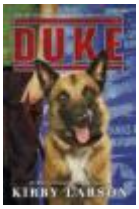
Other books by Deborah Hopkinson

Reading Level: 4th Grade,5th Grade,6th Grade,7th Grade Subjects: Adventure, Books for Boys, Books for Girls, Historical Fiction, Mysteries Location: JY Fiction
Reviewer:
HG

Duke

by Kirby Larson



Reading Level: Ages 8 - 12

Set in Seattle, Washington in 1944, this is the home front story of Hobie Hanson, a fifth-grader whose father is flying B-24s in Europe. It's a time of great patriotism and sacrifice even for those at home. Hobie is expected to step up and help at home, on the family fishing boat, and with his younger sister. There are ration stamps for sugar, meat, and shoes. Everyone is urged to do all they can to help in the war effort. When Hobie learns about the real life organization called Dogs For Defense, he decides to donate his beloved German Shepherd, Duke. It never occurred to him that Duke might be sent into combat or that Duke might bond with his Marine handler. Will his father and his dog survive?

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Other books by Kirby Larson

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

Itsy Bitsy Spider

by Dosh Archer

Reading Level: Grades K - 3

On a rainy day an injured spider is rushed to City Hospital with injuries caused by a terrible waterspout accident.

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More books by Dosh Archer

Reading Level: Kindergarteners,1st Grade,2nd Grade,3rd Grade Subjects: Animals--Talking, Folktales, Humor Location: JP Fiction
Reviewer:

SH

Outfoxed

by Mike Twohy

Reading Level: Ages 3 - 6

Fox wants chicken for dinner so he makes a quick grab from the chicken coop. When he gets home he finds that he has grabbed a duck by accident, and that duck keeps insisting she is a dog.

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More books by Mike Twohy

Reading Level: Preschoolers,Kindergarteners,1st Grade Subjects: Animals--Talking, Humor
Location: Picture Books
Reviewer:
SH

Los vecinos de la c/Quiénsabe

by Cristina Zafra

Reading Level: Grades 2 - 4

In this Spanish picture book a young girl meets the neighbors who have moved into the new building next door. Each neighbor she meets is a bit strange. For example, the first neighbor she meets has umbrellas for hands...

En este libro una chica les conoce a los vecinos en el edificio nuevo al lado de su casa. Cada vecino que le conoce es un poco raro. Por ejemplo, el primer vecino tiene paraguas como manos...

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More books by Cristina Zafra

Reading Level: 1st Grade,2nd Grade,3rd Grade Subjects: Fantasy, In Other Lands Location: Spanish Picturebook
Reviewer:
JL

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