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New Book Reviews for Kids

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Reviewer:
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First Grade Dropout

by Audrey Vernick

Reading Level: Ages 4 - 8

Is there anyone who hasn't done something that is so embarrassing that they don't want to face the witnesses? In this book the boy's horrible blunder was, "I. Called. My. Teacher. MOMMY!!!" The class and laughed and now he sees no alternative but to drop out of school. The illustrations are Jules Feiffer-like. There's a great one that shows the image of the boy's class as a marching band all shouting "Ha Ha" and wearing caps that say "MOMMY." In the end the boy learns a little about laughing off mistakes and laughing at others.

Check availability of this book

Other books by Audrey Vernick

Other books written or illustrated by Matthew Cordell

Meet illustrator Matthew Cordell at the library on January 9th.

Illustrator: Matthew Cordell Reading Level: Preschoolers,Kindergarteners,1st Grade,2nd Grade
Subjects: Books for Boys, Books for Girls, Friends, Humor, School, Self Image Location: Picture Books
Reviewer:
HG

Detective's Assistant

by Kate Hannigan

Reading Level: Ages 9 - 12

In 1859 an orphaned eleven-year-old girl arrives in Chicago hoping to stay with her only living relative, Aunt Kitty. Her aunt prefers that Nell reside at the Chicago Home for the Friendless. And no wonder. There's bad blood between Kitty and Nell's family and Aunt Kitty is busy being the first woman detective for the Pinkerton Agency. Her aunt uses elaborate disguises in her undercover work as she solves murders and thefts and attempts to thwart an assassination. If Nell proves to be an able assistant perhaps her aunt will let her stay. Hannigan's fast paced

novel combines adventure, humor, and history along with codes for readers to solve.

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Other books by Kate Hannigan

Reading Level: 4th Grade,5th Grade,6th Grade,7th Grade Subjects: Adventure, Books for Boys , Books for Girls, Crime and Punishment, Don't Miss These, Historical Fiction, Spies Location: J Fiction
Reviewer:
HG

Ragweed's Farm Dog Handbook (Learn from the Best!)

by Anne Vittur Kennedy

Reading Level: Ages 3 - 8

Ragweeed tells you everything you need to know about being a farmdog, such as don't chase sheep (unless the farmer is away) and eating grass has its downsides and benefits.

Check availability of this book

More books by Anne Vittur Kennedy

Reading Level: Preschoolers,Kindergarteners,1st Grade,2nd Grade,3rd Grade Subjects: Animals--Talking, Humor Location: Picture Books
Reviewer:
SH

Deadly Design

by Debra Dockter

Reading Level: Grades 8+

Connor was two years old when the embryo for his identical twin was thawed and implanted. Kyle resents being Connor?s younger brother instead of his contemporary. He can never measure up to Connor?s perfectness. Their parents?everyone in town knows Connor is destined for greatness. The whole community mourns when Connor?s heart stops beating one week before his high school graduation.

Grief-stricken and guilty, Kyle searches for a reason for his brother?s death. Instead he finds other inexplicable deaths involving 18-year-olds conceived in vitro at the Genesis Innovations Laboratory. Kyle has two years before his 18th birthday. The day his heart will stop.

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More books by Debra Dockter

If you liked this book, you may enjoy:

Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment by James Patterson

Subject Seven by James Moore and

Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes

Reading Level: 8th Grade,High Schoolers Subjects: Adventure, Books for Boys, Science Fiction Location: JY Fiction
Reviewer:
SJS

Seriously Wicked

by Tina Connolly

Reading Level: Grades 6+

Every morning, before she can go to school, Camille has to walk the puppy (which happens to be a werewolf) and clean out the garage (which houses a dragon.) In addition to her high school homework, she also has to memorize spells. Her ?mother? (the evil witch who kidnapped Camilla from her parents) insists on it. But Camille has no magic. And she has no desire to be a witch.

That all changes when her ?mother?s? spell backfires and Camille?s crush Devon is possessed by a demon. Camille has one week to figure out how to banish the demon before Devon is lost to her forever!

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Didn?t know I was magical!

The Lives of Christopher Chant by Diana Wynne Jones

Hold Me Closer Necromancer by Lish McBride

The Iron Trial by Holly Black

Other demon tales include:

Possess by Gretchen McNeil

The Devil?s Intern by Donna Hosie

Reading Level: 6th Grade,7th Grade,8th Grade Subjects: Fantasy, Humor Location: JY Fiction
Reviewer:
SJS

Becoming Maria: Love and Chaos in the South Bronx

by Sonia Manzano

Reading Level: Grades 8 and older

Sonia Manzano, otherwise known as Maria on Sesame Street, tells the story of her childhood in the Bronx. Detailing everything from her mysteriously appearing older sister, through her father's drunken rages, to her first roll on Broadway, Sonia's story is not for younger, or more sensitive readers.

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More books by Sonia Manzano

Reading Level: 8th Grade,High Schoolers,Adults Subjects: Biographies, Family, Non-Fiction, Relationships, School, Self Image, Social Issues Location: JY Non-Fiction
Reviewer:
SH

Coco y Pio

by Alexis Deacon

Reading Level: Ages 2 - 6

Coco, a crocodile, and Pio, a bird, consider themselves brothers. Born next to each other at the same time, out of identical eggs, the two are inseparable. That is, until Pio finds a group of other birds and Coco finds a group of other crocodiles.

Coco, un cocodrilo, y Pio, un pajaro, se sienten como hermanos. Ellos nacieron juntos al mismo tiempo, de huevos identicos, y ahora los dos son inseparables. Eso es, hasta que Pio encuentre a un grupo de pajaros y Coco encuentra un grupo de otros cocodrilos.

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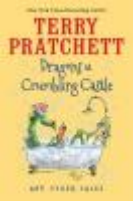
More books by Alexis Deacon

Reading Level: Preschoolers,Kindergarteners Subjects: Animals--Talking Location: Spanish Picturebook
Reviewer:
JL

Dragons at Crumbling Castle and Other Tales

by Terry Pratchett



Reading Level: Grades 4 - 7

These fourteen short stories, written when Terry Pratchett when he was a junior reporter for a local paper, were dug up and re-edited by the author and put into this fun collection of satirical fantasy which has truly stood the test of time.

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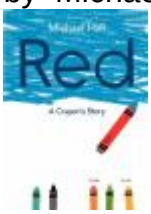
More books by Terry Pratchett

Reading Level: 4th Grade,5th Grade,6th Grade,7th Grade Subjects: Adventure, Animals--Talking, Family, Fantasy, Friends, Humor, In Other Lands, Read-Alouds, Short Stories, Time Travel Location: J Fiction
Reviewer:
SH

Red: A Crayon's Story

by Michael Hall



Reading Level: Ages 3 - 7

Red just doesn't understand why, no matter how hard he tries he cannot do anything right. Stoplights are blue, when he and his friend Yellow try to draw an orange it comes out green. What is wrong with him?

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More books by Michael Hall

Reading Level: Preschoolers,Kindergarteners,1st Grade,2nd Grade,3rd Grade Subjects: Friends, Humor, LGBT, Misfits Location: Picture Books
Reviewer:
SH

New Shoes

by Susan Lynn Meyer

Reading Level: Grades K - 5

Ella Mae needs new shoes so her mother takes her to the town shoe store. After waiting while a white girl tries on pair after pair of shoes Ella May is shocked to learn that she is not allowed to touch any shoes until after she buys them. Although she likes her new shoes, the humiliation of the shopping trip gnaws at her until she and her sister come up with a plan to bring a true shoe store experience to all her neighbors.

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More books by Susan Meyer

More books by Eric Velasquez

Illustrator: Eric Velasquez Reading Level: Kindergarteners,1st Grade,2nd Grade,3rd Grade, 4th Grade,5th Grade Subjects: Historical Fiction, Social Issues Location: Picture Books
Reviewer:
SH

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