HIGHLAND PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY
Information & Imagination
494 Laurel Ave., Highland Park, IL • 847-432-0216
Published on *Highland Park Public Library* (http://www.hplibrary.org)

New Book Reviews for Kids

New Book Reviews

Reading Level:
BabiesPreschoolersKindergarteners1st Grade2nd Grade3rd Grade4th Grade5th Grade6th Grade7th Grade8th GradeHigh SchoolersAdults

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

Collection:
J FictionJ Graphic NovelsJ Non-FictionJ SeriesJP FictionJP Non-FictionJP SeriesJY Fiction JY Graphic NovelsJY Non-FictionPicture BooksSpanish Picturebook

Reviewer:
CHDJHGJLJSPCRRSHSJSThe GerbilsEFLW

Fuddles

by Frans Vischer

Reading Level: Ages 3 - 7

Fuddles is a fat, pampered indoor cat who dreams of going outside and having grand adventures. One day, when the door is left open, he makes his getaway, but he soon discovers that being an outdoor cat is a lot more work than he expected.

If you like this book you may want to check out The Great Gracie Chase: Stop That Dog! too.

Check availability of this book

More books by Frans Vischer

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

The Voyage of Turtle Rex

by Kurt Cyrus

Reading Level: Ages 4 - 8

This clever picture book puts the life of the sea turtle in perspective, both size and time wise. The words and pictures are equally well done. Try the companion volume Tadpole Rex too!

Check availability of this book

More books by Kurt Cyrus

Reading Level: Preschoolers,Kindergarteners,1st Grade,2nd Grade,3rd Grade Location: Picture Books
Reviewer:
PC

Charlie the Ranch Dog

by Ree Drummond

Reading Level: Ages 3 - 7

Charlie the basset hound lives and works on a ranch. It is hard work especially since he has to make sure that Suzie the Jack Russell terrier holds up her end of the job too.

Check the availability of this book

More books by Ree Drummond

More books illustrated by Diane deGroat

Illustrator: Diane deGroat Reading Level: Preschoolers,Kindergarteners,1st Grade,2nd Grade
Subjects: Animals--Talking, Humor, Read-Alouds Location: Picture Books

Reviewer:
SH

School! Adventures at the Harvey N. Trouble Elementary School

by Kate NcMullan

Reading Level: Grade 2-4

Attention punsters! If puns make you snicker, read the adventures of Ron Faster, Viola Fuss, Izzy Normal, Iona Tricycle and many other punny characters in a school story that is long on groans!

Check availability of this book

More books by Kate McMullan

If you enjoyed this inane school story try;

Sideways Stories From Wayside School by Louis Sacher and

Miss Daisy is Crazy by Dan Gutmen

Reading Level: 2nd Grade,3rd Grade,4th Grade Subjects: Humor, School Location: J Fiction
Reviewer:
SJS

Abandon

by Meg Cabot

Reading Level: Grade 7-10

Nothing has ever been the same since Pierce died. When the 15-year-old opened her eyes she was no longer drowning in her backyard pool, she was in a cold, dank cavern where a frightening man directs her to a line. Then Pierce sees someone she knows, a man all in black astride a gigantic stallion. She had seen John many years ago when her grandfather died. Pierce runs to the man and asks him to take her away from the cavern. He does. To his luxurious lair. He announces she will stay with him forever and gives her a necklace to keep her safe. Pierce throws her hot tea in his face and runs down a passageway...she opens her eyes in the emergency room.

Pierce was revived, but she is not the same person. Nothing seems important to her, not with John hovering near. Every time John appears in her life, something horrible happens and Pierce

gets blamed. When she is expelled from her latest school 17-year-old Pierce and her mother retreat to her mother's hometown Isla Huesos to live near family. Pierce would never have agreed to go if she had known who else lived there.

Check availability of this book

More books by Meg Cabot

If you enjoy this tale of a teens brush with the underworld you may also enjoy:

The Goddess Test by Aimee Carter and

The Night Tourist by Katherine Marsh

Reading Level: 7th Grade,8th Grade,High Schoolers Subjects: Books for Girls, Family, Fantasy , Mythological, Relationships, Supernatural Location: JY Fiction
Reviewer:
SJS

Blue Chameleon

by Emily Gravett

Reading Level: Ages 4+

Poor, lonely blue chameleon. He can turn into anything, and blend in anywhere, but despite this wonderful ability, blue chameleon cannot find anyone who wants to be his friend.

Enchanting colored pencil drawings and excellent use of color, expression, and symmetry will delight readers as chameleon struggles to find a friend.

Check availability of this book

More books by Emily Gravett

If you liked*Blue Chameleon*, try these great picture books:

Art and Max by David Wiesner

Ernest, the Moose Who Doesn't Fit by Catherine Rayner

Reading Level: Preschoolers,Kindergarteners,1st Grade Subjects: Animals--Talking, Fantasy, Friends, Misfits, Read-Alouds, Social Issues Location: Picture Books
Reviewer:
EF

Grave Robber's Secret

by Anna Myers

Reading Level: Grades 5-9

Robby Hare's father decides that he will rob graves and sell the corpses to the medical school. His father forces Robby to help him with his grisly new venture. Although sickened by the task, Robby becomes fascinated with the study of medicine itself and one doctor takes an interest in the bright boy. Life changes when Mr. Burke and his daughter, Martha, come to live in the Hare family boardinghouse. Robby finds a friend in Martha and does not have to rob graves, but something much worse may be taking place in his home.

The story is based loosely on real-life killers, Hare and Burke who sold the corpses to medical schools in Scotland in the 1820s. This is an interesting historical glimpse into the beginning of medical education.

Check availability of this book

More books by Anna Myers

Reading Level: 5th Grade,6th Grade,7th Grade,8th Grade,High Schoolers Subjects: Historical Fiction Location: JY Fiction
Reviewer:
HG

Forgotten

by Cat Patrick

Reading Level: Ages 12 and up

Every night, 16-year-old London Lane's memory is erased. She needs her notebook and notes to enable her to prepare for the coming day. While she can't remember the past, she can "remember" the future. Once the events actually happen, they, too, are erased. Only her mom and her best friend know of her strange condition. London meets and begins to date the gorgeous new boy in school, but she's disturbed that she has no future memories of him. Then strange dreams begin to surface. Are they about the future or the past?

There are people who are unable to make new memories. The story combines that with the fantasy element of remembering the future. This is an engrossing pageturner that the reader won't want to put down.Yes, there are some inconsistencies in the storyline, but the book is so

enjoyable that few will care.

Check availability of this book

More books by Cat Patrick

Reading Level: 7th Grade,8th Grade,High Schoolers Subjects: Books for Girls Location: JY Fiction
Reviewer:
HG

The Brave Cowboy

by Joan Walsh Anglund

Reading Level: Ages 3+

Originally published in 1959, this small book is sure to warm your heart. Stark black and white illustrations of a young cowboy contrast wonderfully with red drawings of imaginary wild animals, Indians, and outlaws that our hero must face. Great for any imaginative reader.

Check availability of this book

More books by Joan Walsh Anglund

Reading Level: Preschoolers,Kindergarteners Subjects: Adventure, Books for Boys, Don't Miss These, Fantasy, Historical Fiction, Read-Alouds Location: Picture Books
Reviewer:
EF

Apple Pie ABC

by Alison Murray

Reading Level: Ages 3 - 5

Library Lady's dog here. I saw this alphabet book today and it kept me on the edge of my dog bed! The poor little puppy in the book really wants some apple pie, but his mean human won't let him have any! He even gets scolded when he tries to have a lick of it, like that is something wrong to do. Luckily there is a happy ending.

Check availability of this book

More books by Alison Murray

Reading Level: Preschoolers,Kindergarteners Subjects: Animals--Real, Humor Location: Picture Books
Reviewer:
SH

Source URL: http://www.hplibrary.org/kids/kidreads?tid=All&tid_1=All&tid_2=All&tid_3=All&page=21