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Reading Level:
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Reviewer:
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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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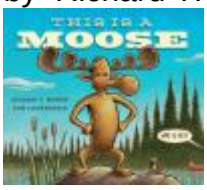
More books by Sophie Jordan

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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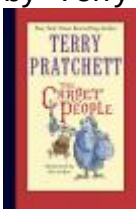
More books by Gareth P. Jones

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

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.).

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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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