

New Book Reviews for Kids

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Reading Level:

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Genre:

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Reviewer:

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King Baby

by Kate Beaton



Reading Level: Ages 3 - 8

King baby, like every baby, is a gracious king and a demanding one, whose subjects are expected to bow to his every command.

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Reading Level: [Preschoolers](#),[Kindergarteners](#),[1st Grade](#),[2nd Grade](#),[3rd Grade](#) Subjects: [Family](#), [Humor](#) Location: [Picture Books](#)

Reviewer:

[SH](#)

Sniffer & Tinni: A True Tale of Amazing Animal Friendship

by Berit Helberg



Reading Level: Ages 3 - 8

Sniffer the fox and Tinni the German shepherd meet in a meadow one day and a life-long friendship ensues. Illustrated by photos of the two animals at play, this book will entrance all animal lovers.

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[More books by Berit Helberg](#)

[More books illustrated by Torgeir Berge](#)

Illustrator: Torgeir Berge Reading Level: [Preschoolers](#),[Kindergarteners](#),[1st Grade](#),[2nd Grade](#),[3rd Grade](#) Subjects: [Animals--Real](#), [Friends](#), [In Other Lands](#), [Non-Fiction](#) Location: [JP Non-Fiction](#)

Reviewer:

SH

This is Not a Werewolf Story

by Sandra Evans



Reading Level: Grades 4 - 6

Raul has attended the One of Our Kind boarding school for years, ever since his mother ran off leaving his father to care for him. His father stopped picking him up for the weekend a long time ago, but he has kept secret from the dean by pretending that his father insists on picking him up at the main road, not the school. Each weekend he packs his bags, heads towards the road, and sneaks into White Deer Woods where he goes to an abandoned lighthouse to meet a beautiful white wolf and enjoy his second, secret, weekend life.

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[More books by Sandra Evans](#)

Reading Level: [4th Grade](#), [5th Grade](#), [6th Grade](#) Subjects: [Adventure](#), [Animals--Talking](#), [Family](#), [Fantasy](#), [Friends](#), [Misfits](#), [Mysteries](#), [Relationships](#), [School](#), [Self Image](#), [Supernatural](#), [Werewolves](#) Location: [J Fiction](#)

Reviewer:

SH

Ugly: a memoir

by Robert Hoge



Reading Level: Grades 4-7

This memoir traces the life of Robert Hoge from the time he was born in 1972 until he turned 14. Robert was born with enormous tumor in the middle of his face. His eyes were on either side of his face and he had only holes for a nose. Besides the mass on his face, his legs were twisted and stunted. Mary, Robert's mother was horrified. She thought the baby looked like a monster.

She didn't want to take him home. Her doctor told her to put the baby away in an institution. Her husband, Vince, told her that it was up to her. For over a month the baby stayed at the hospital. Then Mary decided to ask their other kids. Vince and Mary told them about their baby brother; how he looked, his legs and the fact that he might also be mentally challenged. Then Mary pointed to each of her children and asked, "Should we bring Robert home?" All four voted yes. Robert had many operations. The tumor was removed. The unusable parts of his legs were amputated. He got prosthetics and learned to walk.] He went to school and made some friends. Not everyone was nice. He learned to do things his way and to be his own person in a world that thinks he is very, very ugly.

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Another interesting biographies and memoirs about living with a disability are:

[Small Steps: the year I got polio](#) by Peg Kehret

[Med Head : my knock-down, drag-out, drugged-up battle with my brain](#) by James Patterson and

[Temple Grandin : how the girl who loved cows embraced autism and changed the world](#) by Sy Montgomery

Engrossing stories about kids living with a disability are:

[Wonder](#) by R.J. Palacio

[Out of my Mind](#) by Sharon Draper

[Counting By 7s](#) by Holly Goldberg Sloan and

[The Thing About Georgie](#) by Lisa Graff

Reading Level: [4th Grade](#),[5th Grade](#),[6th Grade](#),[7th Grade](#) Subjects: [Biographies](#) Location: [J Non-Fiction](#)

Reviewer:

[SJS](#)

Fuzzy

by Tom Angleberger



Reading Level: Grades 4-7

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Other books by Tom [Angleberger](#)

If you like reading stories about robots try:

[House of Robots](#) by James Patterson

[The Wild Robot](#) by Peter Brown an

[Frank Einstein and the Antimatter Motor](#) by Jon Scieszka

Reading Level: [4th Grade,5th Grade,6th Grade,7th Grade](#) Subjects: [Science Fiction](#) Location: [J Fiction](#)

Reviewer:

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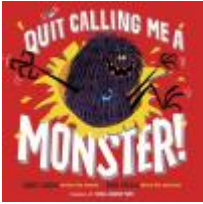
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Quit Calling Me a Monster!

by Jory John



Reading Level: Ages 3 - 6

Just because he has horns, wild eyes, fangs, crazy hair, long toenails and a glow in the dark smile is NO REASON to call this poor maligned creature a monster. After all, he doesn't call you Meat Snack does he?

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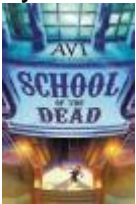
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Reviewer:

[SH](#)

School of the Dead

by Avi



Reading Level: Grades 4 - 6

When Tony's parents take in his ancient Great Uncle Charlie, who is obsessed with communicating with the dead, Tony slowly starts pulling away from all his friends and spending more time with Uncle Charlie. Charlie then convinces his parents to move to California so that Tony can attend Charlie's old school, but from day one Tony suspects that something is very wrong at the Penda School.

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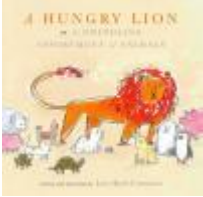
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Reviewer:

SH

A Hungry Lion, Or a Dwindling Assortment of Animals

by Lucy Ruth Cummins



Reading Level: Ages 6 - Adult

Let's just say the title says it all. If you like [Jon Klassen's books](#), you will also enjoy this surreal picture book for older less sensitive readers.

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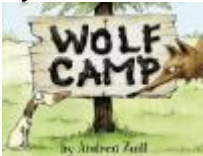
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Reviewer:

SH

Wolf Camp

by Andrea Zuill



Reading Level: Ages 3 - 9

Homer is a dog who has always wondered what it would be like to live like a real wolf. He gets the opportunity to find out when he attends wolf camp.

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