

New Book Reviews for Kids

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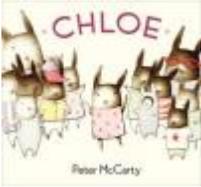
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Chloe

by Peter McCarty



Reading Level: Ages 4 - 6

When Chloe's father brings home a new television the entire family gathers around to watch, except for Chloe and one of her little sisters who find the box, and especially the bubble wrap, much more entertaining.

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This is Not My Hat

by Jon Klassen



The author of [I Want My Hat Back](#) has returned with yet another stolen hat story. This time we follow the hat thief who thinks he has committed the perfect crime.

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Fox and Crow are NOT Friends

by Melissa Wiley



Reading Level: Grades 1 - 2

Fox and Crow do not like each other and spend their time playing nasty tricks on each other, until Fox plays one too many tricks.

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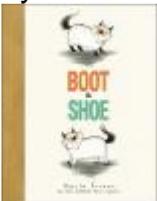
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Boot & Shoe

by Marla Frazee



Reading Level: Ages 3 - 6

Boot and Shoe are brothers who do lots of things together, except that Boot likes to spend his days on the back porch while Shoe spends his days on the front porch. But when a squirrel causes havoc they wind up on each other's porch and each believe the other is lost for good.

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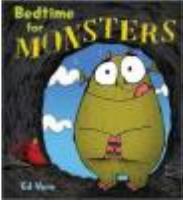
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Bedtime for Monsters

by Ed Vere



Reading Level: Ages 3 - 6

Have you ever wondered if there are monsters out there somewhere? Have you ever wondered if one of those monsters might be heading your way thinking about what a good snack you would make? Have you? If not, you might start thinking about that after reading this book.

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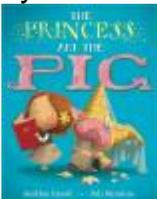
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The Princess and the Pig

by Jonathan Emmett



Reading Level: Ages 3 - 7

When princess Priscilla fouls her diaper her horrified mother accidentally drops her--out the window! Luckily for Priscilla she falls into a farmer's cart and in the process launches a piglet named Pigmella up into her cradle, and thus a pig is raised as a princess and a princess as a farmer's daughter. In this silly fractured fairytale.

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Secret Agent Splat!

by Rob Scotton



Reading Level: Ages 3 - 5

Splat gets his spy gear together in order to figure out who keeps taking birds from his collection and returning them, beakless, the next day.

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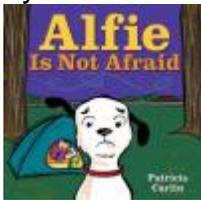
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Alfie Is Not Afraid

by Patricia Carlin



Reading Level: Ages 3 - 5

Alfie's boy is planning a backyard camping trip and it is a good thing he has such a brave dog to bring along with him; although Alfie would beg to differ.

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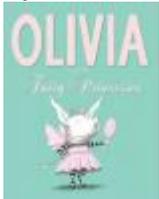
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Olivia and the Fairy Princesses

by Ian Falconer



Reading Level: Ages 2 - 6

Olivia has a crisis. She doesn't know what she should be since all the girls, and some of the boys, always choose to be pink princesses, and she is NOT the pink princess type. Besides, if EVERYONE is a princess, then princesses aren't special.

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Reading Level: [Preschoolers](#),[Kindergarteners](#),[1st Grade](#) Subjects: [Animals--Talking](#), [Books for Girls](#), [Humor](#), [Self Image](#) Location: [Picture Books](#)

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On the Day I Died: Stories from the Grave

by Candace Fleming



Reading Level: Grades 5 - 8

Driving at break-neck speed past a Cook County Forest Preserve after midnight, late for curfew again, Mike nearly hits a girl who is standing in the middle of the road. His decision to give the hapless hitchhiker a ride home turns into a night spent sitting in a graveyard listening to the ghosts of Chicago area teenagers as tell him the stories of their lives, and deaths.

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