

## New Book Reviews for Kids

Below are staff reviews of select new books in the Youth Services Department.  
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## 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  
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Time TravelVampiresWerewolves

### Collection:

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### Reviewer:

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## Rules of the House

by Mac Barnett



**Reading Level:** Ages 5 - 9

Ian follows all the rules, his sister Jenny breaks them. When their family goes to stay at a house in the woods there are four posted rules. 1. Remove your muddy shoes, 2. Don't leave a ring around the tub, 3. Replace the firewood and 4. NEVER open the red door. And Jenny, just cannot resist breaking all the rules...

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[More books by Mac Barnett](#)

[More books illustrated by Matt Myers](#)

Illustrator: Matt Myers Reading Level: [Kindergarteners](#),[1st Grade](#),[2nd Grade](#),[3rd Grade](#)

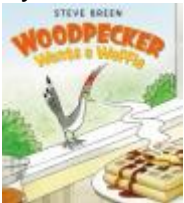
Subjects: [Adventure](#), [Family](#), [Fantasy](#), [Horror](#) Location: [Picture Books](#)

Reviewer:

[SH](#)

## Woodpecker Wants a Waffle

by Steve Breen



**Reading Level:** Ages 3 - 9

Woodpecker REALLY wants to try a waffle, but no matter how hard he tries he can't get into the diner, so he has to devise a clever plan.

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[More books by Lynne Rae Perkins](#)

Reading Level: [Preschoolers](#),[Kindergarteners](#),[1st Grade](#),[2nd Grade](#),[3rd Grade](#) Subjects:

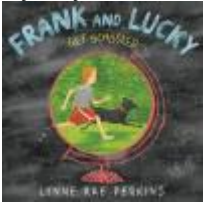
[Animals--Talking](#), [Humor](#) Location: [Picture Books](#)

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# Frank and Lucky Get Schooled

by Lynne Rae Perkins



**Reading Level:** Ages 4 - 9

Frank adopts Lucky from the animal shelter when they are both having very bad days. It turns out they have a lot in common, especially their love of science and math.

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Reviewer:

SH

# I Really Like Slop!

by Mo Willems



**Reading Level:** Ages 4 - 9

Mo Willems has written an Elephant and Piggie answer to [Green Eggs and Ham](#), one with a more realistic ending.

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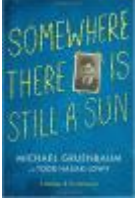
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Reviewer:

SH

# Somewhere There is Still a Sun: A Memoir of the Holocaust

by Todd Hasak-Lowy



**Reading Level:** Grades 4 - 8

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[Other books by Todd Hasak-Lowy](#)

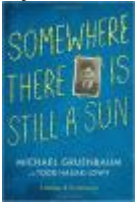
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[The Holocaust](#), [Non-Fiction](#) Location: [J Non-Fiction](#)

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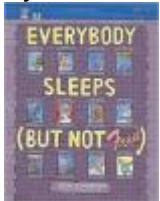
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## Everybody Sleeps (But Not Fred)

by Josh Schneider



**Reading Level: Grades PreK - 2**

This story in rhyme is classic Josh Schneider. It begins with Fred getting quickly ready for bed. There's sweet bedtime rhymes and we should have *The Napping House*. But no, Fred has things to do like jumping, shouting, blowing a horn, karate, and monster hunting. The illustrations are hilarious as Fred upsets everyone's plans to bed down. When the story ends, kids will want it repeated. No problem, there's so detail to the illustrations it's made for repeat readings. (Oh, and a few jokes thrown in just for adults.)

**Meet author Josh Schneider at the library on January 9th.**

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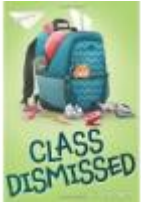
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## Class Dismissed

by Allan Woodrow



**Reading Level:** Grades 3 - 5

Ms. Bryce has had it with Class 507. One day she calls the office and screams into the phone that she is retiring, effectively immediately; then hangs up. The catch is that no adults were in the office when she called. The phone was answered by a boy from Class 507 who had been sent to the office to see the principal. Now only the students in class 507 know they are without and teacher and they mean to keep it that way.

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[Other books by Allan Woodrow](#)

Reading Level: [3rd Grade](#),[4th Grade](#),[5th Grade](#) Location: [J Fiction](#)

Reviewer:

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## Green Thumbs Up!

by Jenny Meyerhoff



**Reading Level:** Grades 2 - 5

In the first book in The Friendship Garden series, third grader Anna Fincher has just moved to Chicago and she's not very happy about it. Her mother, the chef, is busy with a new important job, Chicago looks gray and drab to Anna, and worst of all, she left behind her best friends and doesn't know anyone. Things begin to change when a group assignment brings her together with Kaya and Reed. Can they convince other kids to help them with a plot in the community garden? Will they even ever have a plot of their own if they can't find a supervising adult? Will the Friendship Garden lead to real friendships? Thumbs up for delightful book complemented by black and white illustrations, gardening tips, and a zucchini fritter recipe.

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Reviewer:

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# The Copper Gauntlet

by Holly Black



**Reading Level: Grades 4-6**

Despite his best attempts NOT to attend the Magisterium, Callum has managed to complete his first year and acquire a pet, Havoc a Chaos-ridden wolf. Call tries to enjoy his summer at home with his father but finds it difficult because 1) His father hates the Magisterium; 2) His father despises Havoc and 3) His father seems to be afraid of Call. When Call uncovers his father's plan to kill both Call and Havoc, Call flees back to the Magisterium. He isn't happy or safe there either because Call knows a secret about himself. A secret that will probably end in the death of Call or his best friend.

Be sure to read book #1 in the Magisterium series [The Iron Trial](#).

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[Other books by Holly Black](#)

[Other books by Cassandra Clare](#)

**Stories set in schools of magic include:**

[Witch Week](#) by Diana Wynne Jones

[The Hound of Rowan](#) by Henry Neff

[Hex Hall](#) by Rachel Hawkins and

[Midnight for Charlie Bone](#) by Jenny Nimmo

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