

New Book Reviews for Kids

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New Book Reviews

Reading Level:

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Reviewer:

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President Squid

by Aaron Reynolds



Reading Level: Ages 6 - Adult

Squid wants to be president because he believes he is MADE to be president, after all, presidents get to wear ties, live in a great big house and be big and bossy.

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Illustrator: Sara Varon Reading Level: [Kindergarteners](#),[1st Grade](#),[2nd Grade](#),[3rd Grade](#),[4th Grade](#),[5th Grade](#),[6th Grade](#),[7th Grade](#),[8th Grade](#),[High Schoolers](#),[Adults](#) Subjects: [Animals--Talking](#), [Humor](#) Location: [Picture Books](#)

Reviewer:

[SH](#)

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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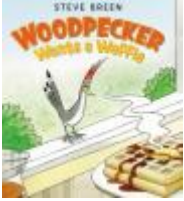
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Reviewer:

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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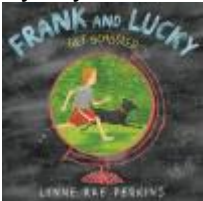
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Frank and Lucky Get Schooled

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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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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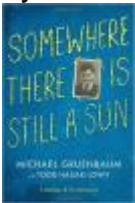
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Reviewer:

SH

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

by Michael Gruenbaum



Reading Level: Grades 4 - 8

This book was 70 years in the making. It is the story of Michael Gruenbaum and his family, Jews who lived in Prague in 1939 when the Nazis marched in. Written by gifted writer, Todd Hasak-Lowry, it chronicles life for 10- year-old Michael under the Nazis and the family's relocation to Terezin. Told in the first person by a young Michael, it speaks volumes about courage, determination, and humanity.

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

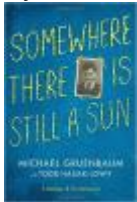
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Everybody Sleeps (But Not Fred)

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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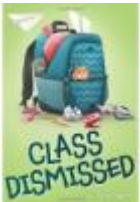
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Class Dismissed

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:

HG

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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Other books by Jenny Meyerhoff

Reading Level: 2nd Grade,3rd Grade,4th Grade Location: J Fiction

Reviewer:

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