

New Book Reviews for Kids

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Reading Level:

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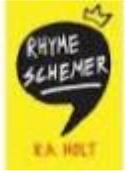
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Reviewer:

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Rhyme Schemer

by K. A. Holt



Reading Level: ages 10 - 14

In this novel in verse, Kevin, who feel he's "king of seventh grade" enjoys being a bully at school. Home is a different matter. His physician parents are too busy to pay attention to their five sons. Kevin is himself bullied by his next oldest brother. When one of the school victims finds a notebook of poetry that Kevin has written, he uses the discovery to humiliate and bully Kevin in turn.

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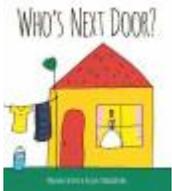
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[Fiction](#)

Reviewer:

[HG](#)

Who's Next Door?

by Mayuko Kishira



Reading Level: Ages 3 - 7

A chicken is excited to discover that a new neighbor has moved in next door, but no matter how many times he knocks on the door to introduce himself the neighbor doesn't seem to be home.

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[More books by Mayuko Kishira](#)

[More books by Jun Takabatake](#)

Illustrator: Jun Takabatake Reading Level: [Preschoolers](#),[Kindergarteners](#),[1st Grade](#),[2nd Grade](#)

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

Reviewer:

[SH](#)

Tuesday Tucks Me In: The Loyal Bond Between a Soldier and His Service Dog

by Luis Carlos Montalván



Reading Level: Ages 3 -10

Tuesday the service dog describes a day in his life helping his disabled veteran handler.

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The Devil's Intern

by Donna Hosie



Reading Level: Grades 6 - 8

Mitchell inexplicably stepped in front of a bus when he was 17 and wound up in Hell. Hell isn't as bad as it is hyped up to be though. Only truly evil souls wind up suffering eternal torment, for everyone else Hell is mostly a hot, crowded and tedious version of life. Because his only sin was stepping in front of that bus Mitchell gets a job assisting The Devil's right hand devil. That is where he learns about a device called a Viciseometer which can not only get him out of Hell, but let him travel through time. With the help of his friends, a girl from the 1960s, a Viking prince and a girl who died in the Great Fire of London, he hatches a plan to steal the Viciseometer and change all of their fates. Perhaps they can even prevent their untimely deaths from happening.

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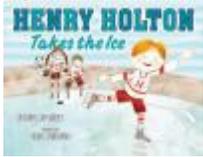
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Henry Holton Takes the Ice

by Sandra Bradley



Reading Level: Preschool-Grade 1

Henry's family loves hockey. So much so that their family dog is named Gretzky, after the world's most famous hockey player. When Henry decides he might like to try ice dancing, his family protests, claiming they are a "hockey family." Then, Grandma comes to visit, and Henry learns a little secret that helps him grasp his newfound interest.

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Illustrator: Sara Palacios Reading Level: Preschoolers,Kindergarteners,1st Grade Subjects: Family Location: Picture Books

Reviewer:

JL

Sam & Dave Dig a Hole

by Mac Barnett



Reading Level: Ages 4 and up

Sam and Dave decide they are going to dig a hole until they find something spectacular in this clever book chock full of dry humor.

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[More books by Jon Klassen](#)

Illustrator: Jon Klassen Reading Level: Preschoolers,Kindergarteners,1st Grade,2nd Grade,3rd Grade,4th Grade,5th Grade,6th Grade,7th Grade,8th Grade,High Schoolers,Adults

Subjects: [Adventure](#), [Fantasy](#), [Humor](#), [Read-Alouds](#) Location: [Picture Books](#)

Reviewer:

[SH](#)

Hank Has a Dream

by Rebecca Dudley



Reading Level: [Preschool - Grade 2](#)

Hank, the adorable bear/monkey from *Hank Finds an Egg* is back. "Last night I had a dream," he tells his hummingbird friend. The wonderful double-page spreads show Hank in his forest on the left-handed pages while his actions become his flying dream on the right side pages. Children will delight in the enchanting and detailed dioramas depicting scenes from both Hank's life and his dream.

Meet author Rebecca Dudley at the iRead kick-off on January 10th.

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[Other books by Rebecca Dudley](#)

Reading Level: [Preschoolers](#), [Kindergarteners](#), [1st Grade](#), [2nd Grade](#) Subjects: [Animals--Talking](#), [Books for Boys](#), [Books for Girls](#), [Fantasy](#) Location: [Picture Books](#)

Reviewer:

[HG](#)

The Eighth Day

by Dianne K. Salerni



Reading Level: [Grades 5 - 8](#)

What would you do if you discovered there was a secret day between Wednesday and Thursday

that only a select few could experience, and in which some people are trapped?

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Reading Level: [5th Grade](#),[6th Grade](#),[7th Grade](#),[8th Grade](#) Subjects: [Adventure](#), [Family](#),
[Fantasy](#), [Folktales](#) Location: [J Fiction](#)

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[The Cat, the Dog, Little Red, the Exploding Eggs, the Wolf and Grandma](#)

by Diane Fox



Reading Level: Ages 3 - 8

A cat tries to tell the story of Little Red Riding Hood, but his dog friend has a lot of questions, and finds so many plot holes, that things quickly go awry.

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