

## 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:

Babies Preschoolers Kindergarteners 1st Grade 2nd Grade 3rd Grade 4th Grade 5th Grade 6th Grade 7th Grade 8th Grade High Schoolers Adults

### Genre:

Adventure Animals--Real Animals--Talking Award Winners Biographies Books for Boys Books for Girls Chick Lit Crime and Punishment Don't Miss These Dystopias Family Fantasy Folktales Friends Historical Fiction The Holocaust Horror Humor In Other Lands LGBT Misfits Mysteries Mythological Non-Fiction Non-Prose Phonetic Read-Alikes Read-Alouds Realistic Fiction Rebus Relationships School Science Fiction Self Image Short Stories Social Issues Spies Sports Supernatural Survival Time Travel Vampires Werewolves

### Collection:

J Fiction J Graphic Novels J Non-Fiction J Series JP Fiction JP Non-Fiction JP Series JY Fiction JY Graphic Novels JY Non-Fiction Picture Books Spanish Picturebook

### Reviewer:

The Gerbils SJS SHRRPCHGEFDJCHJLJSMBLWKFAB

## Duke

by Kirby Larson



Reading Level: Ages 8 - 12

Set in Seattle, Washington in 1944, this is the home front story of Hobie Hanson, a fifth-grader whose father is flying B-24s in Europe. It's a time of great patriotism and sacrifice even for those at home. Hobie is expected to step up and help at home, on the family fishing boat, and with his younger sister. There are ration stamps for sugar, meat, and shoes. Everyone is urged to do all they can to help in the war effort. When Hobie learns about the real life organization called Dogs For Defense, he decides to donate his beloved German Shepherd, Duke. It never occurred to him that Duke might be sent into combat or that Duke might bond with his Marine handler. Will his father and his dog survive?

[Check availability of the book](#)

[Other books by Kirby Larson](#)

Reading Level: [3rd Grade](#),[4th Grade](#),[5th Grade](#),[6th Grade](#),[7th Grade](#) Subjects: [Animals--Real](#),  
[Books for Boys](#), [Friends](#), [Historical Fiction](#) Location: [J Fiction](#)

Reviewer:

HG

## Itsy Bitsy Spider

by Dosh Archer



**Reading Level:** Grades K - 3

On a rainy day an injured spider is rushed to City Hospital with injuries caused by a terrible waterspout accident.

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[More books by Dosh Archer](#)

Reading Level: [Kindergarteners](#),[1st Grade](#),[2nd Grade](#),[3rd Grade](#) Subjects: [Animals--Talking](#),  
[Folktales](#), [Humor](#) Location: [JP Fiction](#)

Reviewer:

SH

# Outfoxed

by Mike Twohy



**Reading Level:** Ages 3 - 6

Fox wants chicken for dinner so he makes a quick grab from the chicken coop. When he gets home he finds that he has grabbed a duck by accident, and that duck keeps insisting she is a dog.

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[More books by Mike Twohy](#)

Reading Level: [Preschoolers,Kindergarteners,1st Grade](#) Subjects: [Animals--Talking](#), [Humor](#)

Location: [Picture Books](#)

Reviewer:

SH

# Los vecinos de la c/Quiénsabe

by Cristina Zafra



**Reading Level:** Grades 2 - 4

In this Spanish picture book a young girl meets the neighbors who have moved into the new building next door. Each neighbor she meets is a bit strange. For example, the first neighbor she meets has umbrellas for hands...

En este libro una chica les conoce a los vecinos en el edificio nuevo al lado de su casa. Cada vecino que le conoce es un poco raro. Por ejemplo, el primer vecino tiene paraguas como manos...

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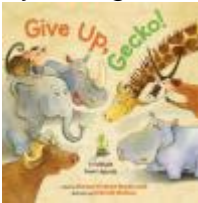
Reading Level: [1st Grade,2nd Grade,3rd Grade](#) Subjects: [Fantasy](#), [In Other Lands](#) Location: [Spanish Picturebook](#)

Reviewer:

[JL](#)

## Give Up, Gecko!

by Margaret Read MacDonald



**Reading Level:** Ages 3 - 8

The lakes and rivers have dried up and all the thirsty animals agree that whoever digs to water will be their king. When it is gecko's turn to dig all the other animals all laugh at him and call for him to give up, but gecko won't listen.

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[More books by Margaret Read MacDonald](#)

[More books by Deborah Melmon](#)

Illustrator: Deborah Melmon Reading Level: [Preschoolers,Kindergarteners,1st Grade,2nd Grade](#) Subjects: [Animals--Talking](#), [Folktales](#), [Non-Fiction](#), [Read-Alouds](#) Location: [JP Non-Fiction](#)

Reviewer:

[SH](#)

## All That's Missing

by Sarah Sullivan



### **Reading Level Grades 4-6**

11-year-old Arlo has lived with his only relative, his grandfather Poppo, since Arlo was two. But in the last couple of years Poppo's mind has started slipping. Arlo now takes care of his grandfather making sure no one knows how bad Poppo is getting.

On the night Poppo is found trapped in a dumpster, life as Arlo knows it disappears. After one night in the children's home, Arlo knows he must escape. Armed with \$68 and courage he sets out on a journey to find his missing grandmother, the one he has just recently learned is alive.

### **Check availability of this book**

### **Books by Sarah Sullivan**

**Other stories of kids seeking family are:**

**Homecoming by Cynthia Voigt and**

**Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis**

Reading Level: 4th Grade,5th Grade,6th Grade Subjects: Adventure, Family, Realistic Fiction

Location: J Fiction

Reviewer:

SJS

## **The Chaos of Stars**

by Kiersten White



**Reading Level:** Grades 7 - 10

When Isadora was little she loved to hang out with her father. He was calm and gentle and very proud of her artistic talent. Both her parents were. Her mother Isis gave Isadora a beautiful set of paints and her father Osiris gave her an entire room all her own to decorate any way she liked. Isadora loved to show her parents her progress on her room. Until the day she discovered

she was not going to be immortal like her parents...she was going to stay mortal...and the room would be her tomb.

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[Books by Kiersten White](#)

**Other godly adventures include:**

[The Lost Sun](#) by Tessa Gratton

[The Reluctant God](#) by Pamela Service

[The Savage Fortress](#) by Sarwat Chadda and

[Sweet Venom](#) by Tera Lynn Childs

Reading Level: [7th Grade](#),[8th Grade](#),[High Schoolers](#) Subjects: [Mythological](#) Location: [JY](#)  
[Fiction](#)

Reviewer:  
[SJS](#)

## Think Again! False Facts Attacked, Errors Exploded, Myths Busted

by Clive Gifford



**Reading Level:** Grades 4 - 8

Everyone knows that goldfish have a 3 second memory, Vikings wore horned helmets, and sugar makes kids hyperactive. Well, everyone is wrong. You will find out the truth about these myths and many, many more in this amusing collection of "facts" which have been busted by scientific studies.

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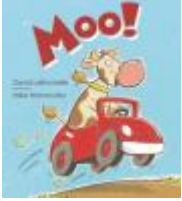
Reading Level: [4th Grade](#),[5th Grade](#),[6th Grade](#),[7th Grade](#) Subjects: [Humor](#), [Non-Fiction](#)  
Location: [J Non-Fiction](#)

Reviewer:

SH

# Moo!

by David LaRochelle



**Moomoo Moomoo:** Moo Moo - Moo

Moo moo moo moo moomoo moo moo moo moo moomoomoomoo moo moo moomoo moomoo moo moo moo.

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[More books by David LaRochelle](#)

[More books by Mike Wohnoutka](#)

**Reading Level:** Ages 2 - 6

When cow sees the farmer has left his car unattended he can't resist taking a joy ride.

Illustrator: Mike Wohnoutka Reading Level: [Preschoolers,Kindergarteners,1st Grade](#)

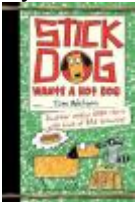
Subjects: [Animals--Talking](#), [Humor](#) Location: [Picture Books](#)

Reviewer:

SH

# Stick Dog Wants a Hot Dog

by Tom Watson



**Reading Level:** Grades 3 - 7

Stick Dog is at it again! This time Stick Dog and friends are determined to help themselves to the hot dogs in the frankfurter cart, but they have competition from a gang of hungry racoons. The friends devise various ridiculous schemes to steal the hot dogs that test practical Stick dog's

patience. Then there's an added problem when Karen, the dachshund, gets trapped in a human's house. Once again, readers will love the the many funny "bad" drawings of Tom Watson.

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[Other books by Tom Watson](#)

Reading Level: [3rd Grade](#), [4th Grade](#), [5th Grade](#), [6th Grade](#), [7th Grade](#) Subjects: [Animals--Talking](#), [Books for Boys](#), [Books for Girls](#), [Humor](#) Location: [J Fiction](#)

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