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New Book Reviews



Survivor Diaries: Overboard! by Terry Lynn Johnson

Reading Level: Grades 2-4

Travis and his family are on a whale watching cruise off the coast of Alaska when disaster strikes. Their ship is hit by a giant rogue wave throwing Travis and Marina, the captain's daughter, into the freezing water. They watch helplessly as the ship sinks and the life raft is pushed away by the current. Now it is up to Travis to find a way to save himself and his injured companion before the brutal sea claims their lives.

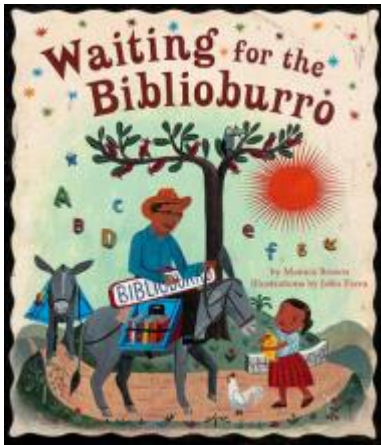
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If you enjoyed this story of survival try:

[Stranded](#) by Jeff Probst

[Adrift](#) by Allan Ballie and

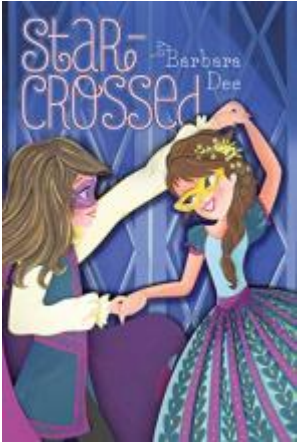
[Toughboy and Sister](#) by Kirkpatrick Hill



Waiting for Biblioburro/Esperando el Biblioburro by Monica Brown

Una historia inspirado por el trabajo de Luis Soriano Bohorquez, un bibliotecario colombiano que tenia una biblioteca movil con sus burros. Viajaba con su biblioteca por montanas y valles para llevar libros a los lugares rurales de Colombia.

A story inspired by the work of Luis Soriano Bohorquez, a Colombian librarian who had a mobile library with the help of his donkeys. He traveled with his library through mountains and valleys to bring books to rural parts of Colombia.



Star-crossed by Barbara Dee

Reading Level: Grades 4 through 8

Eighth-grader Matilda, who goes by Mattie, is not used to being in the spotlight. She is perfectly happy playing the side character of Paris in her middle-school's production of *Romeo and Juliet*. However, she finds herself becoming more and more interested in the language of Shakespeare, as well as the cute new girl from England. But when the lead playing Romeo drops out, she is asked to step in to replace him. The only problem is, her crush Gemma Braithwaite is playing Juliet!

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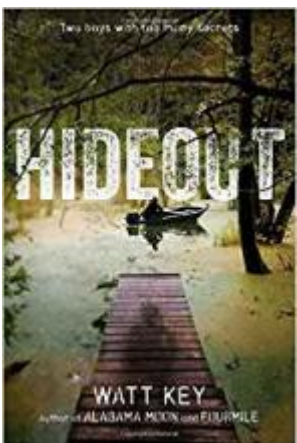
[Other books by Barbara Dee](#)

If you enjoy this book, try:

[Gracefully Grayson](#) by Ami Polonski

[Drama](#) by Raina Telgemeier

[Better Nate than Ever](#) by Tim Federle



Hideout by Watt Key

Reading Level: Ages 10-13

When 12-year-old Sam's father gave him his very own fishing boat, it came with rules. He had to wear a life jacket. He had to drive his boat carefully. And he was to stay on the Pascagoula River. But when Sam's school year ends with him being badly beaten by bullies, Sam feels the need to prove his courage. So he breaks his father's rule and steers his boat into the dangerous waterways of the nearby bayou where he finds a half-wild boy living in an abandoned fishing shack. The desperate boy begs Sam to keep him a secret. That promise launches Sam into a dangerous adventure...one that may cost him his life.

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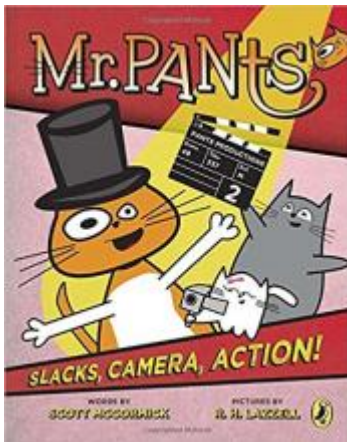
[Other books](#) by this author.

Other gripping survival adventures include:

[Lost in the River of Grass](#) by Ginny Rorby

[Take Me to the River](#) by Will Hobbs and

[The Wolf Keepers](#) by Elise Broach



Mr Pants: Slacks, Camera Action! by Scott McCormick

Reading Level: Grades 1-4

The good news: There is a movie contest that will earn the winner \$1000 and a trip to Hawaii.

The bad news: The entry must be submitted in less than 24 hours.

Undeterred, Mr. Pants frantically navigates chores (his mom insists,) annoying little sisters and an obligatory tea party to create his masterpiece.

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Other books by this author

If you enjoyed this funny graphic novel try:

Babymouse Queen of the World! by Jennifer Holm

Binky The Space Cat by Ashley Spires

The Flying Beaver Brothers and the Evil Penguin Plan by Maxwell Eaton

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