

Rise of the Earth Dragon by Tracey West.*

J SERIES DRAGON MASTER WEST

Eight-year-old Drake is snatched up by the King's soldiers and taken to the castle where he is told by the wizard Griffith that he has been chosen to be a Dragon Master and his first task will be to discover whether his dragon, Worm, has any special powers.

GRAPHIC NOVELS

The Bad Guys by Aaron Blabey.*

GN JF BLABEY A

The Bad Guys, Mr. Wolf, Mr. Shark, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Piranha, want to be heroes, and they decide that the way to do it is free the 200 dogs in the city dog pound, but their plan soon goes awry.

Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea by Ben Clanton.*

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A happy-go-lucky, waffle-loving narwhal and a cynical, no-nonsense jellyfish forge an unlikely friendship and share adventures while exploring the ocean together.

Baloney and Friends by Greg Pizzoli.*

GN JF PIZZOL G

Meet Baloney! He's the star of this book, along with his best buddies: empathetic Peanut the horse, sensible Bizz the bumblebee, and grumpy Krabbit.

Donut Feed the Squirrels by Mika Song.*

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When Norma and Belly the squirrels discover donuts for the first time, they are determined to get some for themselves, even if they have to outsmart the food truck driver to do it

NONFICTION

Blast Back! Ancient Egypt by Nancy Ohlin.*

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Find out cool, little-known facts such as how ancient Egyptian doctors used pigs' teeth to cure upset stomachs and how pets were often buried with their owners so they could be together in the afterlife.

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FICTION

DJ Funkyfoot: Butler for Hire by Tom Angleberger.*

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Hoping to become the greatest detective that ever grew, Inspector Flytrap, a Venus flytrap, and his assistant, Nina the Goat, investigate mysteries at an art museum, a cookie shop, and a garden.

Daisy Dreamer & the Totally True Imaginary Friend by Holly Anna.*

J SERIES DAISY ANNA

Daisy meets her imaginary friend, Posey, who invites her to explore the extraordinary world filled with all the things she's always daydreamed about.

Amy & the Missing Puppy by Callie Barkley.*

J SERIES CRITTE BARKLE

Mystery lover Amy looks for clues to the disappearance of wealthy Ms. Sullivan's Saint Bernard puppy.

Humphrey's Really Wheely Racing Day by Betty Birney.*

J SERIES HUMPHR TINY BIRNEY

When Mandy brings a special hamster-sized racecar to class, it means just one thing; Humphrey is going to be in a hamster race!

Our Principal is a Frog! by Stephanie Calmenson.*

JF CALMEN S

When a magician accidentally turns Mr. Bundy into a frog, the students of PS 88 don't know what to do. It's not always easy having a slimy, green-skinned amphibian for a principal. Will Mr. Bundy ever be his old self again?

The Ember Stone by Katrina Charman.*

JF CHARMA K

Perodia is threatened by Thorn, a powerful vulture, who's using magic to spread a terrible darkness - but when a young owl named Tag, and his best friend, the squirrel Skyla, rescue a golden egg from Thorn's tiger bats they may have found the key to Perodia's salvation: the last firehawk, guardian of the ember stone.

Mercy Watson to the Rescue by Kate DiCamillo.*

JF DICAMI K

After Mercy the pig snuggles to sleep with the Watsons, all three awaken with the bed teetering on the edge of a big hole in the floor.

Eva's Treetop Festival by Rebecca Elliott.*

J SERIES OWL ELLIOT

Eva Wingdale, a young owl, discovers that planning a festival at school is a lot of work, and there is nothing wrong with asking her friends for help.

A New Friend by Poppy Green.*

J SERIES SOPHIE GREEN

Sophie Mouse is excited to return to school after the long winter break, but there is a new student, a snake, and Sophie and the other animals are afraid to sit near him, much less ask him to play with them, because they have heard snakes are awful.

The Princess in Black by Shannon Hale.*

JF HALE S

When trouble raises its blue monster head, Princess Magnolia ditches her flouncy dresses and becomes the Princess in Black!

Dory Fantasmagory by Abby Hanlon.*

JF HANLON A

Dory, the youngest in her family, is a girl with a very active imagination, and she spends the summer playing with her imaginary friend, pretending to be a dog, battling monsters, and generally driving her family nuts.

Captain Awesome to the Rescue by Stan Kirby.*

J SERIES CAPTAIN AWESOME KIRBY

When second-grader Eugene and his family move to a new neighborhood and he starts at a new school, he has a chance to bring out his superhero alter ego, Captain Awesome, to find the kidnapped class hamster.

The Missing Baseball by Mike Lupica.*

JF LUPICA M

Eight-year-old twins Zach and Zoe follow clues to find Zach's missing baseball, signed by his favorite major league player, while competing in Spirit Week events at school.

The Haunted House Next Door by Andres Miedoso.*

J SERIES DESMON MIEDOS

When supernatural things start happening in the house timid Andres and his parents just moved into, next-door-neighbor Desmond Cole comes to the rescue.

Dinosaurs Before Dark by Mary Pope Osborne.*

J SERIES MAGIC TREE OSBORN

Eight-year-old Jack and his younger sister Annie find a magic treehouse, which whisks them back to an ancient time zone where they see live dinosaurs.

Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot by Dav Pilkey.*

J SERIES RICKY PILKEY

Ricky Ricotta, a small mouse, saves a giant robot from his evil creator, Dr. Stinky, and in turn, the robot protects Ricky from the bullies at school and it saves the city from Dr. Stinky's plan to destroy it.

Dig to Disaster by Robert Quackenbush.*

JF QUACKER

Miss Mallard investigates a series of mysterious accidents that threaten Dr. Dusty Duck's archeological expedition in the jungles of Central America.

The Lost Stone by Jordan Quinn.*

J SERIES KINGDO QUINN

Eight-year-old Lucas, Prince of Wrenly, is eager to explore and Clara, daughter of the queen's seamstress, knows the kingdom well, so they team up to find a lost jewel and visit all of the land's main attractions as they search.