

Young Readers (Grades 3–4)

Adrian Peterson

Michael Sandler. Bearport.

Football-loving children will tackle the colorful photos, captions, and text to learn about NFL star Adrian Peterson. Be inspired by Peterson's work ethic, big dreams, and service projects while reading from the series Football Heroes Making a Difference.

Amazing Greek Myths of Wonder and Blunders

Mike Townsend. Dial.

Common Greek myths become accessible and fun in this graphic format. The colors are vivid and the comic characters are funny, while following the action of the original myths.

Animal Rescue Team: Gator on the Loose!

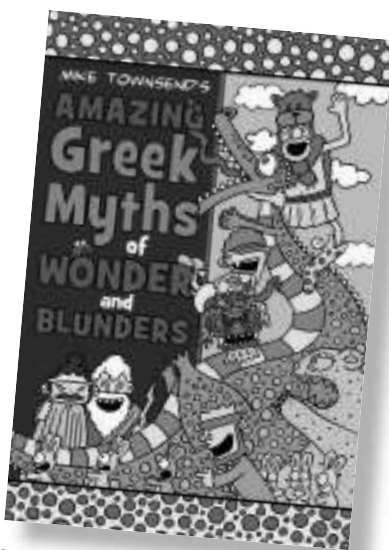
Sue Stauffacher. Ill. Priscilla Lamont. Knopf.

Keisha Carter, her friends, family, and neighbors work together at Carters' Urban Rescue to find an alligator a new home when it turns up in a swimming pool.

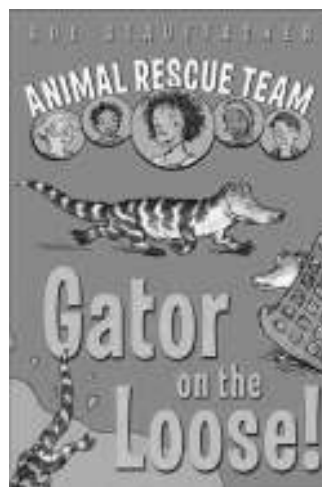
****Babymouse #12: Burns Rubber***

Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm. Random House.

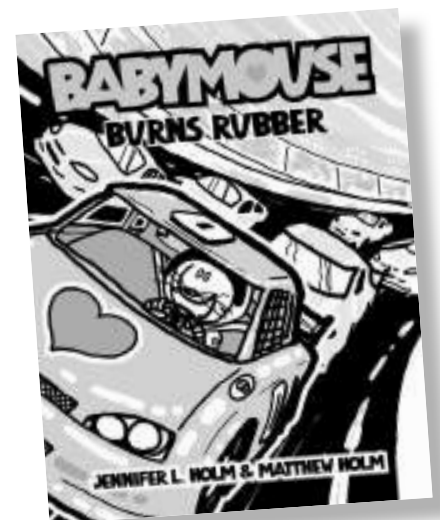
Wilson helps Babymouse build a car and enter the Soap Box Derby. When Wilson's car falls apart at the last minute, Babymouse has to choose between friendship and her daydreams of glory. Children will enjoy reading another Babymouse adventure.



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****Bad Kitty vs. Uncle Murray: The Uproar at the Front Door***

Nick Bruel. Roaring Brook.

When Kitty's owners go on a trip leaving Uncle Murray in charge, Bad Kitty shows how bad she can really be. Things get progressively worse until Uncle Murray can't take it anymore and leaves.

The Bat's Cave: A Dark City

Joyce Markovics. Bearport.

Capturing attention right away with the San Antonio's Bracken Bat Cave, the largest in the world, this book continues to fascinate with its wonderful photographs and information.

Bones: Skeletons and How They Work

Steve Jenkins. Scholastic.

This informational, nonfiction text explains the basics of how skeletons work. Children will enjoy the comparisons made between human and animal skeletons. There are a lot of pictures, and some bones are shown in actual size.

Chester's Masterpiece

Mélanie Watt. Kids Can Press.

Chester is determined to write his own book, so he takes all of Mélanie's writing tools and hides them in his litter box.

Combat-Wounded Dogs

Sonita Apte. Bearport.

There are over 2,500 canine soldiers in the U.S. military. The medical needs of these heroes are chronicled through photographs and text in this title from the Dog Heroes series.

Copper

Kazu Kibuishi. Graphix.

In this funny graphic novel by the author of the popular Amulet series, a boy named Copper and his thoughtful dog, Fred, encounter one adventure after another as they both try to make sense of their world.

Drizzle

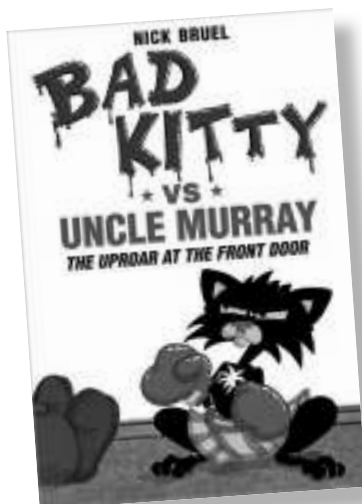
Kathleen Van Cleve. Dial.

Can Polly find the power to save the farm—and her family—before it's too late? This coming-of-age novel will enthrall readers who love magic.

****Encyclopedia Mythologica: Gods & Heroes***

Matthew Reinhart and Robert Sabuda. Candlewick.

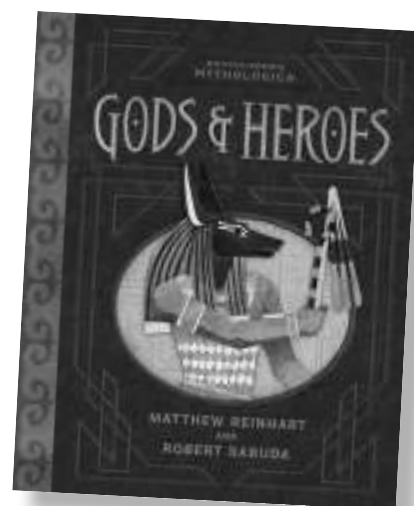
Six spectacular pop-up spreads share a glimpse into mythology from around the world. In addition to the dramatic paper sculptures are tiny booklets that reveal tidbits about the gods and heroes. Children will devote hours to this exquisitely illustrated text.



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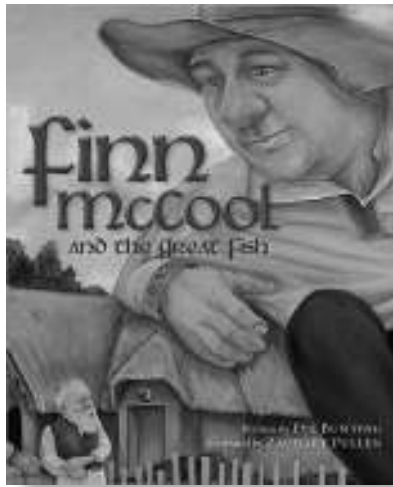
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From *Finally* by Wendy Mass. Scholastic.



From *Finn McCool and the Great Fish* by Eve Bunting, Ill. Zachary Pullen. Sleeping Bear.



From *Lunch Lady and the Summer Camp Shakedown* by Jarrett J. Krosoczka. Knopf.

***Finally**

Wendy Mass. Scholastic.

Rory has a long list of all she wants to accomplish when she turns 12. But when the birthday finally arrives, her wishes do not turn out to be all that she expected. A funny, pleasant read.

Finn McCool and the Great Fish

Eve Bunting, Ill. Zachary Pullen. Sleeping Bear.

In Ireland, Finn is a generous, kind-hearted giant who helps his friends. He is well-loved by his friends, but they don't think he is very smart. Finn must find a special great fish that will help him gain wisdom.

Goliath: Hero of the Great Baltimore Fire

Claudia Friddell, Ill. Troy Howell. Sleeping Bear.

Vivid details tell the story of the Baltimore Fire of 1904 and the heroes who made a difference. Goliath, a giant fire horse, was one of those heroes. Children will respond to the drama, heroics, and the remarkable horses.

Heart-Stopping Roller Coasters

Meish Goldish. Bearport.

Hang on tight as you imagine yourself on the best roller coaster rides in the world. This engaging book in the World's Biggest series offers photos, statistics, a brief narrative, and suggested books and websites for further exploring amusement parks and roller coaster rides.

I Survived #1: The Sinking of the Titanic, 1912

Lauren Tarshis. Scholastic.

Ten-year-old George is traveling back home with his family on the *Titanic*. He is always getting into trouble exploring the great ship. When the *Titanic* sinks, he is stranded and alone. George's fight for survival changes him forever.

****Lunch Lady and the Summer Camp Shakedown***

Jarrett J. Krosoczka. Knopf.

Lunch Lady and the Breakfast Bunch Kids are looking forward to a fun summer at a sleepaway camp. Slime Monster disrupts their fun, and Lunch Lady must restore order in this new installment to the Lunch Lady series.

Miniature Horses

Natalie Lunis. Bearport.

Part of the Peculiar Pets series, this informational book covers the care, training, and habits of miniature horses, and includes information on famous miniature horses.

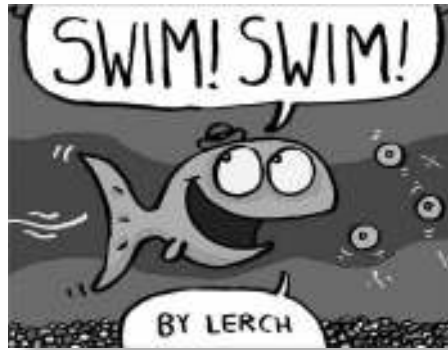
Missile Mouse #1: The Star Crusher

Jake Parker. Graphix.

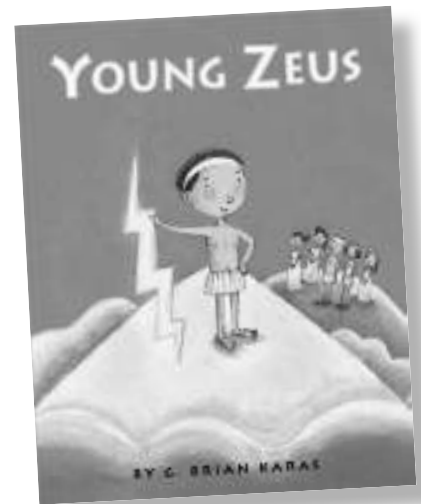
Is secret agent Missile Mouse's super strength and strong will enough to save the universe? Move over Mighty Mouse. This action-packed graphic novel



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with updated science fiction space travel is a good match for male reluctant readers in this age group.

The Odious Ogre

Norton Juster. Ill. Jules Feiffer. Michael di Capua Books.

Ogre has a terrible reputation. He easily devours anything or anyone in his path, until he meets someone who is kind to him. Children will enjoy the Ogre's adventures and will respond to the surprising way this bully is stopped.

Older Than the Stars

Karen C. Fox. Ill. Nancy Davis. Charlesbridge.

Children will explore atoms, stars, planets, and the development of sea creatures and animal life on Earth while reading this cumulative rhyme. Fascinating illustrations enrich the text and help children understand the "big bang theory."

Potbellied Pigs

Natalie Lunis. Bearport.

From the Peculiar Pets series, this informational book explores the world of potbellied pigs. The book design and table of contents are child-friendly.

Swim! Swim!

Lerch. Scholastic.

Lerch is a goldfish with personality, but he can't find a friend. Children are drawn to the bold, bright graphic illustrations in comic strip format and to following Lerch as he finds a friend.

There Was an Old Monkey Who Swallowed a Frog

Jennifer Ward. Ill. Steve Gray. Marshall Cavendish.

Children will love the rhythm of language and humor in this rhyming book. The colorful characters with their big eyes and animated facial expressions will entertain all readers. This book is great for shared reading in the classroom.

Young Zeus

G. Brian Karas. Scholastic.

With a splash of humor, Karas simplifies volumes of Greek mythology surrounding the life of Zeus and his family into an interesting and captivating picture book. This book serves as a great place to begin exploration into the Greek gods.

Zen Ghosts

Jon J Muth. Scholastic.

This is a Zen soul story told within a Halloween context. The illustrations move with Muth's mystic colors and black and white sketches.