

## 2020 Suggested reading for grades 3-5

### Fiction

*Applegate, Katherine. **Endling series.** 2018 - 2019*

Byx is the youngest member of her dairne pack. Believed to possess remarkable abilities, her mythical doglike species has been hunted to near extinction in the war-torn kingdom of Nedarra. After her pack is hunted down and killed, Byx fears she may be the last of her species. The Endling. So Byx sets out to find safe haven, and to see if the legends of other hidden dairnes are true. Along the way, she meets new allies — although they begin as strangers, they become their own kind of family — one that will ultimately uncover a secret that may threaten every creature in their world.

J FIC APPLGATE, eBook, eAudiobook

*Applegate, Katherine. **The One and Only Bob (The One and Only Ivan #2).** 2020*

A powerful sequel to the Newbery Medal winning **The One and Only Ivan** (2012). Bob sets out on a dangerous journey in search of his long-lost sister with the help of his two best friends, Ivan and Ruby. As a hurricane approaches and time is running out, Bob finds courage he never knew he had and learns the true meaning of friendship and family.

J FIC Pop Now APPLGATE, CD Audiobook, eBook

*Arnold, Elana K, illustrated by Charles Santoso. **A Boy Called Bat series.** 2017-2019*

For Bixby Alexander Tam (nicknamed Bat), life tends to be full of surprises — some of them good, some not so good. Today, though, is a good-surprise day. Bat's mom, a veterinarian, has brought home a baby skunk, which she needs to take care of until she can hand him over to a wild-animal shelter. But the minute Bat meets the kit, he knows they belong together. And he's got one month to show his mom that a baby skunk might just make a pretty terrific pet.

J FIC ARNOLD

*Barrows, Annie. **The Best of Iggy.** 2020*

From the author of **Ivy + Bean** comes a new hilarious series opener. Meet Iggy Frangi. He's not a bad kid, he's really not. Okay, so he's done a few (a few is anything up to 100) bad things. And okay, he's not very sorry about most of them. People make a big deal about nothing. What's a little pancake here and there? Is that something to get mad about? Iggy doesn't think so. No one got hurt, so there's no problem. No one got hurt except for that one time, that one time when the Best Idea Ever turned into the Worst Idea of All Time. Iggy is sorry he did it. He is really, really, really sorry.

J FIC BARROWS, J FIC Pop Now BARROWS, eBook

*Brown, India Hill. The Forgotten Girl.* 2019

Two classmates discover an abandoned grave, launching a ghost story that brings the history of segregation to life. On a cold winter night, Iris and her best friend, Daniel, sneak into a clearing in the woods to play in the freshly fallen snow. There, Iris finds the crumbling gravestone of a young girl, Avery Moore. Immediately, strange things start to happen to Iris: She begins having vivid nightmares. She wakes up to find her bedroom window wide open, letting in the snow. She thinks she sees the shadow of a girl lurking in the woods. And she feels the pull of the abandoned grave, calling her back to the clearing...

J FIC BROWN

*Cervantes, Angela. Lety Out Loud.* 2019

Lety Muñoz's first language is Spanish, and she likes to take her time putting her words together. She loves volunteering at the Furry Friends Animal Shelter because the animals don't care if she can't always find the right word. When the shelter needs a volunteer to write animal profiles, Lety jumps at the chance. But grumpy classmate Hunter also wants to write profiles — so now they have to work as a team. Hunter's not much of a team player, though. He devises a competition to decide who will be the official shelter scribe. Whoever helps get their animals adopted the fastest wins. Lety agrees, but she's worried that if the shelter finds out about the contest, they'll kick her out of the program. Then she'll never be able to adopt Spike, her favorite dog at the shelter!

J FIC CERVANTES

*Crimi, Carolyn; illustrated by Corinna Luyken. Weird Little Robots.* 2019

When two science-savvy girls create an entire robot world, they don't expect the robots to come alive. But life may be a bit more magical than they thought. Nine-year-old Penny Rose has just moved to a new town, and so far, the robots she builds herself are her only company. But with just a bit of magic, everything changes: she becomes best friends with Lark, has the chance to join a secret science club, and discovers that her robots are alive. Penny Rose hardly remembers how lonely she used to feel. But then a fateful misstep forces her to choose between the best friend she's always hoped for and the club she's always dreamed of, and in the end, it may be her beloved little robots that pay the price.

J FIC CRIMI

*Cummings, Troy. Binder of Doom series.* 2019-2020

From the creator of the Notebook of Doom series. Alexander Bopp is the leader of the Super Secret Monster Patrol, a club whose members are sworn to protect the town from monsters. But there haven't been monsters to fight for months... Alexander misses his fellow club members Rip and Nikki. Then he starts finding old-timey objects, cake crumbs, and monster cards all over town! Could the monsters be back? The Monster Patrol will have to get back together to find out! This series is part of Scholastic's early chapter book line Branches, aimed at newly independent readers. With easy-to-read text, fast-paced plots, and illustrations on every page, these books boost reading confidence and stamina.

J PAPERBACK CUMMINGS, J FIC CUMMINGS

*DasGupta, Sayantani. Kiranmala and the Kingdom Beyond series.* 2018-2020

Inspired by Indian folklore, this series follows Kiranmala, Interdimensional Demon Slayer and actual Princess! On the morning of her twelfth birthday, Kiranmala is just a regular sixth grader living in Parsippany, New Jersey... until her parents mysteriously vanish and a drooling rakkhosh demon slams through her kitchen, determined to eat her alive. Turns out there might be some truth to her parents' fantastical stories - like how Kiranmala is a real Indian princess and how she comes from a secret place not of this world.

J FIC DASGUPTA, CD Audiobook, Playaway, eBook, eAudiobook

*Elliott, Rebecca. Unicorn Diaries series.* 2019-2020

Meet Rainbow Tinseltail and the unicorns of Sparklegrove Forest, in this magical series from the creator of the bestselling Owl Diaries series! Bo Tinseltail loves going to Sparklegrove School with the other unicorns. Every unicorn has a magical power. Bo is a Wish Unicorn with the power to grant wishes. Bo has lots of friends, but one thing Bo wants more than anything is a best friend. When a new unicorn named Sunny Huckleberry pops into the forest, will Bo's big wish finally come true? This series is part of Scholastic's early chapter book line Branches, aimed at newly independent readers. With easy-to-read text, high-interest content, fast-paced plots, and illustrations on every page, these books will boost reading confidence and stamina.

J PAPERBACK ELLIOTT

*Funaro, Gregory. Watch Hollow.* 2019

Deep within the enchanted woods in the town of Watch Hollow stands the once-grand Blackford House, whose halls hold a magical secret: a giant cuckoo clock that does much more than tell time. When the clock's gears cease to turn, an evil presence lurking among the trees begins to come out of the shadows. When Lucy and Oliver Tinker arrive in Watch Hollow, they have no idea that anything is wrong. A mysterious stranger has made their father an offer that's too good to refuse. All Mr. Tinker needs to do is fix the clock at Blackford House and fistfuls of gold coins are his to keep. It doesn't take long, however, for the children to realize that there is more to Blackford House than meets the eye.

J FIC FUNARO

*Gidwitz, Adam. The Unicorn Rescue Society series.* 2018 - 2020

Elliot Eisner isn't exactly thrilled with the first day at his new school. His class is going on a field trip to a creepy forest called the Pine Barrens. The trip is being led by Professor Fauna, the weirdest teacher Elliot has ever met. And the only kid who will talk to Elliot, Uchenna Devereaux, isn't afraid of danger. She likes danger. Together, Elliot and Uchenna get caught up in a secret group of adventurers, The Unicorn Rescue Society, whose goal is to protect and defend the world's mythical creatures. Join Elliot and Uchenna as they embark on a series of quests to protect the mythical creatures of the world.

J FIC GIDWITZ, CD Audiobook, eBook, eAudiobook.

*Harrell, Rob. Wink.* 2020

A wrenching and hilarious story about embracing life's weirdness and surviving an unthinkable diagnosis, based on the author's own experience with a rare eye cancer. Twelve-year-old Ross Maloy just wants to be normal. Not to have a rare eye cancer, not to lose his hair, not to have to wear a weird hat or have a goopy eye full of ointment. Just normal. But with a sudden and horrifying diagnosis, Ross can't help standing out. His new life is medical treatments that feel straight out of a video game, vision loss in one eye, disappearing friends who don't know what to say to "the cancer kid," cruel bullying, and ultimately, friendships new and old that rise above everything. Just when Ross starts to feel like he's losing his footing, he discovers how music, art, and true friends can change everything.

J FIC HARRELL

*Hernandez, Carlos. Sal and Gabi Break the Universe.* 2019

Part of the Rick Riordan presents books: This brilliant sci-fi romp with Cuban influence poses a question: What would you do if you had the power to reach through time and space and retrieve anything you want, including your mother, who is no longer living (in this universe, anyway)? Sal prides himself on being an excellent magician, but for this sleight of hand, he relied on a talent no one would guess . . . except maybe Gabi, whose sharp eyes never miss a trick. When Gabi learns that he's capable of conjuring things from parallel universes and she takes it all in stride, Sal knows that she is someone he can work with. There's only one slight problem: their manipulation of time and space could put the entire universe at risk.

J FIC HERNANDEZ. Playaway, eBook, eAudiobook.

*Kelly, Erin Entrada. Lalani of the Distant Sea.* 2019

Inspired by Filipino folklore, this book tells the story of Lalani Sarita, a twelve-year-old girl who lives on the island of Sanlagita in the shadow of a vengeful mountain. When she makes a fateful wish that endangers her already-vulnerable village, she sets out across the distant sea in search of life's good fortunes. Grown men have died making the same journey. What hope does an ordinary girl have?

J FIC Pop Now KELLY, Playaway, eAudiobook

*Krulik, Nancy. Princess Pulverizer series.* 2018-2020

Playful illustrations make this book a winner with younger readers, but so does the intriguing story of Princess Serena (aka Princess Pulverizer) and her Quest of Kindness. Intent on getting into knight school, Serena's got to prove her chops to her father, King Alexander, first. So along with knight-to-be Lucas and dragon pal, Dribble, she figures how to be valiant and brave while committing random acts of kindness along the way.

J FIC KRULIK, J PAPERBACK KRULIK, CD Audiobook

*Lai, Remy. Pie in the Sky. 2019*

When 11-year-old Jingwen moves to a new country, he feels like he's landed on Mars. School is torture, making friends is impossible since he doesn't speak English, and he's often stuck looking after his (extremely irritating) little brother, Yanghao. To distract himself from the loneliness, Jingwen daydreams about making all the cakes on the menu of Pie in the Sky, the bakery his father had planned to open before he unexpectedly passed away. The only problem is his mother has laid down one major rule: the brothers are not to use the oven while she's at work. As Jingwen and Yanghao bake elaborate cakes, they'll have to cook up elaborate excuses to keep the cake-making a secret from Mama.

J FIC LAI

*Lupica, Mike. The Zach and Zoe Mysteries series. 2018 - 2020*

New York Times bestseller Mike Lupica begins an exciting new chapter book series, perfect for fans of Cam Jansen, featuring his trademark sports action and heart, and a lovable twin brother-sister duo who solve sports-related mysteries. Easy-to-read text and plentiful illustrations make this a great series for younger readers.

J FIC LUPICA

*Mackler, Carolyn. Not if I Can Help It. 2019*

Willa likes certain things to be certain ways. Her socks have to be soft . . . and definitely can't have irritating tags on the inside. She loves the crunch of popcorn and nachos . . . but is grossed out by the crunch of a baby carrot. And slimy foods? Those are the worst. Willa can manage all these things — but there are some things she can't deal with, like her father's big news. He's been keeping a big secret from her ... that he's been dating the mom of Willa's best friend Ruby. Willa does NOT like the idea of them being together. And she does NOT like the idea of combining families. And she does NOT like the idea of her best friend becoming her sister overnight. Will she go along with all of these changes? NOT if she can help it!

J FIC MACKLER

*Mbalia, Kwame. Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky. 2019*

Part of the Rick Riordan Presents books and inspired by African American folk heroes and West African gods: Seventh grader Tristan Strong feels anything but strong ever since he failed to save his best friend when they were in a bus accident together. All he has left of Eddie is the journal his friend wrote stories in. Tristan is dreading the month he's going to spend on his grandparents' farm in Alabama, where he's being sent to heal from the tragedy. But on his first night there, a sticky creature shows up in his bedroom and steals Eddie's notebook.

J FIC MBALIA, CD Audiobook, Playaway, eBook, eAudiobook

*Mlynowski, Sarah. **Whatever After series.** 2016 - 2020*

Once upon a time, Abby's life was normal. Then the mirror in her basement ate her... Abby and her brother Jonah find themselves in fairy tales which they inevitably mess up! Can the siblings find a way to make things right? If you are ready for a fresh spin on classic fairy tales, this series is for you.

J FIC MLYNOWSKI, CD Audiobook, eBook, eAudiobook

*Morris, Chad, and Shelley Brown. **Willa and the Whale.** 2020*

After losing her mom, Willa is grieving and having a hard time living with her dad and his new family on an island off the coast of Washington State. Her dad tries to cheer her up by taking her whale watching, something Willa's mom used to do. While all the passengers are on one side of the boat, Willa encounters a humpback whale on the opposite side. Willa feels so lonely that she starts to talk to the whale—and the whale talks back! The whale, named Meg, quickly becomes a trusted friend and confidante Willa can speak to whenever she's by the ocean. Meg offers sound advice Willa needs about dealing with a nemesis at school and trying to figure out why her friend Marc is keeping secrets about his family life. Before the story ends, it will take all of Willa's courage and connections to tackle a problem that's as big as a blue whale!

J FIC MORRIS

*Pancholy, Maulik. **The Best at It.** 2019*

Rahul Kapoor is heading into seventh grade in a small town in Indiana. The start of middle school is making him feel increasingly anxious, so his favorite person in the whole world, his grandfather Bhai, gives him some well-meaning advice: Find one thing you're really good at. And become the BEST at it. Those four little words sear themselves into Rahul's brain. While he's not quite sure what that special thing is, he is convinced that once he finds it, bullies like Brent Mason will stop torturing him at school. With his best friend, Chelsea, by his side, Rahul is ready to crush this challenge. . . . But what if he discovers he isn't the best at anything?

J FIC PANCHOLY, CD Audiobook

*Pennypacker, Sara. **Here in the Real World.** 2020*

Ware can't wait to spend summer "off in his own world"—dreaming of knights in the Middle Ages and generally being left alone. But then his parents sign him up for dreaded Rec camp, where he must endure Meaningful Social Interaction and whatever activities so-called "normal" kids do. On his first day, Ware meets Jolene, a tough, secretive girl planting a garden in the rubble of an abandoned church next to the camp. Soon he starts skipping Rec, creating a castle-like space of his own in the church lot.

J FIC PENNYPACKER, J FIC Pop Now PENNYPACKER, CD Audiobook, eAudiobook

*Preller, James. Blood Mountain.* 2019

Carter and his older sister Grace thought the hike with their dad and their dog would be uneventful. If anything, they figured it was Dad's way of getting them off their screens for a while. But the hike on Blood Mountain turns ominous, as the siblings are separated from their father. Who will reach them first? The young ranger leading the search? Or the mysterious mountain man who has gone off the grid?

J FIC PRELLER, J FIC Pop Now PRELLER, eBook

*Raúf, Onjali. The Boy at the Back of Class.* 2019

There used to be an empty chair at the back of Mrs. Khan's classroom, but on the third Tuesday of the school year a new kid fills it: 9-year-old Ahmet, a Syrian refugee. The whole class is curious about this new boy — he doesn't seem to smile, and he doesn't talk much. But after learning that Ahmet fled a Very Real War and was separated from his family along the way, a determined group of his classmates bands together to concoct the Greatest Idea in the World — a magnificent plan to reunite Ahmet with his loved ones.

J FIC Pop Now RAUF

*Sheth, Kashmira. Nina Soni, Former Best Friend.* 2019

The first title in a new series featuring a lovable, distractible Indian-American girl and her family and friends. Nina tried as hard as she could, but somehow, she forgot about her school project. Fortunately, a class lesson about Alexander Fleming suggests how she might make a great discovery — and thus a great project! But with little sister Kavita's birthday party right around the corner, and her longtime friendship with Jay on the rocks, Nina has a lot to keep track of.

J FIC SHETH

*Simon, Coco. Donut Dreams series.* 2019-2020

The latest sweet series from the creator of *Cupcake Diaries!* Home feels different ever since Lindsay Cooper's mom passed away two years ago. But with her cousins Kelsey and Molly by her side, not to mention her BFF Casey, Lindsay soon discovers family and friends go a long way toward filling any hole in your heart.

J FIC SIMON

*Tucker, Laura; illustrated by Kelly Murphy. All the Greys on Greene Street.* 2019

Twelve-year-old Olympia is an artist — and in her neighborhood, that's normal. Her dad and his business partner Apollo bring antique paintings back to life, while her mother makes intricate sculptures, leaving Ollie to roam the streets of New York with her friends Richard and Alex, drawing everything that catches her eye. Then everything falls apart. Ollie's dad disappears in the night, leaving her only a cryptic note and instructions to destroy it. Her mom has gone to bed, and she's not getting up. Apollo is hiding something, Alex is acting strange, and Richard has questions about the mysterious stranger he saw outside. Olympia knows her dad is the key — but first, she has to find him.

J FIC TUCKER, CD Audiobook, eBook

*West, Tracey. Dragon Masters series. 2014-2020*

**Dragon Masters** has it all! Dragons, a Dragon Stone, a king, a wizard, and magic! In the first book in this fully-illustrated series, 8-year old Drake is snatched up by King Roland's soldier and taken to the castle. He is to be trained as a Dragon Master. At the castle, he is joined by three other young Dragon Masters-in-training: Ana, Rori, and Bo. The Dragon Masters must learn how to connect with and train their dragons—and they must also uncover their dragons' special powers. Does Drake have what it takes to be a Dragon Master? This series is part of Scholastic's early chapter book line Branches, aimed at newly independent readers. With easy-to-read text, high-interest content, fast-paced plots, and illustrations on every page, these books will boost reading confidence and stamina.

J FIC WEST, J PAPERBACK WEST, Playaway

### Graphic Novels

*Andrews, Ryan. This Was Our Pact. 2019*

It's the night of the annual Autumn Equinox Festival, when the town gathers to float paper lanterns down the river. Legend has it that after drifting out of sight, they'll soar off to the Milky Way and turn into brilliant stars, but could that actually be true? This year, Ben and his classmates are determined to find out where those lanterns really go, and to ensure success in their mission, they've made a pact with two simple rules: No one turns for home. No one looks back. The plan is to follow the river on their bikes for as long as it takes to learn the truth, but it isn't long before the pact is broken by all except for Ben and (much to Ben's disappointment) Nathaniel, the one kid who just doesn't seem to fit in. Together, Nathaniel and Ben will travel farther than anyone has ever gone, down a winding road full of magic, wonder, and unexpected friendship.

J GN PICO, eBook

*Craft, Jerry. New Kid. 2019*

Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade. As he makes the daily trip from his Washington Heights apartment to the upscale Riverdale Academy Day School, Jordan soon finds himself torn between two worlds—and not really fitting into either one. Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his neighborhood friends and staying true to himself? 2020 Newbery Medal Winner.

J GN CRAFT, J GN Pop Now CRAFT, CD Audiobook, eBook, eAudiobook

*Palacio, R. J. **White Bird**. 2019*

In R. J. Palacio's collection of stories **Auggie & Me**, which expands on characters in **Wonder**, readers were introduced to Julian's grandmother, Grandmère. This is Grandmère's story as a young Jewish girl hidden away by a family in Nazi-occupied France during World War II told in graphic novel form.

J GN Pop Now PALACIO, CD Audiobook, eBook

*Pico, Thom. **Aster and the Accidental Magic**.*

Quiet . . . birds . . . nature . . . That's what Aster expects when her parents move their whole family to the middle of nowhere. It's just her (status: super-bored), her mom and dad (status: busy with science), her brother (status: has other plans), and . . . magic? In her new home, Aster meets a mysterious old woman with a herd of dogs who gives her a canine companion of her own. But when she and her dog Buzz are adventuring in the forest, they run into a trickster spirit who gives Aster three wishes. After wishing for the ability to understand and talk to her dog, she becomes only able to talk in dog language . . . and the trouble she gets into is just starting. Maybe the middle of nowhere will be more interesting than Aster thought.

J GN PICO

*Wang, Jen. **Stargazing**. 2019*

Moon is everything Christine isn't. She's confident, impulsive, artistic . . . and though they both grew up in the same Chinese-American suburb, Moon is somehow unlike anyone Christine has ever known. When Moon's family moves in next door to Christine's, Moon goes from unlikely friend to best friend—maybe even the perfect friend. The girls share their favorite music videos, paint their toenails when Christine's strict parents aren't around, and make plans to enter the school talent show together.

But when they're least expecting it, catastrophe strikes. After relying on Moon for everything, can Christine find it in herself to be the friend Moon needs?

J GN WANG, J GN Pop Now WANG, eBook

## Non-Fiction

*Alexander, Lori; illustrated by Vivien Mildenberger. **All in a Drop: How Antony van Leeuwenhoek Discovered an Invisible World**. 2019*

A full-color chapter book biography that shows how a self-taught scientist was the first to observe the microbial life in and around us. By building his own microscope, Antony van Leeuwenhoek advanced humanity's understanding of our oft-invisible world around us.

J BIO LEEUWENHOEK

*Bishop-Stevens, Will. How to Create Animation in 10 Easy Lessons. 2016*

In this new addition to the Super Skills series, children will master animation in 10 easy lessons! A professional animator teaches children 10 key skills to start creating their own 2-D and 3-D animations. Each stage is fully illustrated with step-by-step illustrations and photographs, from learning how to make a simple flip book to crafting a stop-motion film of their own claymation creations. With professional tips and practical techniques, this book helps young readers become expert animators in no time.

J 741.58 BISHOP-STEPHENS

*Hewitt, Ben; illustrated by Luke Boushee. The Young Adventurer's Guide to (Almost) Everything. 2019*

45 step-by-step, illustrated activities that teach kids everything from how to see like an owl to building the world's coolest fort from sticks.

J 796.083 HEWITT

*Jenkins, Martin. Exploring Space: From Galileo to the Mars Rover and Beyond. 2017*

For centuries, humans have looked up at the night sky and wondered what it's like deep in space, far from Earth — and now we've begun to find out. We've landed on the moon, put robots on Mars, and sent space probes billions of miles to explore the far reaches of our solar system. Told in richly detailed cutaway illustrations by Stephen Biesty, and friendly, engaging writing by Martin Jenkins, here is the enthralling story of how we made the great leap into space and what we've discovered there. Find out what life is like on the International Space Station, what the chances are that we will ever settle on Mars, where in the solar system we might find alien life, and why visiting other stars will almost certainly remain a dream. Budding astronomers, junior astronauts, and anyone who has ever gazed up at the stars in fascination will pore over this beautifully intricate yet accessible glimpse of the infinite wonders of space.

J 629.4 JENKINS

*Langston-George, Rebecca. For the Right to Learn: Malala Yousafzai's Story. 2016*

She grew up in a world where women were supposed to be quiet. But Malala Yousafzai refused to be silent. She defied the Taliban's rules, spoke out for education for every girl, and was almost killed for her beliefs. This powerful true story of how one brave girl changed the world proves that one person really can make a difference.

J BIO YOUSAFZAI, eBook

*Langston-George, Rebecca. The Booth Brothers 2018.*

A wanted man — Witness to history — Family and country divided — Actors and rivals — Plans and plots — A country reunited — A new plan executed — A hunted man — A brother burdened.

J 973.738 Langston, eBook

*Markle, Sandra. **The Great Penguin Rescue: Saving the African Penguins.** 2018.*

Despite South African government efforts to protect the penguin colonies and their ocean fish supply, young penguins still struggle to survive. Fuzzy chicks waiting for food in open nests may overheat in the sun or become prey. Others simply may not get enough food to survive on their own once their parents leave. But new conservation methods, including rescuing and hand-feeding vulnerable chicks, are giving experts hope. Can volunteers and scientists help save Africa's only penguins before it's too late?

J 598.47 MARKLE

*Minden, Cecelia. **Writing a Comic Book.** 2020*

Writing is an important skill that kids use almost every day. The goal of the Write it Right series is to make kids writing experts. **Writing a Comic Book** is full of tips and tricks to help kids create an out-of-this-world comic, from creating characters to telling a story.

*Minden, Cecelia. **Writing a Fairy Tale.** 2020*

Writing is an important skill that kids use almost every day. The goal of the Write it Right series is to make kids writing experts. **Writing a Fairy Tale** is full of tips and tricks to help kids craft a whimsical tale, from Once Upon a Time to Happily Ever After.

*Mizielińska, Aleksandra. **Under Water; Under Earth.** 2016*

Hundreds of fascinating facts are waiting to be unearthed in this book from Aleksandra and Daniel Mizieliński, the creative duo behind **Maps**. Find out what happens under the earth and under the water. From early submarines and deep-sea life, to burrowing animals and man-made tunnels — you will never look at the world in the same way again!

J 551 MIZIELINSKA

*Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux; illustrated by Gordon C James. **Let 'er Buck!: George Fletcher, the People's Champion.** 2019*

In 1911, three men were in the final round of the famed Pendleton Round-Up. One was white, one was Indian, and one was black. When the judges declared the white man the winner, the audience was outraged. They named black cowboy George Fletcher the "people's champion" and took up a collection, ultimately giving Fletcher far more than the value of the prize that went to the official winner. Award-winning author Vaunda Micheaux Nelson tells the story of Fletcher's unlikely triumph with a Western twang that will delight kids — and adults — who love true stories, unlikely heroes, and cowboy tales.

J BIO FLETCHER

*Petro-Roy, Jen. **You are Enough.** 2019*

This nonfiction self-help book for young readers with disordered eating and body image problems delivers real talk about eating disorders and body image, tools and information for recovery, and suggestions for dealing with the media messages that contribute so much to disordered eating.

J 616.8526

*Rea, Amy. **Mystery of the Roanoke Colonists.** 2016*

Get closer to solving the mystery of the Roanoke colonists and learn about leading theories, important clues, and study the evidence to develop your own conclusions about the disappearance of this group. Need more history? The *Mysteries of History* series examines different historical events that have not yet been explained. Find out what the experts think may have happened and decide for yourself what you think really happened.  
J 001.94 Mysteries

*Stine, Megan; illustrated by John Hinderliter. **Where are the Galapagos Islands?** 2017*  
The Galapagos Islands are a chain of volcanic islands located on either side of the equator in the Pacific Ocean. The isolated location of the islands has allowed a vast number of species to develop that are original to each island, such as the marine iguana, the blue-footed booby, the magnificent frigatebird and of course the giant Galapagos tortoise, which may live to be over 100 years old. Studied by Charles Darwin during his voyage on the *HMS Beagle*, the island life contributed to his groundbreaking theory of evolution. Today the islands are a popular tourist destination and a UNESCO World Heritage site. This book, part of the New York Times best-selling series, is enhanced by eighty illustrations and a detachable fold-out map complete with four photographs on the back.  
J 986.6075 STINE

*Weatherford, Carole Boston; illustrated by Michele Wood. **Box: Henry Brown Mails Himself to Freedom.** 2020*

In a moving, lyrical tale about the cost and fragility of freedom, a New York Times best-selling author and an acclaimed artist follow the life of a man who courageously shipped himself out of slavery.

*Wright, Adrienne. **Hector: A Boy, A Protest, and the Photograph that Changed Apartheid.** 2019*

On June 16, 1976, Hector Pieterse, an ordinary boy, lost his life after getting caught up in what was supposed to be a peaceful protest. Black South African students were marching against a new law requiring that they be taught half of their subjects in Afrikaans, the language of the White government. The story's events unfold from the perspectives of Hector, his sister, and the photographer who captured their photo in the chaos. Graphic novel style and mixed media art portray the vibrancy and grit of Hector's daily life and untimely death.

J BIO PIETERSON



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