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The Barren Grounds
Penguin

Robert Lowell once remarked in a letter to Elizabeth Bishop that "you ha[ve] always been my favorite poet and favorite friend." The feeling was mutual. Bishop said that

conversation with Lowell left her feeling "picked up again to the proper table-land of poetry," and she once begged him, "Please never stop writing me letters—they always manage to make me feel like my higher self (I've been re-reading Emerson) for several days." Neither ever stopped writing letters, from their first meeting in 1947 when

both were young, newly launched poets until Lowell's death in 1977. Presented in Words in Air is the complete correspondence between Bishop and Lowell. The substantial, revealing—and often very funny—interchange that they produced stands as a remarkable collective achievement, notable for its sustained

conversational brilliance of style, its wealth of literary history, its incisive snapshots and portraits of people and places, and its delicious literary gossip, as well as for the window it opens into the unfolding human and artistic drama of two of America's most beloved and influential poets.

You Hold Me Up Penguin
Grandmas fart. Teachers fart. Terrifying creatures fart. But . . . is there someone who DOESN'T fart? With sly humor, this fun picture book looks at a subject that's sure to

make children laugh: farting. With silent farts, farts like horns, and rainbow farts from unicorns, *Almost Everybody Farts* comically captures the gassy scene. And only one person insists she's fart-free: MOM! But is she? Kids will insist on reading this rhyming story again and again. "A playful, punchy paean to the pervasive poot." —Kirkus Reviews (Starred review)

Whose Poop Is That?
Random House Books for Young Readers
In this sneaky, silly picture

book for fans of Oliver Jeffers and Jon Klassen, an intrepid—but not so clever—space explorer is certain he's found the only living thing on Mars. A young astronaut is absolutely sure there is life to be found on Mars. He sets off on a solitary mission, determined to prove the naysayers wrong. But when he arrives, equipped with a package of cupcakes as a gift, he sees nothing but a nearly barren planet. Finally, he spies a single flower and packs it away to take back to Earth as

proof that there is indeed life on Mars. But as he settles in for the journey home, he cracks open his cupcakes—only to discover that someone has eaten them all!

Readers will love being in on the secret:

Unbeknownst to the explorer, a Martian has been wandering through the illustrations the whole time—and he got himself a delicious snack along the way.

The Princess and the Warrior Little, Brown Books for Young Readers
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brothers on a desperate trek. 72 hours before time runs out... The Lockwood brothers are supposed to be able to survive anything. Their dad, a hardcore believer in self-reliance, has stockpiled enough food and water at their isolated Nevada home to last for months. But when they are robbed of all their supplies during a massive blackout while their dad is out of town, John and Stew must walk 96 miles in the stark desert sun to get help. Along the way, they're forced to question their

dad's insistence on self-reliance and ask just what it is that we owe to our neighbors, to our kin, and to ourselves. From talented newcomer J. L. Esplin comes this story of survival and determination as two young brothers confront the unpredictability of human nature in the face of desperate circumstances. "A suspense thriller, survival story, and a story of the love between brothers. You'll turn the pages and be surprised again and again."—Gary D. Schmidt,

Newbery Honor Award-winning author of *The Wednesday Wars* “Fast-paced, believable, funny, and poignant. *96 Miles* is a great read from the first sentence to the surprising and satisfying ending. I give Esplin’s debut novel 100%. Don’t miss it!”—Roland Smith, New York Times bestselling author of *Peak* “Readers who enjoy realistic survival stories will not be able to put down Esplin’s debut.... Filled with survival techniques, danger, and overcoming realistic obstacles, this

story will have readers turning pages. A great choice for lovers of Gary Paulsen’s *Hatchet* or Roland Smith’s *Peak*.”—School Library Journal At the Publisher’s request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied. *Dogs!* Dragonfly Books Narnia meets traditional Indigenous stories of the sky and constellations in an epic middle grade fantasy series from award-winning author David Robertson. Morgan and Eli, two Indigenous

children forced away from their families and communities, are brought together in a foster home in Winnipeg, Manitoba. They each feel disconnected, from their culture and each other, and struggle to fit in at school and at their new home -- until they find a secret place, walled off in an unfinished attic bedroom. A portal opens to another reality, Askí, bringing them onto frozen, barren grounds, where they meet Ochek (Fisher). The only hunter supporting his starving

community, Misewa, Ochek welcomes the human children, teaching them traditional ways to survive. But as the need for food becomes desperate, they embark on a dangerous mission. Accompanied by Arik, a sassy Squirrel they catch stealing from the trapline, they try to save Misewa before the icy grip of winter freezes everything -- including them.

Almost Everybody

Farts Penguin

"Pollack follows up on his popular *Real Boys* (1998) by letting the subjects of

that book speak for themselves about the pressures and problems of modern male adolescence."--Booklist.

The Animal Family

Abrams

The zebra gallops, the bumblebee flies, the lemur leaps and the tiger prowls — "But look closer now ... We all have STRIPES!" This clever exploration of animal characteristics shows how each animal in diverse groups of four is completely different in many ways, but the same as the others in one

significant way. Again and again, readers will be surprised at how animal traits come in many fascinating varieties! Think you know what makes animals different ... and the same? Look close, it's right before your eyes!

Deep Learning Tilbury House Publishers and Cadent Publishing

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BESTSELLING

ILLUSTRATOR OF MATT DE LA PENA'S LOVE AND WATTY PIPER'S CLASSIC THE LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULD On the farm where

Otis the tractor lives, the farmer has introduced someone new—a scarecrow to shoo away the pesky crows. But when Otis and the animals greet the scarecrow with friendly smiles, the scarecrow's frown never leaves his face. So everyone leaves him alone. Then one day, when a cold autumn rain sets in, Otis and the animals snuggle close and play Otis's favorite game: the quiet game. Otis knows the puppy and ducks can't sit still for long, and soon the farm

friends begin to giggle and squirm, feeling warmed by one another's friendship . . . but on this day, Otis can't seem to take his eyes off the lonely figure in the cornfield. A deeply resonant book about subtle acts of compassion and standing up for others, featuring everyone's favorite tractor, Otis. Praise for OTIS AND THE SCARECROW: "Otis the tractor's goodhearted nature continues to shine in his fifth picture book." -Publishers Weekly

"Readers will enjoy this sixth tale of an admirable leader who does the right thing with quiet confidence." -Booklist
 "Teachers will see the connection between the lonely scarecrow and the outsider in the classroom and will be able to find many uses for this volume in the curriculum. Fans will enjoy this more cerebral Otis and might build a little empathy along the way." -Kirkus Reviews
 "Loren Long creates a perfect book for the beginning of the school year with "Otis and

the Scarecrow."--
Examiner.com
Big Cat, Little Cat Orca
Book Publishers
NEW YORK TIMES
BESTSELLER • Count your
way to sweet dreams with
help from The Wonder
Years/Great American
Family star, math whiz,
and author Danica
McKellar! This New York
Times bestselling bedtime
book with a math twist is
perfect both for getting
ready for bed and
learning at home. This
deceptively simple
bedtime book sneaks in
secret counting concepts

to help make your 2-5
year old smarter . . . and
by the end, sleepier! The
first in the McKellar Math
line, *Goodnight, Numbers*
gives your child the
building blocks for math
success. As children say
goodnight to the objects
all around them—three
wheels on a tricycle, four
legs on a cat—they will
connect with the real
numbers in their world
while creating cuddly
memories, night after
night. *Loving numbers* is
as easy as 1, 2, 3! "A
winner for bedtimes or
storytimes focusing on

counting." —School
Library Journal "The joys
of counting combine with
pretty art and homage to
Goodnight Moon."
—Kirkus

Opposite Surprise

HarperCollins
As the fiftieth anniversary
approaches, there's a
renewed interest in this
infamous 1955 murder
case, which made a
lasting mark on American
culture, as well as the
future Civil Rights
Movement. Chris Crowe's
IRA Award-winning novel
and his gripping, photo-
illustrated nonfiction work

are currently the only books on the teenager's murder written for young adults.

Life on Mars Penguin

From the former secretary of state and bestselling author -- a sweeping look at the global struggle for democracy and why America must continue to support the cause of human freedom. "This heartfelt and at times very moving book shows why democracy proponents are so committed to their work...Both supporters and skeptics of

democracy promotion will come away from this book wiser and better informed." -- The New York Times From the end of the Cold War and the collapse of the Soviet Union to the ongoing struggle for human rights in the Middle East, Condoleezza Rice has served on the front lines of history. As a child, she was an eyewitness to a third awakening of freedom, when her hometown of Birmingham, Alabama, became the epicenter of the civil rights movement for black

Americans. In this book, Rice explains what these epochal events teach us about democracy. At a time when people around the world are wondering whether democracy is in decline, Rice shares insights from her experiences as a policymaker, scholar, and citizen, in order to put democracy's challenges into perspective. When the United States was founded, it was the only attempt at self-government in the world. Today more than half of all countries qualify as

democracies, and in the long run that number will continue to grow. Yet nothing worthwhile ever comes easily. Using America's long struggle as a template, Rice draws lessons for democracy around the world -- from Russia, Poland, and Ukraine, to Kenya, Colombia, and the Middle East. She finds that no transitions to democracy are the same because every country starts in a different place. Pathways diverge and sometimes circle backward. Time frames for success vary

dramatically, and countries often suffer false starts before getting it right. But, Rice argues, that does not mean they should not try. While the ideal conditions for democracy are well known in academia, they never exist in the real world. The question is not how to create perfect circumstances but how to move forward under difficult ones. These same insights apply in overcoming the challenges faced by governments today. The pursuit of democracy is a

continuing struggle shared by people around the world, whether they are opposing authoritarian regimes, establishing new democratic institutions, or reforming mature democracies to better live up to their ideals. The work of securing it is never finished. NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
Hamster Princess: Harriet the Invincible
Astra Publishing House
This is the story of how, one by one, a man found himself a family. Almost nowhere in fiction is there a stranger, dearer, or

funnier family--and the life that the members of The Animal Family live together, there in the wilderness beside the sea, is as extraordinary and as enchanting as the family itself. 1966 Newbery Honor Book Best Illustrated Children's Book 1965 Year's Best Juvenile 1965 (NYT) *Words in Air* Little, Brown Books for Young Readers Hazel Nut and Wally Nut's playtime roll down a muddy hill turns into a hilarious chase when they get covered in so much muck that they get

bigger... and bigger... until they're big as ELEPHANTS! Can anyone help get the Nuts back down to size? Eric Litwin offers an upbeat and inspiring message: What do you do when you roll into trouble? Keep rolling! In the third book of the Nuts series, Eric Litwin's playful call-and-response rhymes and Scott Magoon's hilarious illustrations invite readers young and old to join in on the fun. Readers can go to TheNutFamily.com to learn the Keep Rolling song and dance along

with Eric!

Real Boys' Voices

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Encourage children to show love and support for each other and to consider each other's well-being in their everyday actions. Consultant, international speaker and award-winning author Monique Gray Smith wrote *You Hold Me Up* to prompt a dialogue among young people, their care providers and educators about reconciliation and the importance of the connections children

make with others. With vibrant illustrations from celebrated artist Danielle Daniel, this is a foundational book about building relationships, fostering empathy and encouraging respect between peers, starting with our littlest citizens. [Zora and Me](#) MIT Press
Corinne La Mer claims she isn't afraid of anything. Not scorpions, not the boys who tease her, and certainly not jumbies. They're just tricksters made up by parents to frighten their children. Then one night Corinne

chases an agouti all the way into the forbidden forest, and shining yellow eyes follow her to the edge of the trees. They couldn't belong to a jumbie. Or could they? When Corinne spots a beautiful stranger at the market the very next day, she knows something extraordinary is about to happen. When this same beauty, called Severine, turns up at Corinne's house, danger is in the air. Severine plans to claim the entire island for the jumbies. Corinne must call on her courage and

her friends and learn to use ancient magic she didn't know she possessed to stop Severine and to save her island home.

Dragons in a Bag
Algonquin Books

The dragon's out of the bag in this diverse, young urban fantasy from an award-winning author! When Jaxon is sent to spend the day with a mean old lady his mother calls Ma, he finds out she's not his grandmother--but she is a witch! She needs his help delivering baby dragons

to a magical world where they'll be safe. There are two rules when it comes to the dragons: don't let them out of the bag, and don't feed them anything sweet. Before he knows it, Jax and his friends Vikram and Kavita have broken both rules! Will Jax get the baby dragons delivered safe and sound? Or will they be lost in Brooklyn forever? AN ALA-ALSC NOTABLE CHILDREN'S BOOK AN NPR BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR A CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR A KIRKUS REVIEWS BEST

BOOK OF THE YEAR The Dragons in a Bag series continues! Don't miss The Dragon Thief, and coming in Spring 2022, The Witch's Apprentice.

In My Heart Twelve A 2018 Caldecott Honor book There was a cat who lived alone. Until the day a new cat came . . . And so a story of friendship begins, following the two cats through their days, months, and years until one day, the older cat has to go. And he doesn't come back. This is a poignant story, told in measured text and bold

black-and-white illustrations about the act of moving on.

The Read Aloud Handbook
Chronicle Books

Jika hanya diberikan 30 menit untuk berhadapan dengan anak-anak, hal terbaik apa yang bisa Anda lakukan? Tanyakan pada Jim Trelease dan pasti dia akan menjawab, "Membacakan buku dengan nyaring." Membacakan buku, selain sebagai sumber informasi dan imajinasi, juga mampu mempererat ikatan antara orangtua dan anak. Teknik

membaca nyaring (read loud) juga terbukti meningkatkan kemampuan dalam membaca, menulis, berbicara, dan mendengar, serta menambah kegairahan anak-anak dalam belajar apa pun. Selama lebih dari tiga dekade, buku ini telah membantu jutaan orangtua, guru, dan anak-anak, membuat anak-anak menemukan kenikmatan membaca dan menjadikan mereka seorang pembaca seumur hidupnya. Kini, buku edisi revisinya dilengkapi

dengan hasil penelitian terbaru, termasuk pembelajaran digital yang sesuai dengan perkembangan teknologi saat ini. [Mizan, Noura Books, Literatur, Parenting, Hobby, Relationship, Insoirated, Indonesia]

Mixed: A Colorful Story
Henry Holt and Company (BYR)

With minimal prose and joyful illustrations, acclaimed artist and author Jorey Hurley tells the story of a year in the life of a frog family. From tadpole to froglet to frog,

there is more to a frog's life that can be clearly seen. Filled with stunning illustrations and only one word on each spread, Jorey Hurley's vibrant picture book tells the story of a day in the life of a frog family, above and below the pond.

Elatsoe "O'Reilly Media, Inc."

Eleanor Estes's *The Hundred Dresses* won a Newbery Honor in 1945 and has never been out of print since. At the heart of the story is Wanda Petronski, a Polish girl in a Connecticut school who is

ridiculed by her classmates for wearing the same faded blue dress every day. Wanda claims she has one hundred dresses at home, but everyone knows she doesn't and bullies her mercilessly. The class

feels terrible when Wanda is pulled out of the school, but by that time it's too late for apologies. Maddie, one of Wanda's classmates, ultimately decides that she is "never going to stand by and say nothing again." This

powerful, timeless story has been reissued with a new letter from the author's daughter Helena Estes, and with the Caldecott artist Louis Slobodkin's original artwork in beautifully restored color.

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