

KIDS SUMMER READING PICKS

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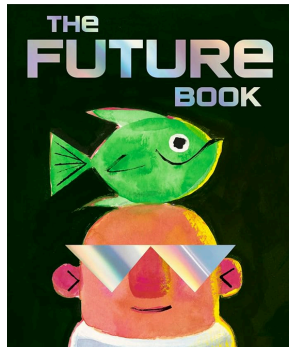
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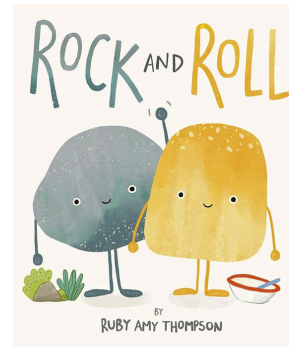
Serafina Makes Waves
by Matthew Burgess



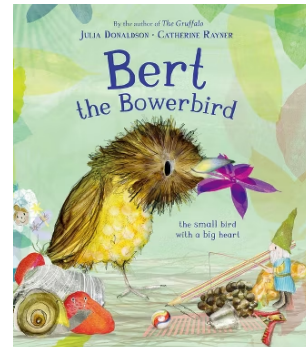
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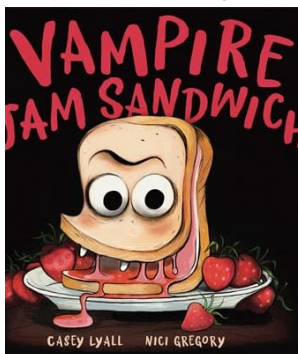
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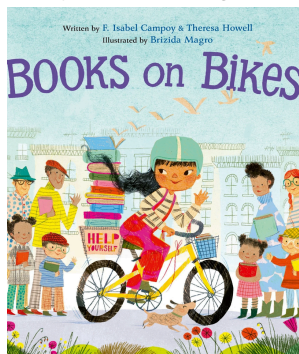
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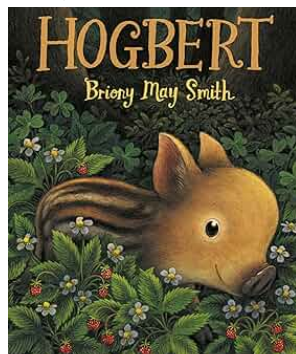
Bert the Bowerbird
by Julia Donaldson



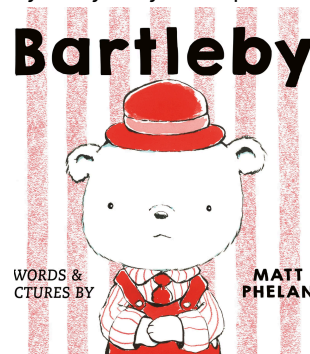
Vampire Jam Sandwich
by Casey Lyall



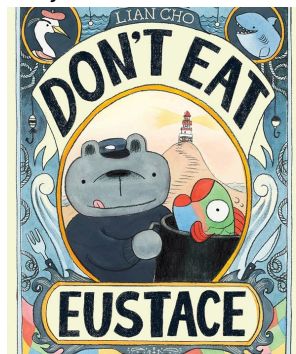
Books on Bikes
by F. Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell



Hogbert
by Briony May Smith

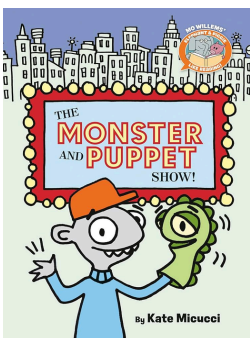


Bartleby
by Matt Phelan

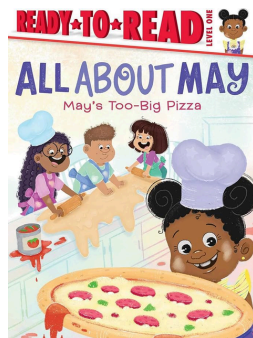


Don't Eat Eustace
by Lian Cho

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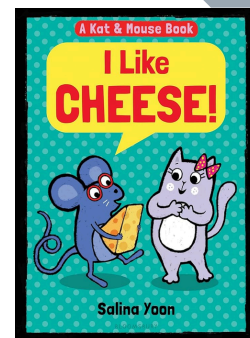
The Monster and Puppet Show
by Kate Micucci



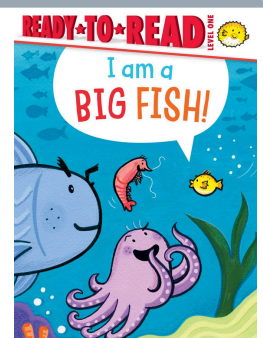
May's Too-Big Pizza
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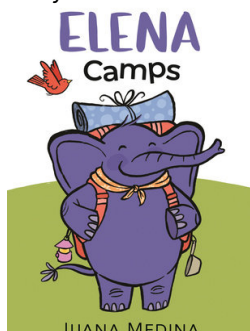
Bad Banana
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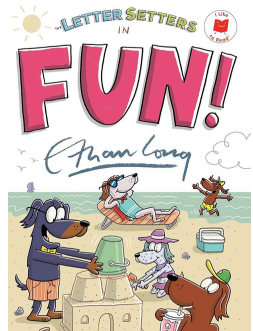
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by Salina Yoon



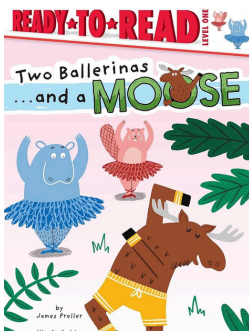
I am a Big Fish
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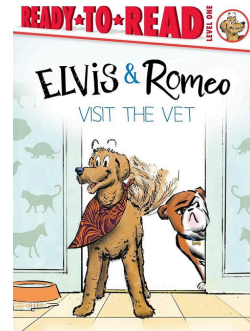
Elena Camps
by Juana Medina



The Letter Setters in Fun!
by Ethan Long



Two Ballerinas...and a Moose
by James Preller



Elvis and Romeo Visit the Vet
by David Soman and Jacky Davis



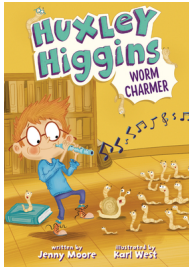
The Beach Day
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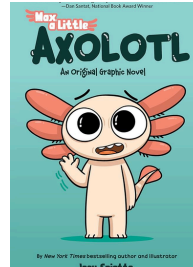
FIRST CHAPTER BOOKS AND GRAPHIC NOVELS



Huxley Higgins, Worm Charmer
by Jenny Moore

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Huxley Higgins is a 7 year old who wants to help his grandfather in the garden, but his overactive imagination leads to all sorts of hijinks. *Amelia Bedilia* misunderstanding meets *Calvin and Hobbes* make-believe.



Max, a Little Axolotl
by Joey Spiotto

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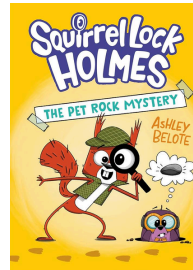
When Max the Axolotl's home is ruined by human development, he is relocated to an aquarium...and he does not like it. All the other animals make a shy axolotl anxious and school is so stressful. But when he has to go into the Cave of the Water Monster, he learns that maybe the aquarium life isn't so bad.



Super Villains in Training: The Fantastic Freeze Ray
by Kailei Pew

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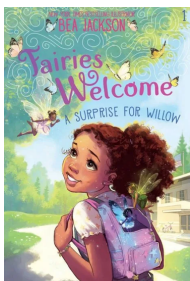
Vicky von Evil is on a mission to become the world's worst super villain, but first she needs to make it through villain school. Being evil is harder than it looks, school is stressful, and her family might be too nice for an aspiring villain. Can she persevere and pass the ultimate villain test?



Squirrel Lock Holmes: The Pet Rock Mystery
by Ashley Belote

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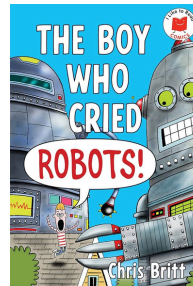
When Reggie the Rabbit's pet rock goes missing, Squirrel Lock Holmes and her faithful mole Watson are on the case! Silliness ensues as the trio retraces Reggie's steps and interviews witnesses in the pun-filled quest to find Dwayne the rock.



Fairies Welcome: A Surprise for Willow
by Bea Jackson

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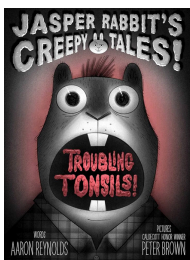
When her human friend Willow has anxiety about stage fright before a school performance, Lily the fairy flies into action. Recruiting her fairy friends, they set off to surprise Willow at school. But will the fairies be safe in the great big world?



The Boy Who Cried Robots
by Chris Britt

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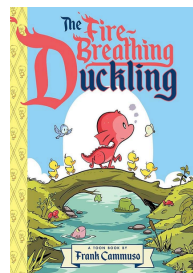
Sam is always telling fibs and his friends and family are tired of it. So one day when he decides he needs a day off from school, he calls in claiming that robots are attacking his home. When the secretary takes him seriously, things get out of hand with the fire department, news anchors, ambulances, and astronauts getting involved.



Jasper Rabbit's Creepy Tales: Troubling Tonsils
by Aaron Reynolds

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Jasper Rabbit from *Creepy Carrots* is back to tell the tale of Charlie Marmot who needs his tonsils removed. But when Charlie goes in for surgery, his tonsils are nowhere to be found and now sinister happenings are afoot. A silly introduction to scary books.

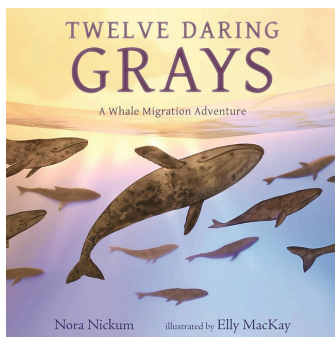


The Fire Breathing Duckling
by Frank Cammuso

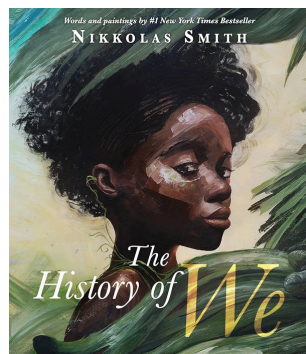
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When a (not-quite) duckling discovers that he may be different from Mama Duck's other children, he goes on a quest to figure out what kind of duck he might be. But when his duck family and woodland friends are in trouble, will he be able to interrupt his journey in order to save them?

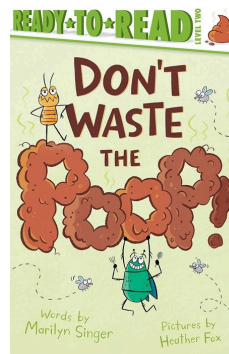
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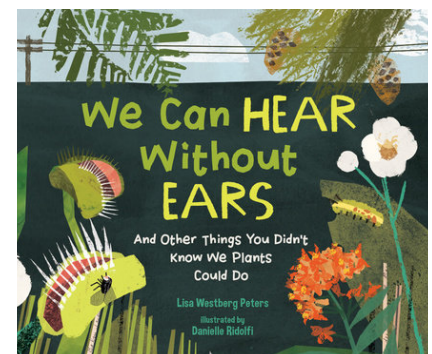
Twelve Daring Grays
by Nora Nickum



The History of We
by Nikkolas Smith



Don't Waste the Poop
by Marilyn Singer



We Can Hear Without Ears
by Lisa Westberg Peters

