Have you ever heard the weirdly compelling tales about mothman? Or maybe you’ve seen a cartoon drawing of him and gone, “Aww, he looks kind of cute”, because I know I have. Perhaps you’ve heard tell of The Flying Dutchman (either from listening to the shanties of a rugged old sea captain or watching Spongebob), or heard about the UFOs in Roswell. If you have, then The Big Book of Mysteries by Tom Adams & Yas Imamura is the tell-all for you! This comprehensive list of everything unexplainable concisely explains the origin stories of most of the world’s known mysteries, from poltergeists to El Dorado to what happened to Amelia Earhart. And if you haven’t, great news! Here’s your chance to read a cutely-illustrated Guide to Conspiracy Theories. I’ve got to say that my favorite tales here are The Mapimi Silent Zone, The Jersey Devil, and The whole Alien Evidence section. Read on if you love a good mystery, a gripping rumor, or just feel most at home in the space where the illogical and possible intersect.

The first book, Into The Game, introduces Ash Kapoor at her new school. She meets some new friends along the way: Morgan, a Minecraft lover, Jodi, his little sister, Po, a school basketball player, and Harper, a girl who loves to learn. Their science teacher, Doc Culpepper, invents VR goggles that can put them INTO the game. But, it’s more dangerous than they think....

In the second book, Night Of The Bats, the five kids battle to protect their Minecraft village. And, someone, or something, stole the sixth headset. They also have a bat problem at their school. Will they solve the bat issue? Find the VR headset thief?

In the third book, Deep Dive, the five friends have a big Minecraft sea adventure, and a coral science project at their school! In Minecraft, it’s all smooth sailing. They see many different creatures, and find a map! But, soon the odds aren't stacking up. At school, someone is trying to sabotage the coral project. Harper tries to find out who it is.

Read the full series to see what happens!

Acorn Doughnuts

For this recipe, you will need:
- Glazed doughnuts
- Chocolate frosting or melted chocolate
- Chocolate sprinkles
- Mini pretzels

Step 1: Dip top of doughnuts into the chocolate frosting or melted chocolate.
Step 2: Roll in the sprinkles.
Step 3: Insert a small pretzel stick into the top of the doughnut holes.

ENJOY!
When’s the last time you heard a really good scary story? I mean, something that actually had you jumping out of your seat? Reading something that’s blood curdling is rare- it can be a little tricky to balance a chilling, exciting feeling of fear with an equally interesting plot and scary stuff that isn’t so severe you’ll be leaving on a protective nightlight in your room for the next month. Fortunately, perfectly striking that balance is what Alvin Schwartz does so well in his classic series *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark*. These are a collection of frightening tales adapted from folklore all over the world! They’re often organized in categories such as funny-scary stories, ghost stories, and scary-scary stories. I’ve always really enjoyed these tales for how they get to the point in a short amount of time, creating worlds, compelling characters, and horrifying forces all in roughly four pages. The plots range from silly stories of haunted moving chairs to a tale involving spiders, having a large red spot on your face, and well, I’m not going to spoil the end for you but let’s just say that I first read this story when I was 8 or 9 years old and 10 years later, the outcome of that particular story sticks in my mind whenever I come across a bunch of spiders. Moving on, read all three books of Alvin Schwartz’s *Scary Stories To Tell in the Dark* for maximum scares, fun, and gruesome memories that’ll hopefully only have you keeping that nightlight on for a week!
SPOOKY READ!
BY BELLA
ILLUSTRATION BY CHARLIE

A-Z Mysteries: Sleepy Hollow Sleepover
by Ron Roy

Sleepy Hollow Sleepover takes place on Halloween. Josh, Dink, and Ruth Rose are in Tarrytown for a big Halloween party and a haunted hayride. While on their stay, they find out about The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, and the story of the ‘Headless Horseman’. But, while at the party, something strange happens. Will the three of them find out the cause of all the suspicious behavior?

SOOOO CUTE!
BY IZZY

In Sean Charmatz’s adorably drawn story Bubblecat vs. Dragonbear, a little cat-shaped bubble-aptly named Bubblecat- goes through life desperately avoiding anything sharp. He can’t climb up to high places, for fear that he’ll fall and pop. He can’t walk through areas filled with treacherous traps such as sticks or cacti, even if the cacti are very friendly. But most of all, he absolutely can’t encounter anyone with sharp edges. So when Bubblecat accidentally runs into the irritable, spiky Dragonbear, he thinks he’s a goner. But as Dragonbear chases Bubblecat across all kinds of landscapes, our protagonist may just realize he isn’t quite as fragile as he thought, and that even creatures who seem scary deserve an open mind. The cartoons are charming and the settings are all beautifully photorealistic - what’s not to love about Bubblecat and Dragonbear?
A MUST WATCH!
BY CALEB

Avatar the Last Airbender

This American anime/cartoon series is jam-packed full of action and adventure for everyone 7+. The show focuses on Aang, a 12-year-old airbender and the avatar, after being trapped in an iceberg for 100 years Aang wakes to find 2 southern water tribe children and a war. Aang and his friends, Katara and Sokka, go on adventures across the earth kingdom, water tribe, and fire nation where Aang makes two new friends, Toph, an earthbender, and Zuko, a firebender. Aang also masters all 4 elements, water, earth, fire, and air. The show has 3 seasons and ends after Aang defeats fire lord Ozai.

I’M RIDDLES
BY CHARLIE

A: I’m cold and taste good you bring me out at summer... what am I?

B: I’m warm and taste good when you bring me out on Thanksgiving... what am I?

C: I grow out of the ground you water me and I’m colorful... what am I?

D: I’m colorful and you use me on paper... what am I?

*answers on page with the maze

GO HERE!
BY CHARLIE

Oogie Games

Oogie games is a game store and there is some stuff like systems, tons of games for Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo, and Sega and it’s really cheap. The cheapest is like $5.00. And there’s a case with games that are still boxed or old Zelda and others. It’s on Sheridan.
There once was a great kingdom, known for its splendor. But over time, the kingdom fell into shambles. The villagers were poor in way of things and spirit. Their king was very ashamed of his kingdom. One day, an old man came to the king, and gave him a spyglass. The king looked through the spyglass at his kingdom. Soon, the kingdom was made great again. What did the king see? Read the book to find out!

Blaze and the Lost Quarry by C.W. Anderson is about an old man telling Billy about a lost quarry. So, Billy, along side his horse, Blaze, set out on an adventure. But, on the way back, he finds something...

Want to know some history of Canada? What are the names of the natives that live in Canada? What sports do Canadians like? Well, all those questions and more can be answered in this book! It talks about the Canadian people, culture, and much more!

Our Neighbor to the North!

Read the book to find out!
COLOR-O-RAMA!

BY BELLA

JOKE BREAK!

Why did an old man fall into the well?
He couldn’t see that well!
UPCOMING MOVIES!

BY BELLA

Here are a couple family-friendly movies coming out soon!

Wonka: An origin story of how Willy Wonka came to be. Comes out December 15th (Fantasy, Musical, Adventure)

Migration: A family of ducks convince their worrying father to migrate and see the world. Comes out December 22nd (Comedy, Animation, Adventure)

Are you going to go see them?

JOKE BREAK!
Knock, knock
Who’s there?
Lettuce
Lettuce who?
Lettuce in, it’s cold outside!

I’M RIDDLES (ANSWERS)

A. Popsicles
B. Turkey
C. Flowers
D. Crayons (this had a lot of options)
Turkey Monster Thanksgiving
by Anne Warren Smith

Katie’s family celebrates Thanksgiving differently than other families. She, her dad, and younger brother eat pizza and watch TV for Thanksgiving. But, after her ‘perfectionist’ neighbor, Claire, plans on holding a grand Thanksgiving dinner; Katie questions if her family is a ‘real’ family if they don’t do a big Thanksgiving dinner...

The Very First Thanksgiving Day
by Rhonda Gowler Greene

This book is about the trip the pilgrims took to get to America, the Natives they met, and their first Thanksgiving.

An Outlaw Thanksgiving
by Emily Arnold McCully

Sometime in the 1890s, Clara and her mother are on a train to get to Clara’s father, who is in Utah, in time for Thanksgiving. But they’re stuck with everyone else on the train, because of a lot of snow. Will a stranger, MR. Jones, help them get to Clara’s father in time for Thanksgiving?
Nyeh hahaha! As the full moon of spooky season shines brightly in the sky—wait, too much? Sorry. As Halloween rounds the corner, you might be pondering which FAMILY FRIENDLY scary movies or TV shows you should watch, especially if you’re planning the scariest costume of all time and need some inspiration. Well, a spook series I’ve been watching well before the start of October is the animated show Tales from the Cryptkeeper. This is a cartoon adaptation of the classic live action horror series, Tales From the Crypt, narrated again by the iconically skeletal Cryptkeeper. In this version, the Cryptkeeper has a very similar job, telling scary stories about people—mostly younger kids—running into ghosts, vampires, zombies, werewolves, et cetera, and undergoing Scooby-Doo levels of ridiculous mischief to defeat them. The et cetera episode was the most terrifying one, though, especially since by the end, nobody even knew what that was! The Cryptkeeper makes very fun themed puns around each episode, and there’s a moral at the end of every scary story. Don’t be a bully or the kid you’re picking on will turn into a werewolf and chase you, don’t steal or a werewolf, vampires, and Frankenstein will chase you... you know, the basics. The intro tune alone is evilly catchy—trust me. If you liked My Little Pony or Scooby-Doo, why not try out its spooky, fun, terrifyingly principled fusion! Tales from the Cryptkeeper is available in the library system for a chilling Halloween watch.
WHAT’S A FRENCHMAN’S FAVORITE BREAKFAST?
French toast!