Somewhere in the Bayou
by Jarrett Pumphrey

Four swamp animals looking to cross a river come upon a log that is occupied by a tail. The tail is in the way and the youngest sibling is the wisest for he passes the log and helps the tail unlike his unsuccessful siblings. (Review by Evan)

Something's Wrong
by Jory John and Erin Kraan illustrator

A bear says something went wrong. He did everything, he feels odd. I love the book! It is so good. The odd thing is the bear is wearing underwear. (Review by Elena)

Those Are Not My Underpants
by Melissa Martin

This a really silly and fun book. So it’s basically a bear found a pair of underwear so he searched and asked everyone and they all told him no and showed him what their underwear looked like. So when headed home thinking the underwear belonged to no one his mom saw him with them in his hands and … Find out what happens by reading the book. (Review by Grailey)
TRY THIS BOOK!

BY GEORGE

Hey, do you enjoy building LEGO? Do you wanna make cool mini-builds out of parts you may have on hand? Well, I’d completely recommend, The Big Book of Amazing LEGO Creations With Bricks You Already Have by Sarah Dees. It has over 75 new builds that you can easily build with step by step instructions. It includes different genres such as vehicles, robots, fantasy, games, and much more. All of the builds look really good and don't require a lot of parts.

TRY THIS BOOK!

BY WILLOW

Absurd Words by Tara Lazar

Have you wanted to elevate your speech above the mundane chatter of the ordinary world? Or perhaps integrate bizarre, fantastic words like pusillanimous, dactylogram, and hemidemisemiquaver into your vocabulary? Then look no farther than Absurd Words, the funniest compilation of bizarre language out there! With bright colors and entertaining definitions, this reference book will make your search for synonyms fun rather than tedious. If you have a desire to expand your knowledge and defy conversation convention, Absurd Words is for you!

DON'T EAT BEES

BY EVAN

Chip the “smart” dog knows how to dig a hole for 30 bones or 30 holes one bone in each. He especially knows what to eat and what not to. Do eat socks, don’t eat bees. Do eat important papers, don’t eat bees. Do eat the giant bird cooked at Thanksgiving, don’t eat bees. Do eat the cat’s food, don’t eat bees. Until one day... no bees no sir, never, ever, GULP one less bee in the world.
READ THIS!
BY NOAH

I would recommend a book called Big Nate. There are two kinds- Big Nate and The Complete Big Nate. They are both really funny and have the same character. Big Nate has 8 books- they are good, I really like them. The Complete Big Nate has 19 books. I really like them, they are just like Big Nate- really good and funny. The place I like to read it is on the Sora app and if someone is reading it you can place a hold and read a different one.

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DINO-MITE!
SO COOL! DINOS
BY IZZY

I think that we can all agree that dinosaurs are one of, if not the, coolest animals ever. These giant dragon-lookalikes have gotten the press they rightfully deserve- any movie is immediately improved with the inclusion of dinos. But while books and movies often capture the fantasy and wonder of dinosaurs, these terrible lizards are often separated from their scientific roots, which can be even more exciting! The book So Cool! Dinos by the National Geographic captures the coolness of dinosaurs, of course, but it also mentions that not only are dinosaurs descended from birds, but that they may have practiced mating dances like birds do. These astonishing reptiles are instantly unearthed and brought to life by the bright colors on each page. I would recommend this book to any dinosaur-lover out there, or to anyone who wants to broaden their knowledge on the greatest reptiles to ever walk the Earth- or the sky or water.

JUST JOKING
BY CJ & GRAISON

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TRY THIS BOOK!
BY ANONYMOUS

A Boy Called BAT
by Elana K. Arnold

A fun story about a boy, a baby skunk, and his adorable family. This book follows a young boy named Bixby as he finds his way in a world not quite built for his awesome neurodivergent self. He discovers how to make a friend and even advocate for himself when others in his world don’t quite understand. Written for elementary and middle grade readers ages 6-10.

SUMMER LOVE!
BY IZZY

Valentine’s Day can be a complicated holiday—romance, friendships, buying the right amount of cards (or making them, if you’re ambitious). But Valentine’s Day is even trickier for Goop, a slime brought to life by prodigal slime scientist Victoria Franken. As Victoria starts making the necessary Valentine’s preparations, she notices that while she has lots of friends to celebrate with, Goop doesn’t have any friends besides her. So she sets out to create new friends for her creation, with the help of her canine lab assistant, Igor. Valenslime has the most creative and colorful mad slime science story I’ve ever read (and the only mad slime science story I’ve ever read). I especially liked the recipes for real slime at the end!

GREAT GRAPHIC NOVEL!
BY NORA

Took by Mary Downing Hahn

13-year old Daniel Anderson isn’t thrilled about his parents forcing him to move to West Virginia and he’s even less thrilled when he sees the dilapidated house that’s going to be his new home, which is surrounded by an ominous woods and looks like it’s been taken straight out of the pages of a gothic horror novel. His situation gets even worse when the local kids tell him stories of a ghost witch who lives up on the hill by his house, with her man-eating razorback hog, Bloody Bones, who kidnaps little girls. Daniel dismisses this as just superstition at first but becomes more concerned as his little sister Erica becomes increasingly reserved and withdrawn. When she goes missing, however, he realizes that the legends must be true. His sister has been taken by the witch. This book is a graphic-novel adaptation of Mary Downing Hahn’s 2015 novel. It is creepy and exciting and a great introduction to the horror genre for young readers.
I like Roblox! You can play it with a friend and it has lots of games in it. I like the game and I like a game inside of it is called Adopt Me. You can get a pet by doing the things it tells you and you can trade pets and you get eggs by getting money. You have to do what it says to get money and you can get a legendary pet if you are lucky. My favorite animal in the game is the Red Panda.
The Royal Diaries is a series of books where each one acts as the fictional diary of a real, historical female royal during their childhood years. I read it originally when I was pretty young and I think I can credit it for being what really sparked my interest in history. Almost every famous European queen or princess has a diary, including Elizabeth I of England, the infamous Marie Antoinette of France, and the Grand Duchess Anastasia Romanov, who was killed, along with her entire family during the Russian Revolution. However, the diaries also spotlight a number of non-European famous women, surprising since they were written in the 90’s. Seondok, the first queen of Korea, has a diary and so does Queen Nzingha, who is famous for resisting Portuguese colonization and protecting and rescuing her people from the slave trade in 17th century Africa. I highly recommend these books for any kid who is interested in history, because while I can’t speak for their historical accuracy, I can ensure that they are very enjoyable.
Blast Off! How Mary Sherman Morgan Fueled America into Space

A story of hope and perseverance, Blast Off! follows the life and work of Mary Sherman Morgan, America’s first female rocket scientist. As Mary goes from a girl growing up on a farm to a revolutionary chemist blazing a trail in the male-dominated field of space exploration, her journey is illustrated with vibrant pictures, and shows that if you believe in your own ability, you can accomplish anything.

The Kid’s World Factbook

The Kid’s World Factbook is, essentially, exactly what it sounds like. A book containing a small variety of facts about every single country in the world, from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe, all verified by the C.I.A. If you’ve ever wondered what the capital of Saint Barthelemy is or about the demographic makeup of Macedonia, this book is for you. It was also just published in 2021, meaning most of the information is still fairly accurate. Check it out today!

POLL-A-RAMA: WHO’S YOUR FAVORITE

By Graison & CJ
COLOR-O-RAMA!

BY GRAILEY
YOU HAVE TO WATCH THIS!:
TURNING RED
BY GRAILEY

Have y'all seen Turning Red? If not, where have you been? I'm not going to write a review about the movie but about the boy band in the movie 4★Town. Soooo, omg I am like melting inside. Tae Young reminds me of Jimin from BTS. I mean look up Tae Young and Jimin and tell me they don't look alike oh wait you can't. So back to the boy band has like a 2000 vibes (which it should since the movies set in the year 2002). The boy band has 5 members (why are they called 4★Town if they have 5 members?).Originally from Toronto, Robaire the leader of 4★Town for a reason. He can sing, he can dance and he will eventually have successful solo career, but until then, he is content to jam on the tour bus with his four best friends. Aaron Z. is the strongest dancer of the group and comes up with most their dance moves. Aaron T. acrobatic, fast talking, and a natural comedian, “T” is always there to break the tension when life on the road gets tense. Jesse The oldest member of 4★Town, was in art school pursuing a degree in ceramics before the band took off. When the fame starts getting in his head, throwing clay on his potter's wheel and spending time with his two kids brings him back to earth. Last but not least the youngest member of 4★Town a lover of animals, Tae Young is dedicated to wildlife rehabilitation and has personally fostered injured doves between tours. This all according to their website.

FORTNITE
BY NOAH

I recommend for you to play a game called Fortnite. It is fun to play with your friend or by yourself and there are many types of game modes on it. What you need to play it is a Ps4, Xbox or a Pc/Laptop. Why I like it is because it is a fighting game, building game, and you can get kinds of people/skins.
TRY THIS BOOK!

BY EVAN

The Couch Potato
by Jory John
The couch potato becomes overwhelmed by screens and eventually figures out that there is more to the world than screens. He figures this out when he gets a camera to see what his reaction is when he is watching T.V. When he tries to plug it in, it blacked out his room and the couch potato had to open the curtains to see anything. It was brighter than he remembered, so he decided to take his dog Tater for a walk and decided to sit under a tree. After that experience he decided to play outside with them more often. Check out The Couch Potato!

WE ASKED YOU!

BY ELENA

We asked people what their favorite game was—here are their answers!

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