Mister Kitty Is Lost
by Greg Pizzoli

Have any of you guys seen Mr. Kitty? In Greg Pizzoli’s construction-papery, hide and seek game of a picture book, a girl, her dog, and all of us have been tasked with finding her missing cat. As we collect clues as to Mr. Kitty’s appearance, looking low and high with often bizarre results, our expectations are constantly challenged, and things are always just a little bit different than they seem. But despite alligators, elephants, and monkeys galore, even the search for Mr. Kitty may turn out better than we might think! **Mister Kitty is Lost!** is a cute, stylish, and surprising tale that I very much enjoyed following. (Review by Izzy)

The Flamingo
by Guojing

This is a very beautifully illustrated and written book. The story is about a girl who visits her grandmother and is told a story about how this girl found a flamingo egg, raised it, and eventually had to say goodbye to her friend. The girl throughout the story imagines what the grandmother tells her and it leads to some amazing art. In the present time, everything is mostly gray except for things colored in red which stand out from the imagination scenes where everything is extremely colorful. All in all an amazing book full of great illustrations and a good story! (Review by George)
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THE UNLUCKY LEPRECHAUN POEM

BY MAXINE

There once, was a leprechaun
Who had a bad day.

He was having fun,
Until he was forced to eat some hay.

His friends, who were not all kind,
Were throwing a party

But the leprechaun showed up tardy!

He went to bed, filled with dread,
And read a book to clear his head.

THIS BOOK ROCKS!

BY IZZY

Rocks and Minerals
by John Farndon, illustrated by Shiho Pate

Have you ever seen a rock on the ground
somewhere and desperately wanted to
know where it came from? Asking yourself,
endlessly, why that piece of gravel on the
street looked like it had fragments of other
rocks inside of it? Looking at pictures of
volcanoes erupting and wondering what
happens to the lava and magma that flows
out? John Farndon and Shiho Pate, the
author and illustrator of Animated Science:
Rocks and Minerals, understand your very
common plight. Their book offers concise
descriptions of the different types of rocks,
their categories, and the minerals that
compose them! Plus, the personified
cartoon rock illustrations add a lively
charisma to each geode, mineral, and gem,
digging beneath the surface of a seemingly
boring subject to find what sparkles
beneath.

FOR CURIOUS MINDS

BY IZZY

In Anne Rooney’s awesome timeline Visual Timelines Science: Inventions and
Discoveries Year By Year, she catalogs every major scientific discovery and invention. We
start in the Prehistoric Period with things like seedless banana cultivation and tools,
going to the Era of Innovation with the wheel and a “pig toilet” in 200 BCE China where
you’d put a pig in a well under your toilet so the pig eats the waste and later you eat the
pig, and finally to our most recent inventions like Artificial Intelligence, genetically
engineered fish that glow, and thankfully infectious bacteria vaccines that mark our
scientific achievement since the pig toilet. Enjoy a blast through our curious past!
WOOF! THERE IT IS!
BY IZZY

Wonder Dogs!
by Linda Ashman, illustrated by Karen Obuhanych

Wonder Dogs! is a sweet, funny, and all too true chronicle of the dogs of the world, and the significant role they play in their families’ lives, no matter who they are. Colorful pups race through agility courses across these pages, do rescue work, inspect cargo, guard families, and help guide people who need them. This book also depicts dogs doing jobs I had no idea about, like inspecting museums for pests that may have traveled with artifacts! Though the dog telling this story doesn’t have any special skills- in fact, he might be a little bit of a troublemaker. But the little girl who’s his family wouldn’t trade his earnest love for anything, and to her this little puppy is just as special.
**MIDDLE GRADE READ!**

**BY MAXINE**

**The Graveyard Book**

by Neil Gaiman

Okay, so this book is about— you probably already guessed this- murder. Mostly. No, more like partially. Okay, whatever I’m getting off track here. So here’s the beginning. On a cold, dark night a man named Jack murders a mother, a father, and a daughter. His final target is a baby boy whose room is at the top of the family home. When he reaches the baby’s crib he finds a stuffed teddy bear in the boy’s place. The boy, having escaped his crib earlier that evening, makes his way up the hill and into the graveyard. He is found by two ghosts, Mr. and Mrs. Owens, who wondered how he ended up there. The boy’s dead mother appears before them and begs them to protect her child. Jack enters the graveyard but is taken away by a shadowy stranger named Silas. That evening, the ghosts of the graveyard deliberate what to do with the child. Eventually, the Lady on the Grey, who shows up for every person’s death, gives her blessing and the child is given the Freedom of the Graveyard. Mr. and Mrs. Owens name the little boy Nobody Owens, because he looks like nobody but himself.

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**READ THIS!**

**BY CONNOR**

**The Land of Stories**

by Chris Colfer

The Land of Stories is a fun and thrilling story of two kids named Alex and Conner who get sucked into a fairytale book. Things have been going wrong for these twins. Their dad has died, they had to move, and their birthday is coming up. But things change when their grandma comes for their birthday and Alex gets a book of fairy tales that start humming. Soon the book opens and things can drop into it and a bird comes out. Now Alex and Conner go into the book which is full of fairy tale characters who are following their story. But they now need the ingredients for the wishing spell but the evil queen is after them too. If you liked this review read this book!
**ANIMAL BOOK!**

**BY IZZY**

![Destiny Finds Her Way: How a Rescued Baby Sloth Learned to Be Wild](image)

by Margarita Engle

My favorite sloth of all time ever in the world is Destiny, and by the time you finish reading Destiny Finds Her Way, I guarantee that you’ll be just as endeared to this charismatic, clever baby sloth. Destiny was found in the tropical rainforests of Costa Rica, just fallen from the safe rainforest canopies and left vulnerable on the forest’s ground, unable to find her mother again. She was eventually taken in by researchers and brought to a rescue facility! But an eye injury she’d gotten from the fall didn’t heal, and her bad eyesight damaged her sense of balance. This story takes us through how she adapts to these supposed obstacles, and how Destiny even learns to hone her other senses in turn. Destiny’s independence, enthusiasm, and determination shine through even in the perspective of a partially blind baby sloth. Although I won’t give any spoilers, her story has a very sweet ending. Read Destiny Finds Her Way by Margarita Engle to join Destiny on her journey!

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**ANOTHER ANIMAL BOOK!**

**BY IZZY**

![A Llama is Not an Alpaca: and other mistaken animal identities](image)

by Karen Jameson, illustrated by Lorna Scobie

If you’ve ever gone for a walk in the park, these thoughts have probably crossed your mind: Is that a rabbit or a hare? Am I getting stung by a wasp or a hornet right now? Is that a penguin or a puffin over there? Okay, maybe you’re not thinking that last one. But Karen Jameson and Lorna Scobie will show you how to tell the difference anyway, in the book *A Llama Is Not An Alpaca*, a helpful book about how to distinguish look-alike animals. Colorful drawings of fluffy alpacas & llamas and snaggletoothed crocodiles & alligators care for their young, find snacks, and spit on people at petting zoos in this adorably informative story.
BIG DREAMS
BY IZZY

In Vashti Harrison’s stunning tale *Big*, a little girl who just happens to be big has to face the judgment of the grownups and kids around her as she tries to pursue her love of ballet. This story is beautifully colored in pastel pinks at the girl’s high moments and grays at her lows, showing how the best answer to comments that make your heart feel small is to embrace the things that make your heart feel big.

GREEK GODS
BY BELLA

I recently got very interested in mythology, and while I was at the Kenmore Library, I found *The Mighty 12: Superheroes of Greek Myth* by Charles R. Smith Jr. and illustrated by P. Craig Russell. I have to say, it’s a very great read! It has a poem for a bunch of the gods, with an amazing art style! At the back of the book, it also talks about the god’s/goddess’s parents. If you enjoy reading about Greek gods for entertainment, or just want something new to read, this is a good book for you!

ACROSS THE SPIDER-VERSE IS MULTIVERSALLY LOVED
BY GEORGE

*Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse*, the sequel to *Into the Spider-Verse*, recently released and it was an amazing movie. Once again the team behind the movie managed to go above and beyond and made the movie an absolute joy to watch. One of the best things about the movie is the animation style, which managed to improve and exceed expectations. There were plenty of moments that were so beautifully animated and reminded you of something from the live action MCU. All of the characters were amazing and without going into spoilers, some of my favorites were Spider-Man India, Spider-Punk, Miles (of course), Peter B. Parker, Gwen, and Miguel. There were so many cameos, references, and other cool moments that had the whole audience in awe. Overall, the story of the movie was absolutely amazing and the cliffhanger was devastating! If you have the opportunity you should definitely go watch this movie.
COLOR-O-RAMA!

BY BELLA
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