

Bird Squirrel On Ice

Bird and Squirrel are finally home, but the adventure isn't over yet! It's been a long, crazy trip around the world. Now the duo is back in their beloved forest, and Bird wants to throw a party! But Squirrel isn't in the mood to celebrate. His house needs a good cleaning, the river has been dammed up by a pesky beaver, and the forest animals are jittery about a growing menace. Will the dam dry out the forest? Will the mysterious new danger ruin the party? Will Bird finally convince Squirrel to let go and just have a good time? Find out in their hilarious new adventure!

Squirrel is afraid of his own shadow. Bird doesn't have a care in the world. And Cat wants to eat Bird and Squirrel. Of course, he'll have to catch them first, and that's not going to be easy. Join this trio as they head south for the winter in a hilarious road trip. Full color.

Meet Stubby: a stray pup who was taken in by a group of American soldiers-in-training and soon found himself whisked off to the frontlines of World War I as the official mascot of the 102nd Infantry Regiment! Stubby served bravely by his soldiers' sides for 18 months and became a hero when he saved his regiment from a surprise gas attack, and again when he singlehandedly caught an enemy German soldier in No Man's Land. Join Stubby on his incredible journey from puppy to soldier to high-ranking sergeant as he narrates his story of heroism. This "dog's-eye view" takes readers into the heart of the action of WWI and will leave you cheering for Stubby and his human companions as they overcome countless obstacles and prove time and again why a dog really is man's best friend.

Newbery Honor-winning author Cynthia Lord has written a sensitive and accessible book about the challenges of fitting in when you know you're a little different.

When Bird and Squirrel crash land in the South Pole during a raging blizzard, Bird is taken away by a horde of penguins intent on feeding him to a killer whale as a sacrifice, and Squirrel must hatch a crazy plan to escape.

A blend of oral history and memoir with a good dose of quirky humor, *Tar Heel Traveler: New Journeys Across North Carolina* is a celebratory look at the people and places of North Carolina. WRAL-TV reporter Scott Mason—the *Tar Heel Traveler*—profiles colorful characters and out-of-the-way places. The sequel consists of all new material and showcases twenty-five of Mason's most memorable television stories along with the amusing stories behind each.

David Sedaris's beloved holiday collection is new again with six more pieces, including a never before published story. Along with such favorites as the diaries of a Macy's elf and the annals of two very competitive families, are Sedaris's tales of tardy trick-or-treaters ("Us and Them"); the difficulties of explaining the Easter Bunny to the French ("Jesus Shaves"); what to do when you've been locked out in a snowstorm ("Let It Snow"); the puzzling Christmas traditions of

other nations ("Six to Eight Black Men"); what Halloween at the medical examiner's looks like ("The Monster Mash"); and a barnyard secret Santa scheme gone awry ("Cow and Turkey"). No matter what your favorite holiday, you won't want to miss celebrating it with the author who has been called "one of the funniest writers alive" (Economist).

Critically acclaimed author Cammie McGovern's middle grade debut is a powerful and heartwarming story that will appeal to readers who loved R. J. Palacio's *Wonder*, Ann M. Martin's *Rain Reign*, and Holly Sloan's *Counting by 7s*. Fourth grade is not going at all how Benny Barrows hoped. He hasn't found a new best friend. He's still not a great bike rider—even though his brother George, who's autistic, can do tricks. And worst of all, he worries his dad's recent accident might be all his fault. Benny tries to take his mom's advice and focus on helping others, and to take things one step at a time. But when his dad ends up in the hospital again, Benny doesn't know how he and his family will overcome all the bad luck that life seems to have thrown their way. *Just My Luck* is a deeply moving and rewarding novel about a down-on-his-luck boy whose caring heart ultimately helps him find the strength to cope with tragedy and realize how much he truly has to offer his friends and family.

Crossing the Great Mountains to return home, Bird and Squirrel rescue a baby bear from wolves before Bird suffers a bonk on the head that gives him amnesia, a situation that tests Squirrel's ability to protect his friends.

"Should appeal to all rugged individualists who dream of escape to the forest."—The New York Times Book Review Sam Gibley is terribly unhappy living in New York City with his family, so he runs away to the Catskill Mountains to live in the woods—all by himself. With only a penknife, a ball of cord, forty dollars, and some flint and steel, he intends to survive on his own. Sam learns about courage, danger, and independence during his year in the wilderness, a year that changes his life forever. "An extraordinary book . . . It will be read year after year." —The Horn Book

Meet Haggis and Tank--two dogs with BIG imaginations!

From the creators of *Dragons Love Tacos* comes the third off-the-wall comedy featuring Old Man Fookwire, a lot of birds, and those darn squirrels. Old Man Fookwire's one pleasure in life is painting the birds in his backyard. When fall arrives and the birds fly south, Fookwire is desolate. The squirrels are curious: Where are the birds going, and what do they do once they get there? With their usual ingenuity and engineering skills, the squirrels devise a way to follow the birds to their destination, a tropical paradise. A wonderful time is had by all—all but grumpy Old Man Fookwire, alone at home. But the squirrels have a solution for that, too. Readers will revel in this third off-the-wall comedy featuring Old Man Fookwire, a lot of birds, and those darn squirrels.

Thought-provoking visual illusions and characters that are bright, bold, and original accompany a text that is pleasing to the ear yet just right for the newest reader. Mice skate on ice. As they skate, their blades leave lines that depict a

cat. Magically, the cat appears, color, graphic, and three-dimensional. What happens next? Why, the cat and the mice skate together! An I Like to Read® book, Guided Reading Level C.

Get to know some of the greatest NBA forwards, past and present. Featuring Bob Pettit, Larry Bird, Kevin Garnett, LeBron James, and more, this title is sure to excite! Basketball fans will love Spotlight stats and informative boxes for each player. Not to mention great full-color and historic action photographs. Aligned to Common Core Standards and correlated to state standards. SportsZone is an imprint of Abdo Publishing Company.

Sometimes, an ordinary walk can become something ... magical! Tag along with Ruby as she discovers that even big cities have a wild side.

Bird and Squirrel crash land at the South Pole. They meet a young penguin who thinks Bird has come to rid her village of a hungry killer whale. But when Squirrel finds out that Bird will actually be a sacrifice to the whale, they hatch a crazy plan

The dangerous Horned Toad 500 cross-country race is coming up and Bird's father has always won it. But his dad gets injured and Bird reluctantly joins the race to save the family honor. Bird and Squirrel are put to the ultimate test of endurance and sportsmanship.

Beep is a robot who hungers for adventure. Bah is a goat who wants to stay out of trouble. When Bah discovers a single sock, Beep knows there's only one thing to do: find its match! Together, Beep and Bah begin a winding journey that takes them up high hills and into the deep ocean. On the way, they'll meet monkeys, whales, and angry bears—but will they find the missing sock?

Tennis superstar Serena Williams won the Wimbledon singles title in 2015. It was her fourth Grand Slam tournament victory in a row, a feat she had also reached earlier in her career. Fans called it the Serena Slam. She had begun her tennis career in the shadow of her older sister Venus. But after completing the Serena Slam for the second time, Serena no longer stood in anyone's shadow. Learn all about one of the greatest tennis players of all time.

Fifty-one full page illustrations offer accurately detailed renderings of the national bird (eagle) and flower (rose), as well as 50 state birds and flowers. Identifying captions. All illustrations copyright free.

It's the middle-grade team-up of the century as the heroes of New York Times bestselling author Ben Hatke join forces to save the world in the epic graphic novel *Mighty Jack and Zita the Spacegirl*. Jack and Lilly are no strangers to heroics. They've befriended dragons, battled giants, and even earned the loyalty of a goblin army. So when they meet Zita the Spacegirl, fresh from her interplanetary travels and seeking their help to face a new threat, they're more than ready for another adventure. But the danger growing just outside the door to their world is greater than anything the new friends could have imagined. An army of giants and screeds stands ready to lay siege to Earth, determined to put the age of humans to an end. With the gate between worlds growing weaker and time running out, can the heroes come together to save their world from their greatest enemy yet? This format is designed to be read on color devices and cannot be read on black-and-white e-readers.

Yes, bears sometimes eat squirrels. But can they still be friends? Find out in this clever picture book that's perfect for preschoolers. The other bears said, "Squirrel would make a good midnight snack!" Bear said, "Squirrel's my friend. I would never eat a friend." But what happens if Bear gets really, really hungry? Squirrel has just the solution! This story about the power and bond of friendship will warm the hearts—and tickle the funny bones—of everyone who reads it.

Nine-year-old Amber Brown faces further complications because of her parents' divorce when her father plans to move back from Paris and she must decide which parent she will be with on Thanksgiving.

"Squirrels wrestle, climb, and sleep in a celebration of these fascinating animals"--Revel in the breathtaking fantasticality of *We Became Jaguars*—a picture book from bestselling author Dave Eggers. When Grandma comes to visit and a young boy's parents leave, the rules of the house—and the world—change: grandson and grandmother transform into jaguars! Readers follow their journey into the undiscovered world of nature, experience true freedom, and lose themselves in an exhilarating adventure. After a day of playing, running, and climbing through sumptuous landscapes, the ending will leave you wondering what's real and what's imagined. • A captivating, unusual story about a child and his grandmother • Full of lush illustrations of the natural world • Celebrates the power of love and storytelling Breathtaking and bold, *We Became Jaguars* is sure to give readers beautiful dreams. • Children's books for kids age 5–8 • Perfect for fans of Dave Eggers • Great for environmentally conscious families

Annabelle is determined to have a birthday party that stands out from the rest. The moon seems like the perfect spot! But wearing spacesuits and partying in a place with no air create some challenges that Annabelle didn't expect. Will her out-of-this-world birthday still be a blast?

This series is part of Scholastic's early chapter book line called *Branches*, which is aimed at newly independent readers. With easy-to-read text, high-interest content, fast-paced plots, and illustrations on every page, these books will boost reading confidence and stamina. *Branches* books help readers grow! Tank is a clumsy, outgoing Great Dane. Haggis is a dapper and grumpy Scottie dog. In the first book in the series, Haggis and Tank set sail as pirates. At first, Haggis doesn't see what Tank does--that an adventure awaits them with just a little imagination! But soon, Haggis joins in the fun and the two friends go on a pirate adventure. They talk like pirates, swab the deck, and even search for buried treasure. This series is full of clever wordplay and homophones that make Haggis and Tank's adventures even more fun!

Bird and Squirrel are back and ready for adventure! After Bird and Squirrel crash land in the South Pole during a raging blizzard, a penguin named Sakari thinks Bird has come to rid her village of a hungry Killer Whale. But when Squirrel finds out that Bird will actually be fed to the Killer Whale as a sacrifice, they hatch a crazy plan to escape. With good timing, a little luck, and help from Sakari, they just might make it out alive. Or they might end up as whale food!

Agent 9 and his robotic partner FiN are called in by the Super-Secret Spy Service to save the world from bumbling supervillain King Crab and his diabolical plans to melt the polar ice caps and build a massive water park.

Using clues given in the form of birth announcements, readers can try to guess the

identity of the animals.

The time is now for this anxious little guy: Meet Scaredy Squirrel in his brand-new graphic novel series! He's funnier (and scared-ier) than ever, and perfect for readers of Narwhal and Jelly. Scaredy is happy to stay in his nut tree. Why would he ever leave? The outside is filled with dangers. Like aliens! And dust! And a certain fluffy bunny who likes to pop up! But things don't always go as planned, even for a super-prepared squirrel. When he has to venture out of his tree and onto the ground, Scaredy panics and plays dead . . . but maybe the fluffy bunny's not so scary after all? In a nutshell, Scaredy might just make a new friend, if he is brave enough. . . .

Presents the silent graphic novel adventures of a cute owl named Owly, who wishes to make friends with the other animals in the forest.

Jerry the mouse eats his way through the book, despite Tom's efforts to convince him and the readers that this book is not made of cheese.

From the moment Gooney Bird Greene arrives at Watertown Elementary School, her fellow second-graders are intrigued by her unique sense of style and her unusual lunches. So when story time arrives, the choice is unanimous: they want to hear about Gooney Bird Greene. And that suits her just fine, because, as it turns out, Gooney Bird has quite a few interesting and “absolutely true” stories to tell. Through Gooney Bird and her tales, acclaimed author Lois Lowry introduces young readers to the concepts and elements of storytelling. By demonstrating some of the simple techniques that reveal the extraordinary in everyday events, this book will encourage the storyteller in everyone.

In an adaptation of the Mother Goose poem "This Is the House that Jack Built," animals of the Arctic--including an Inuit hunter--are introduced through rhythmic stanzas and colorful art.

“A charming tribute to the quirkiness of collective nouns ... puns and wordplay abound.” — Foreword, starred review A sloth of bears, a smack of jellyfish, a nuisance of cats — these are some of the surprising and idiosyncratic names we have for groups of animals. Inspired by the evocative possibilities of collective nouns, also called “terms of venery,” author Kyle Lukoff and illustrator Natalie Nelson have created a picture book full of clever wordplay and delightful illustrations. Each spread features a nugget of a story using a particular term, which is accompanied by a collage illustration that serves as the visual punch line. But where did these unusual names come from? Many of them can be traced back to a book on hunting, hawking and heraldry, printed in 1486 — the Book of St. Albans, which has been reproduced many times since. A Storytelling of Ravens provides a unique opportunity to explore and rejoice in the oddities of the English language. Correlates to the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts: CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.4 Ask and answer questions about unknown words in a text. CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.7 With prompting and support, describe the relationship between illustrations and the story in which they appear (e.g., what moment in a story an illustration depicts). CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.2.7 Use information gained from the illustrations and words in a print or digital text to demonstrate understanding of its characters,

setting, or plot. CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.5.7 Analyze how visual and multimedia elements contribute to the meaning, tone, or beauty of a text (e.g., graphic novel, multimedia presentation of fiction, folktale, myth, poem). In the tradition of Calvin and Hobbes, MAL AND CHAD is a funny comic-strip graphic novel that makes a perfect first chapter book! Mal is a super kid genius and Chad is a talking dog, but no one knows it. What's it like to be so extraordinary and yet so invisible? Not even Megan, Mal's secret crush, has any idea that Mal is anything more than a dork. Fortunately, Mal and Chad are best friends with a penchant for adventure . . . even if the time-traveling does get them grounded by Mal's mom. Introducing the first in a series of illustrated chapter books by talented newcomer Stephen McCranie that are laugh-inducing, clever, and full of heart. Give this to any kid who's a reluctant reader or is just leaving picture books and be prepared to answer the question: "When can I read the next one?"

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