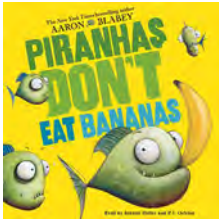


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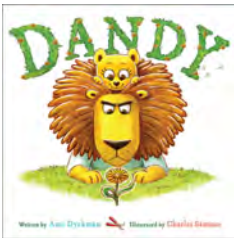
Piranhas Don't Eat Bananas, written and illustrated by Aaron Blabey
In this rhyming book, Brian tries to get his fellow piranhas to try his fruit and vegetable platter, but they all prefer meat, especially human parts!



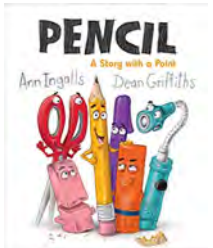
Can I Be Your Dog? Written and illustrated by Troy Cummings
In this story told in letters, Arfy, the homeless dog writes to all the people on Butternut street to try to find a family. Won't anyone open their heart—and home—to a lonesome dog? Readers will be happily surprised to learn just who steps up to adopt Arfy.



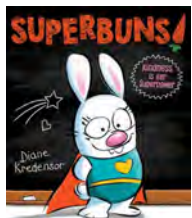
When Grandma Gives You a Lemon Tree, written by Jamie L. B. Deenihan, illustrated by Lorraine Rocha
Told in second person, readers discover that no matter how clear your gift list is, grandma sometimes has her own plans. When you get a lemon tree instead of a cool electronic device, you learn to make the best of the situation.



Dandy, written by Ame Dyckman, illustrated by Charles Santoso
Daddy is proud of his perfect lawn and is ready to remove the dandelion weed ruining it until his daughter Sweetie names it and tells Daddy it is her best friend. Every time Daddy thinks he can sneak past Sweetie and destroy the dandelion, Sweetie is there to stop him. What happens when Sweetie goes to school? Read this hilarious book to find out.



Pencil : a Story With a Point, written by Ann Ingalls, Illustrated by Dean Griffiths
Pencil and his boy Jackson are a great pair: they draw, they sketch, they scribble. But then Jackson gets Tablet and Pencil finds himself dumped in the dreaded junk drawer! How will Pencil ever reclaim Jackson's attention? With the help of some new pun-loving friends , Pencil sketches out a plan to draw Jackson back into their friendship.



Superbuns! Written and illustrated by Diane Kredensor
Kindness is Buns' superpower, but her know-it-all sister, Blossom knows everything about everything and she is sure kind is kind but not a superpower. Can Buns prove her wrong and prove kindness is truly a superpower?



T-Bone the Drone, written and illustrated by Shanda McCloskey
Lucas has a new best friend when he brings T-Bone the Drone home from the store. They enjoy playing, flying, and even recharging together—but Lucas has been spending so much time with his new toy that he ignores his real friends. When a ball sails over the fence where a scary dog lives, it's the perfect opportunity for Lucas and T-Bone to do what friends do best: work together! It turns out that they'll need help from the whole team, though, to save the day.



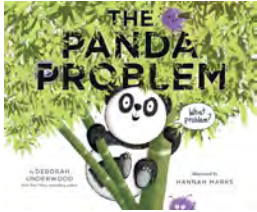
Ella McKeen, Kickball Queen, written and illustrated by Beth Mills

First grader Ella McKeen is the undisputed kickball queen until a new girl named Riya shows up—and shows her up at recess. How does Ella handle losing? By throwing herself on the grass and screaming while the rest of the class watches her fall apart. Yikes!



The Proudest Blue, written by Ibtihaj Muhammad, illustrated by Hatem Aly

With her new backpack and light-up shoes, Faizah knows the first day of school is going to be special. It's the start of a brand new year and, best of all, it's her older sister Asiya's first day of hijab—a hijab of beautiful blue fabric, like the ocean waving to the sky. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful, and in the face of hurtful, confusing words, Faizah will find new ways to be strong.



The Panda Problem, written by Deborah Underwood, illustrated by Hannah Marks

Every story needs a problem. But Panda doesn't have a problem. Unless . . . Panda is the problem. Just who is the main character of this story? A funny book about how books work.

Independent Readers



Smell My Foot, written and illustrated by Cece Bell

Meet Chick and Brain. And their friend Spot. Chick likes to follow the rules. Brain might not be as smart as he looks. And Spot just wants to eat lunch. In a graphic reader loaded with verbal and visual humor, Cece Bell offers a comical primer on good manners gone awry.



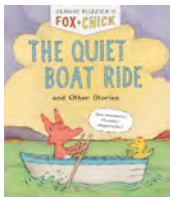
Truman the Dog (My Furry Foster Family), written by Debbi Michiko Florence, illustrated by Melanie Demmer

"T" is for Truman, tricks, and TROUBLE! Truman the black lab might be an older rescue dog, but he's still got enough mischief beneath his collar to keep eight-year-old Kaita Takano and her animal-fostering family on their toes from morning till night.



Frank & Bean, written by Jamie Michalak, Illustrated by Bob Kolar

Frank likes peace and quiet. He likes his tent, his pencil, and writing in his secret notebook. Bean likes noise. He likes his bus, his trumpet and making music. Loud music. But Bean is missing something: he does not have words. What will happen if Frank shares his words with Bean?



The Quiet Boat Ride, written and illustrated by Sergio Ruzzier

Fox and Chick are off on three new adventures involving a boat ride, a mysterious box, and an early morning trip to see the sunrise. Though they are very different, these two friends always have a fun time together.



Happy Fell, written by Erica S. Perl, illustrated by Chris Chatterton

Arnold wants to celebrate the start of the cozy autumn season indoors. Louise does not. When they decide to enjoy the season on their own, they each discover celebrations aren't the same if they're not celebrating together.