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# Book Review: The Princess Diaries

By: Simran Bhasin

The book *Diaries of A Middle School Princess* is an awesome book to read. It is found most



intriguing to read for kids that are ages 8 - 12 read the book. The amazing author both illustrated and wrote this book. The author/illustrator's name is Meg Cabot. Her work paid off because the result is astounding.

In this book, the main character's name is Olivia. She is a 6th grader and had just started middle school in her boring town. One day in her school, Olivia starts getting bullied by a girl named Annabelle. She had started threatening Olivia. To make matters worse, Olivia didn't even know why she was getting bullied. It was so sudden and out of the blue. A few days later, it started getting worse, but Nishi, Olivia's best friend, finally gained the confidence to stand up to Annabelle. Nishi failed and Annabelle didn't even feel as if a single thing was wrong in life. Annabelle continued her streak and one day threatened to beat Olivia up at the flagpole. Annabelle would get in trouble in normal cases, but if one thing that felt wrong to

Annabelle didn't change, her dad would sue the school as a lawyer. That day, Olivia walked the halls in fear.

The clock ticked by. The minutes felt like seconds. Rather shortly, Olivia would be beaten up at the flagpole. As she shifted classes, the end of the day was coming closer. When it was lunchtime, Olivia started making plans on what to do with her friends at her lunch table. They came up with nothing that would help Olivia. As Olivia's last class ended, she slowly dragged herself to the flagpole outside. Annabelle was already there waiting for Olivia. Her arms were crossed and she had a stare that could kill. She did not look happy. On the other hand, she never looks happy. Nishi thinks it is because she is insecure. Annabelle got right to it. At first, it was verbal but very soon it got physical. She started pulling at Olivia's pigtails.

Mid-pull, a limo came in. It looked very fancy. It unquestionably didn't look like it belonged in that town. The door opened and a woman came out. Just then, something amazing happened. Read the book yourself to find out what happens next...

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# Immigrant Border Crisis

By: Evelyn Fu

President Joe Biden is not the first U.S president to approach a rapidly growing number of migrants at the border. The U.S has recently been struggling to manage a new flow of migrants, hoping to cross the U.S-Mexico Border. Migrants from Mexico crossed in hopes that the new Biden Administration will welcome them because of problems such as poverty or violence in their country. Instead, the United States is expelling them back to their own country or leaving them in crowded facilities for days. Pressure and despair are quickly building among Mexican families as officials are struggling to help them.

In April, more than 178,000 immigrants were stopped at the southwest border, which marked a 21 year high in monthly apprehensions. According to the CBP (U.S Customs and Border Protection) data, the immigrants were mostly adults, attempting to illegally cross the border, although a majority of them were expelled. The Biden administration continues to turn back families, intending to stop the spread of COVID-19. However, unaccompanied minors who crossed into the U.S from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras are decreasing, despite that many are still sent to government- detention facilities.



## Seasonal Increase in Migrants

CBP reports data on how many migrants they catch at the southern border each month, including unaccompanied children. In 2019, under the Trump administration, the total catches in the same period of time increased by 31 percent, which was more than we are seeing now. But in 2018, the increase from February to March is 25 percent; thuropon is smaller than we see now. From 2019-2020, some believe that the COVID pandemic changed the pattern of migration.

The numbers from CBP reveal that immigration is seasonal and shifts upward this time of year. The CBP listed the total number of apprehensions for each month over eight years to see how the number of migrants changed. The data shows that migrants start crossing the border during the warmer months, right after winter ends. It shows a regular increase during the spring, from February to the highest point in May. After that, the number drastically drops in the summer months due to the burning heat. Thus, we should expect the number of migrants to decrease from June, July, and August.

The data from CBP determines that what we are seeing is a seasonal pattern. Lawmakers may claim that their daunting policies for migrants succeeded in the summer months when the number decreases again. However, it will most likely just be the recurring drop of migrants.

*"But there still needs to be some kind of law and order for these people, and, right now, if we do away with ICE, nobody's got the authority to do anything with them in terms of incarceration, detaining them, really finding out the things they're doing,"* Tommy Tuberville, a U.S senator told Fox News.

## What Will happen to Unaccompanied Children

According to the Washington Post, the crossings of unaccompanied minors is unusual which appears to be more than just a seasonal recurrence. Although the number of minors crossing is slightly decreasing, which dropped from 15,918 in March to 13,692 in April, there are still many unaccompanied children out there attempting to cross the border. Since the number of children are decreasing, the Biden Administration has also decreased the amount of time minors spend at border patrol custody. There were more than 5,000 children in border patrol custody, as many stayed over the 72 hour legal limit during March. Most spent an average of 115 hours in the facilities without showers or beds.

But as of Tuesday, there were 455 minors in the facilities, while each spent about 28 hours in border patrol custody. Reducing the overcrowding in border patrol centers, more children were sent to Health and Human Services care. There, they are better cared for and placed with a case manager. As of Tuesday, more than 20,000 children were in HHS care.

## What Will Biden Do?

- Seek \$4 billion dollars to address root causes of Central America Migration
- Speed up release of children to parents
- Move unaccompanied children into large venues
- Release children to close family and relatives in the U.S

Because of this border crisis, the Biden Administration is seeking \$4 billion to address root causes of migration. Biden is increasing efforts to have children register for asylum from their homes in Central America other than making the journey to the U.S border which can be menacing. Biden is also speeding up the release from children to parents now that unaccompanied minors are decreasing. If not, Biden is working on bringing children to close relatives in the U.S instead of Central America. To address severe overcrowding in facilities, the U.S Department of Health and Human Services made agreements on moving unaccompanied minors to large venues. Many states in the U.S have agreed on Tuesday to house up to 1,000 people in its convention centers.

Even though a large number of immigrants are still crossing the border, the Biden Administration and government officials are making a huge effort to decrease the amount of migrants and bring children back

to their families. Plus, the number of immigrants would decrease soon in the summer months, following the usual seasonal patterns. By knowing these patterns, government officials could better plan, develop, and manage the border.

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# Crayola Experience

By: Sohum Gulati

Crayola Experience is located in Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania.. It is a wonderful place to take your family. Many activities will keep the whole family entertained. I will be telling you all about the adventures you can have and the dos and don'ts at the Crayola factory. It is an awesome experience for the whole family. There is so much to do for all ages. It is a great place to go and there are many fun things to do there.

First of all, I will be telling you about all the fun you can do there. There are endless activities you can do there. I will explain what each one is. Firstly you can make a crayon, in the Crayola factory there are stations in which you put a token. After you put the token in it asks you to chose an emoji-type symbol then it asks you what you want to write. You can write your name or make up a name for a crayon. After you type the name the machine prints out a wrapper for a crayon and a crayon of your choice. Then you go to a wrapping machine and you get to wrap the crayon yourself. Next, there is an area in which you can take pictures of coloring pages. There are three computers on which you can choose a backdrop and then the computer takes a picture of you. After that, the picture is printed out as a coloring sheet where you can color. Also, there is a show where workers at the Crayola factory show you the process by which crayons are made. The show explains everything about how crayons are made. There are many more activities that you can do there but in my opinion, these are the most famous and fun there are!

For the dos and don'ts of Crayola, there aren't many. First, let's start with the dos, you should always pre-order your tickets. If you wait and get your tickets in person at the factory there will be a long line for you to wait. When I had gone there the line was full but we didn't need to wait to get the tickets we just needed to show our ticket sand we were in! For a don't I would say going to that marker stations. After you put a token in it gives you a random color. You might want a certain color but the machine might give a totally different color.

This is all you need to know about the Crayola Experience. I definitely believe that anybody should go. There are endless possibilities and fun. The smiles on kids' faces when they go there are priceless.

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# High School Musical, The Musical: The Series

By: Jiya Kohli

The classic movie *High School Musical*, directed by Kenny Ortega, where the protagonist, Troy, is forced into choosing whether he will follow his heart and do the musical or play basketball with his teammates so he doesn't let his dad, his teammates, and really the whole school down.. In this musical show the very school where this popular musical was filmed is doing a reproduction of this classic movie. In season one of *High School Musical The Musical The Series* when they are doing the reproduction Nini and Ricky are cast the leads as "Troy" and "Gabriella."

Nini(Played By Olivia Rodrigo) and Ricky(Played By Joshua Bassett) have a bit of history that adds a little bit more chemistry in their school's musical. Nini has moved on to be with another guy, E.J Casswell(Played By Matt Cornett). She is still confused about her feelings and who her heart belongs to.

In season one Nini is still trying to figure out what she wants once she decides there is still a lot of drama yet to be discovered. We also get to see into Nini's mind and how she has been hurt so many times. Even without all of her boy problems, the drama teacher might have been lying about everything, they have to discover who burned down the drama set, and there is also all of her friends' problems.

At the end of season one Nini is offered a spot at an Acting Conservatory and is considering taking it. Season two is now here! Will Nini take the offer or stay at East High? *High School Musical The Musical The Series* can be played on Disney+ .

This musical series is filled with drama, rage, jealousy, and heartbreak that is beautifully portrayed by wonderful actors. The mystery of if Nini will take the offer or stay at East High will be discovered in season two.

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## The One and Only Ivan: A Remarkable Tale of Friendship

By: Ananya S. Mahidhara

Are you struggling to find a good movie to watch? Well, I suggest the movie *The One and Only Ivan*. The movie is about a gorilla named Ivan who lives in a circus in a mall. At first, he loves his job and all his friends there, but soon after, a new animal comes into the picture, and that changes his life

completely. This movie changed my life too and it is now one of my all-time favorite films. This is because of its heartwarming plot, charmingly funny cast of characters, and how easily I was able to connect with.

*The One and Only Ivan* starts out with Ivan, the gorilla, in his domain at the mall. His job is to be an angry gorilla for the crowd to see. Even though he doesn't understand why people want to see an angry gorilla, he still loves his job. Soon after, Mack, the person who works there, brings in a new animal, a baby elephant, because there were less people coming to watch. She starts attracting more crowds. But Ivan doesn't think that a baby elephant should have the job of saving the show, and that he should. But soon, lots of things start to change. It is a really amazing plot, in my opinion. There are many twists and interesting things that happen throughout. It really put me on the edge of my seat when I was watching it. There are emotional parts too, which really help make the story even better.

Another thing I loved about this movie is how funny it is. These scenes really help balance out the sad parts, and make the story a lot more interesting and fun. In the movie, Ivan has a friend (Bob, the dog) who loves to make jokes and have fun while he is sneaking in his domain. Again, it helps make the movie a little bit more lighthearted than just having constantly melancholy scenes.

Lastly, people can really relate and empathize with what is happening in the story. For example, at one point in the movie Ivan has to leave one of his best friends. Someone can relate to that scene if someone had ever had to lose a friend. Another example is that Ivan also has to keep a huge promise. Viewers can also relate to that as everyone has made promises to our loved ones at some point.

In conclusion, *The One and Only Ivan* is a funny, lighthearted, and emotional movie that could give you a fresh perspective on life. My rating would be 10/10, because of how great the movie was. It has a compelling plot, as well as comedy and relatable scenes. Most of the characters also help the story be what it is. I really enjoyed watching *The One and Only Ivan*, and I totally recommend that you watch it!



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## Perseverance: The Key to Space

By: Sreehaas Mannepalli

Have you ever stared out at the night sky and wondered are Martians real? Well, NASA has been wondering too, in this article you will learn about the Perseverance Rover which as you are reading this is traveling on Mars!

First of all, before you learn about the Perseverance Rover here is some quick background information about Mars, the planet it is exploring:



- Mars is the fourth planet from the sun
- It is desolate with extreme high and low temperatures
- It is the closest planet to Earth
- Scientists believe that Mars was like Earth eons ago

Based on the assumption that Mars may have been home to life a long time ago scientists created what is called Mars 2020, and the centerpiece of this 2.7 billion dollar mission is the Perseverance Rover. Perseverance arrived on Mars on February 18th, 2021. The main point of this mission was to search for evidence of microscopic organisms.



Perseverance is about the size of a car, it is 10 feet long, 9 feet wide, and 7 feet tall. It weighs 2,260 pounds which is less than the weight of a car. It landed in Jezero Crater which was a carefully hand-picked location by NASA, they thought it would be the best place to search for life. The reason is that 3.9 billion years ago Jezero Crater used to be a lake. This might seem shocking but once Mars was just like Earth.



That brings me to its main mission, to search for signs of life. The rocks on the now dry lake bed might show the history of the area. Using the rocks they could create a timeline that will help scientists identify rocks when another mission brings the rocks to Earth. Some of them could even have fossils inside which means Mars has life!

How this work you might ask? Well, if you've ever been to the Grand Canyon you might have seen the rocks in layers. Same on Mars, if you cut open a rock you will see layers, these layers show you how old the rock is! This can help scientists learn when the river dried up and that would help them realize to pick rocks from the period when the lake was there.



Perseverance also has a little buddy, Ingenuity is a space helicopter that also landed on Mars. Soon in the future scientists are planning on sending helicopters to space as scouts for rovers.

Past problems with rovers have been that they died out because they ran on solar power but Perseverance runs on a 100-pound nuclear battery called the Multi-Mission Radioisotope Thermoelectric Generator or MMRTG for short! This battery converts electricity into heat. The MMRTG has a lifespan of 14 years so hopefully, Perseverance can stay on Mars for that long.

Lastly, Perseverance has created breathable oxygen on Mars using another device with a super long name: the Mars Oxygen In-Situ Resource Utilization Experiment or Moxie for short. This is so important because now maybe even astronauts can go to Mars in the next few years.

Now you know about Perseverance and mainly everything about it. Now next time you see Mars in the sky, there might just be life on a planet that looks desolate.

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## Book Review of *Dragon Slippers*

By: Diya Senthil

“Dragon Slippers” may sound boring at first but it’s actually really interesting. When people read it they can’t wait to hear what happens next. There are two books in this series. “Dragon Slippers” and “Dragon Flight.” For now, the first book is what we are going to look at.

“Dragon Slippers” is all about a girl named Creel and a few dragons. Creel is an orphan. Her aunt decided to give her to a dragon because they were poor and she hoped that one day a knight would rescue her from the dragon's clutches and marry her, bringing them great wealth. Creel, on the other hand, has her own plans. Creel is given to Theoradus, a dragon who does not want to fight the knight. Before leaving Theoradus, Creel bargained with him for a valuable item from his hoard. The most dangerous thing she gets from his hoard is a pair of beautiful blue slippers, which makes the world go to war.

An evil princess named Amalia stole the blue slippers with one of Creel’s friends working for her. Amalia controlled all of the dragons and made them fight Creel’s village. Luckily, at the end, Creel, Prince Luka (the prince of their village), and Creel’s friends helped her stop the controlling of the dragons. At the end, the king and queen of the dragons fell into a hot lake, and died. That was a very sad moment. But Creel thinks that he is still alive and she has proof. Finding the king of the dragons is what the next book is going to be about.

I was really into this book and when the dragon died, it almost made me cry! Who knows that a book could make you so emotional? The ending of this book brings a cliffhanger and makes me want to read more. Creel has a lot of wild and different moments in her life. First, it starts with her going to a dragon. That’s when she gets the beautiful blue slippers. Creel then meets another dragon named Shardas who surprisingly is the king of the dragons. She becomes friends with him. Then, Creel looks for a job, and when she finds it, she makes new friends. Creel has a mean manager but she doesn’t complain about it. This is one way she is kind. Her job was to make dresses and stitch them. After, there was a war between the dragons and the villagers. But luckily, Creel found out a way to stop the dragons from being controlled. You are going to have to read the book yourself to find out what she does.

The book has a sad ending, but then has a happy ending in the second book. “Dragon Slippers” made me love dragons a lot! This book taught me that not all dragons are mean and breathe fire to destroy

people and get what they want (unless they are being controlled). With such an amazing book, I know you will love it when you read it! You'll miss out on a very fun and interesting story if you don't!

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## *Secret Magic Control Agency: Movie Review*

A great twist of a fairytale and good for the whole family!

What is the movie about?

Secret magic control agency is about two fairytale characters, Hansel and Gretel acting as secret agents, on a mission that requires teamwork, magic, and smart thinking to achieve their mission and find a missing king. The fantasy spy film involves the concept of the department of magical security. Hansel's role in the movie was expressed in the film with effects on fraud and how he was a gentleman thief. Gretel was known as the leading spy in the secret magic control agency. The movie goes deep into how important teamwork is and how two siblings come together and solve a mystifying mission.



Rating, Reviews and Stars

Secret Magic control agency is a fun children movie. It's recommended for ages 7 and up. In my opinion, I think that kids at ages 5-6 may be able to watch it. But there are a few scenes which can be a bit scary. So if you get a little scared sometimes, then don't hesitate to wait for some time until you think you're ready. The movie has 4.5 stars. It has been given a % from common sense media. It got mostly good reviews. I think this movie deserves 5 stars and is a great movie for the family to come together and watch it. So make sure you take the time to watch it!

### Movies Like This

When you really like a movie, you feel like you want to experience watching it again. Then , you may get bored watching the same movie since you know what will happen. So, if you feel like watching this kind of movie, then some options are Animal Crackers, The Mitchells vs. the machines, Onward and the Book of life. So make sure you check these movies out too!



More Information about this  
If the movie is really good, the  
right? Well the role of Hansel  
and the role of Gretel was  
directed by Aleksey Tsitsilin. It

You can Watch it on Netflix on the kids account. The characters are Hansel,Gretel,Baba Yaga, Ilvira,  
Prime minister and other side characters.

movie  
cast should have been good too  
was played by Nicholas Corda  
played by Sylvana Joyce. It was  
is produced by Sergey Selyanov.



I hope you watch the movie. I also hope this article gave you some information that you might use.