

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN

Anne Flick has created a website for all things gifted. This resource has a wealth of information and links for parents, teachers and students. It is definitely something to check out and bookmark!

<http://quest.portaportal.com/anneflick>

Thurber House
77 Jefferson Avenue
Columbus, OH 43215
614-464-1032

www.thurberhouse.org

Sharpen your pencils and dust off your imagination! This is the place for creative writing. The **Thurber House** offers year-round classes and workshops for students of all ages. Classes are taught by local writers and authors. Financial scholarships are available.



The Works is a center for history, art and technology. It was originally a factory where steam engines were manufactured in the 1800s. In 2001, Howard LeFevre began the facility's transformation into a museum dedicated to hands-on learning, discovery and play for people of all ages. Visit their website and download their Activity Calendar.

The Works
55 South First Street
Newark, OH 43055
740-349-9277

www.attheworks.org

Wexner Center For The Arts
is located on The Ohio State University Campus and offers exhibits, programs, performances, classes and contests throughout the year. Check out their website for their calendar of events and offerings.

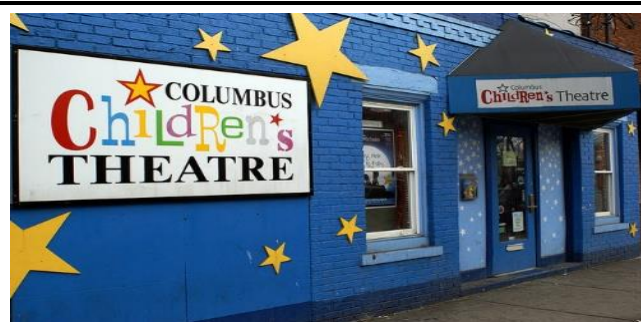


Wexner Center For The Arts
The Ohio State University
1871 North High Street
Columbus, OH 43210
614-292-6493

www.wexarts.org

Columbus Children's Theatre
Office: 177 E. Naughten Street
Theatre: 512 Park Street
Columbus, OH 43215

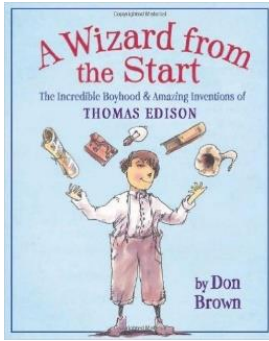
614-224-6673



CCT's mission is to educate and involve young people of all backgrounds in the theatre arts. The programs foster self-esteem and self-discovery by emphasizing discipline, integrity, team-building and communication skills in a positive and creative environment. The theatre offers classes and performances throughout the year.

www.columbuschildrenstheatre.org

BOOKS TO BANK ON!



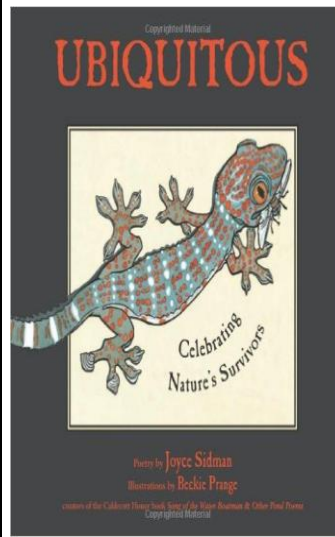
A Wizard From The Start: The Incredible Boyhood & Amazing Inventions of Thomas Edison

by Don Brown

Grades 2–4

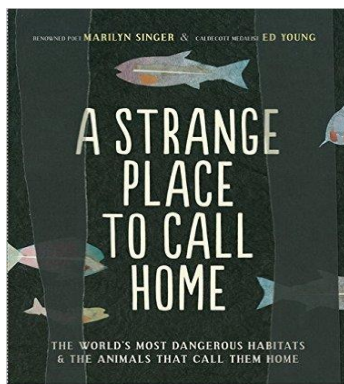
The beautiful watercolor illustrations combined with fascinating facts about Edison make this book a true treasure for budding scientists.

This volume of beautifully illustrated poems investigates the natural world, from the single-celled bacteria and diatom to the ever-present ant and dandelion. Well-researched science facts are paired with vivid poems to describe how these very special life-forms avoided extinction to become nature's survivors. The book begins 4.6 billion years ago with a newly formed Earth and continues through time as it introduces 14 types of life that are still with us today. An illustrated time line helps bring this massive scale into the realm of children's understanding.



Ubiquitous: Celebrating Nature's Survivors by Joyce Sidman

Grades 1–6



Of all the miracles of life, it is life's persistence that astounds the most. In a frozen forest, snow monkeys find a cozy hot spring to keep warm. Even in the salt desert's barren cold, flamingoes bloom like vivid flowers. The 14 animals in this book defy the odds and make their homes in the unlikeliest of places -- under the weight of seas, in the belly of tar pits, in the sandstorm's mouth.

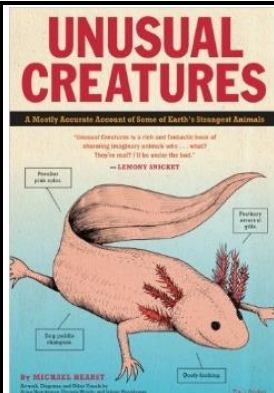
A Strange Place To Call Home

by Marilyn Singer

Grades 1–6

Unusual Creatures: A Mostly Accurate Account of Some of Earth's Strangest Animals

by Michael Hearst
Grades 3–6



With humor and flair, Michael Hearst introduces the reader to a wealth of extraordinary life-forms. Which animal can be found at the top of Mount Everest, or found 10,000 feet under the sea, or in your backyard? *Unusual Creatures* includes these answers plus hundreds more fascinating facts for curious minds, amateur zoologists, and anyone who has ever laughed at a funny-looking animal. Perfect for enthusiastic and reluctant readers alike, in class and at home.

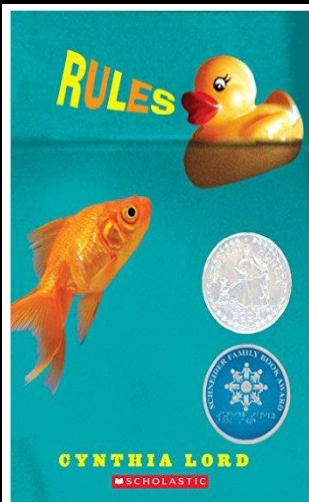
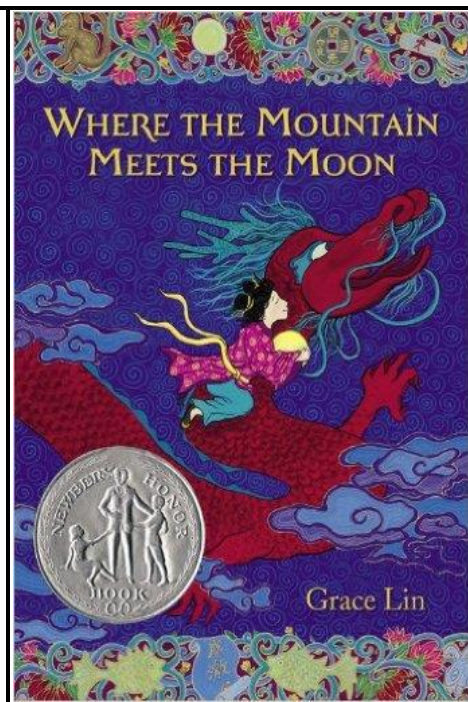
This **Newbery Honor Book** features magic, adventure, friendship, and even a dragon who can't fly! In the valley of Fruitless Mountain, a young girl named Minli lives in a ramshackle hut with her parents. In the evenings, her father regales her with old folktales of the Jade Dragon and the Old Man and the Moon, who knows the answers to all of life's questions. Inspired by these stories, Minli sets off on an extraordinary journey to find the Old Man on the Moon to ask him how she can change her family's fortune.

She encounters an assorted cast of characters and magical creatures along the way, including a dragon who accompanies her on her quest for the ultimate answer.

Where The Mountain Meets The Moon

by Grace Lin

Grades 2–5



This 2007 **Newbery Honor Book** is a humorous and heartwarming debut about feeling different and finding acceptance. Twelve-year-old Catherine just wants a normal life. Which is near impossible when you have a brother with autism and a family that revolves around disability. She's spent years trying to teach David the rules from "a peach is not a funny-looking apple" to "keep your pants on in public" - - - in order to head off David's embarrassing behaviors. But the summer Catherine meets Jason, new sort-of-friend, and Kristi, the next-door friend she's always wished for, it's her own shocking behavior that turns everything upside down and forces her to ask: What is normal?

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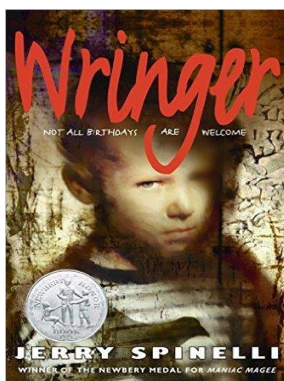
By Cynthia Lord

Grades 3–6

Wringer

by Jerry Spinelli

Grades 4–6



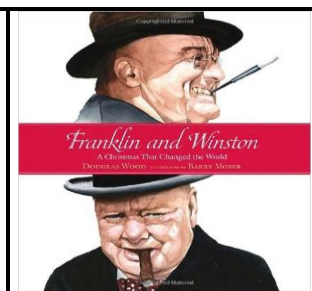
Palmer dreads his 10th birthday, when he will become a "wringer," trained to wring the necks of pigeons gunned down in an annual shooting contest. The thought of killing the birds sickens him, as does the bullying behavior of his three buddies. When Palmer makes a pet of a stray pigeon, he struggles to find the courage needed to confront his peers and act according to his conscience. A moral drama sure to engage young readers and a **Newbery Honor** selection.

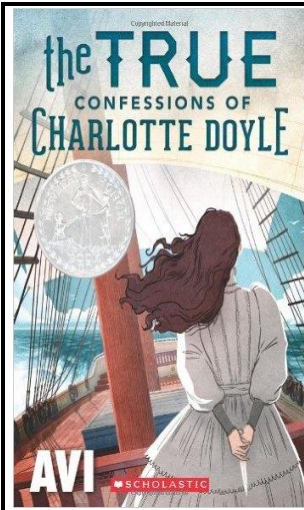
At the height of World War II, this book is based on the December 1941 month-long visit between President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill that changed the direction of the war. Gorgeous illustrations and an amazing story! Students connect deeply with the friendship portrayed in this book.

Franklin and Winston: A Christmas That Changed The World

by Douglas Wood

Grades 1–4





Thirteen-year-old Charlotte Doyle is excited to return home from her school in England to her family in Rhode Island in the summer of 1832.

But when the two families she was supposed to travel with mysteriously cancel their trips, Charlotte finds herself the lone passenger on a long sea voyage with a cruel captain and a mutinous crew! The cook gives her a dagger for protection when she learns mutiny is in the air. Should she stand with the captain or join the crew?

Read this **Newbery Honor Book** to find out.

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle

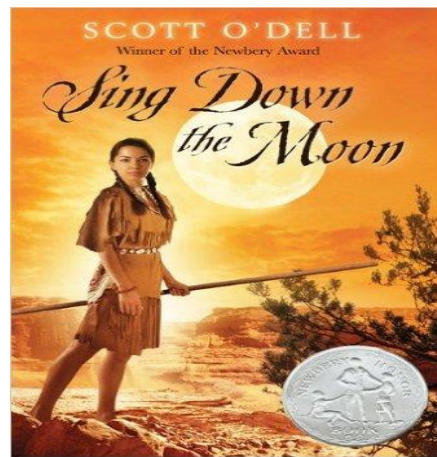
by Avi. Orchard Books

Grades 3–6

Sing Down The Moon

by Scott O'Dell

Grades 2–5



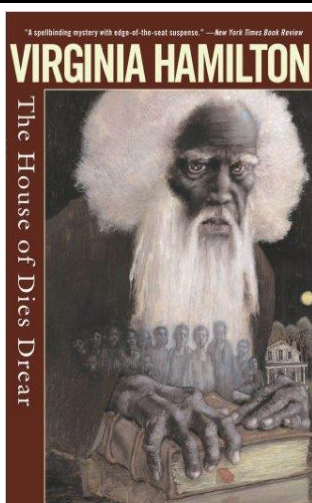
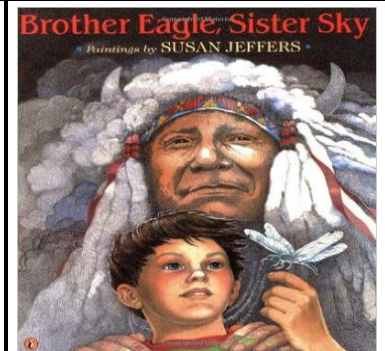
Through the eyes of Bright Morning, a young Navajo girl, we see what can happen to human beings when they are uprooted from the life they know. This is a story with tragic overtones, a story of the breaking of the human spirit. And yet, fortunately, then as now, there were a few possessed of inner strength based on hope; Bright Morning was one of these. This book is another **Newbery Award** winner.

The Earth does not belong to us. We belong to the Earth. The great American Indian Chief Seattle spoke these words over a hundred years ago. His remarkably relevant message of respect for the Earth and every creature on it has endured the test of time and is imbued with a passion born of love of the land and the environment. Children and parents alike will enjoy the timeless, poignant message presented in this beautifully illustrated picture book.

Brother Eagle, Sister Sky

by Susan Jeffers

Grades K–3



The Small family leases an old Ohio house reportedly haunted by the runaway slaves who died there during the days of the Underground Railroad. Thomas Small, the son, is afraid of and resents, old Pluto, the caretaker. Strange shapes appear at night and warning signs are left on doors. The family is not welcomed into the community and Thomas becomes more and more unhappy. Then a series of events leads to the discovery of a treasure trove deep in a cave underground, guarded for many years by Pluto. The Darrow boys want to run Pluto out and get the treasures for themselves. Pluto's son, with the help of the Smalls, foils their plans and the House of Dies Drear finally gives up its secrets.

The House of Dies Drear

by Virginia Hamilton

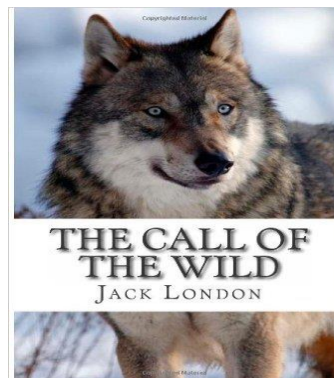
Grades 5–8

This is the classic story of “Buck and betrayal.” Buck had strength and size. He had health and heart. He had pride in himself and loyalty to his owner, Judge Miller. However, this magnificent dog had no defense against greed and betrayal! When the judge’s caretaker decides to dognap Buck and sell him to gold seekers in the Klondike, his ordeal begins. He finds himself in a frigid, alien land in the company of other great, furry dogs destined for the Arctic regions.

Call of The Wild

by Jack London

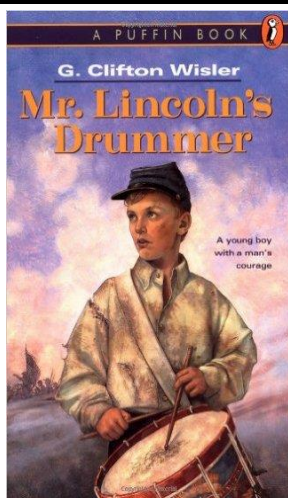
Grades 4–8



Mr. Lincoln's Drummer

by G. Clifton Wisler

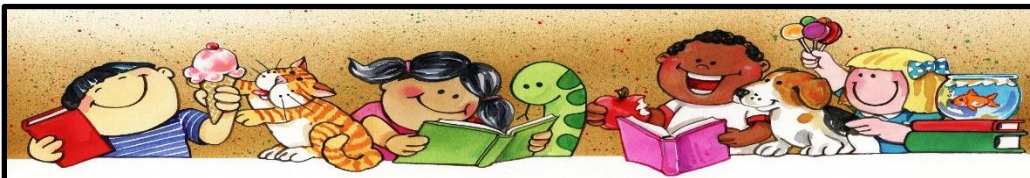
Grades 5–7



Willie enlisted in the Union Army. He left his ma, two brothers, and the place he called home in Vermont, and boarded a train with his pa to fight in a war. Since he has learned to play drum rolls, he knows his job will be to wake the troops in the morning as well as to carry out commands to advance or retreat in battle. Willie becomes ill and after a brief meeting with President Lincoln, he is sent to a hospital to recover. This is the fascinating, true story of Willie Johnston, who, for his courage as a drummer in the Union Army in the Civil War, was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor at the age of eleven!

SEE BELOW





MORE GREAT READS!

**The Columbus
Dispatch**
dispatch.com

The 25 books listed below were voted the best of the best and appeared in *The Columbus Dispatch*, November, 2014. They were chosen by a panel of judges which consisted of 24 adults and 23 children in 11 categories: alphabet & counting, biography & history, fantasy, graphic novels, historical fiction, picture books, poetry, pop-up & novelty, realistic fiction, science and young-adult books.

- *Absolutely Almost* by Lisa Graff
- *Bad Bye, Good Bye* by Deborah Underwood, illustrated by Jonathan Bean
- *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson
- *Creature Features: 25 Animals Tell Us Why They Look the Way They Do* by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page
- *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander
- *El Deafo* by Cece Bell
- *Firefly July: A Year of Very Short Poems*, selected by Paul B. Janeczko, illustrated by Melissa Sweet
- *The Fourteenth Goldfish* by Jennifer L. Holm
- *The Ghosts of Tupelo Landing* by Sheila Tumeo
- *Gravity* by Jason Chin
- *Greenglass House* by Kate Milford
- *Hi, Koo!: A Year of Seasons* by Jon J. Muth
- *The Madman of Piney Woods* by Christopher Paul Curtis
- *The Night Gardener* by Jonathan Auxier
- *The Noisy Paint Box: The Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky's Abstract Art* by Barb Rosenstock, illustrated by Mary Grandpre
- *On the Wing* by David Elliott, illustrated by Becca Stadtlander
- *Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy* by Karen Foxlee
- *The Pilot and the Little Prince: The Life of Antoine de Saint-Exupery* by Peter Sis
- *Quest* by Aaron Becker
- *Revolution* by Deborah Wiles
- *The Scraps Book: Notes From a Colorful Life* by Lois Ehlert
- *A Snicker of Magic* by Natalie Lloyd
- *Three Bears in a Boat* by David Soman
- *We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart
- *West of the Moon* by Margi Preus