

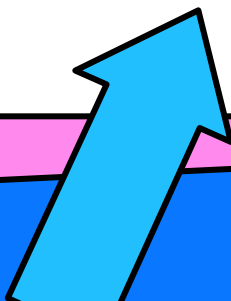
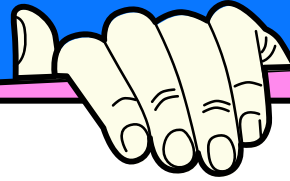
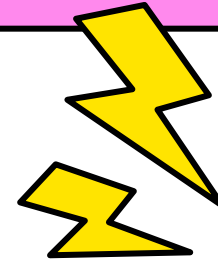
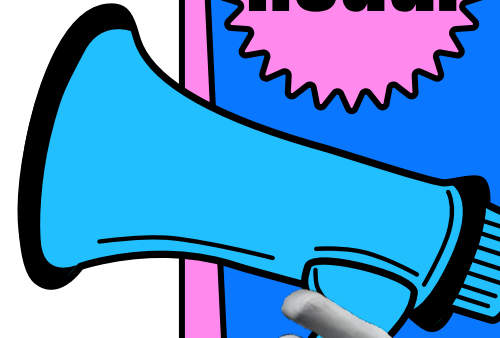
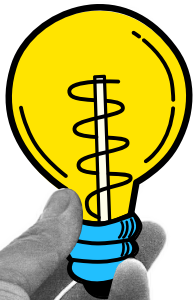
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Are You Ready for a Battle?

Greenwich Public Schools Battle of the Books, 2024-2025

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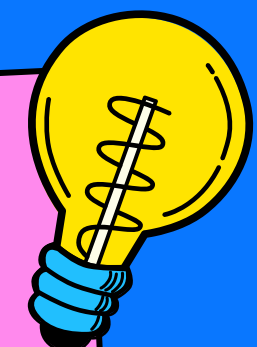
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How it works:

Read! Read as many of the 10 titles between now and November.

Read closely! Pay attention as you read to unique lines of text, a-ha! moments, repeating lines, description of characters and setting, key events, and dialogue.

Remember! Memorize the title and author of each book.



**BATTLE
OF THE
BOOKS**



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What does a question look like?

Each question is a line (or two or three) of text—you need to tell us what book the line is from.

"Ah, there you are," the man said. "I can see that you are listening now. Your head was broken. I fixed it. I brought you back from the world of the dead."

Read!

Timeline for the Competition

Read!

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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3rd Week in November

All 5th graders will take a qualifying quiz. The top five highest scorers in each homeroom become the team that will represent their homeroom in the semifinals.

December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3rd Week in December

The homeroom teams compete in a live school-level competition. The winning team is crowned the 2024-2025 Battle of the Books School Champion and will move on to the district championship.

January 2025

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3rd Week in January

Participating schools send their winning school team to the district competition in which one team will be crowned the 2024-2025 District Battle of the Books Champion!

2024-2025 Battle of the Books Selections

- * *A Rover's Story* by Jasmine Warga
- * *Fuzzy Mud* by Louis Sachar
- * *Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus* by Dusti Bowling
- * *Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Being Good* by Louie Stowell
- * *Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper
- * *Pax* by Sara Pennypacker
- * *The Great Treehouse War* by Lisa Graff
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- * *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown



Read!



You may want to keep a **journal** while you're reading.

Some students find it helpful to keep a journal to keep track of the books they read and significant lines in the text. Click on the link below to watch a video about keeping a journal for the Battle of the Books competition.

[Keeping a Battle of the Books journal](#)



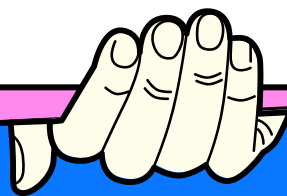
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Want to know more about these books?

Click on the **Book Link** button on each of
the following slides to see a book trailer
about the book!



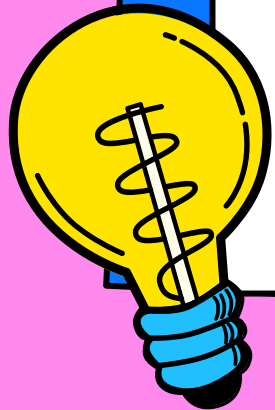
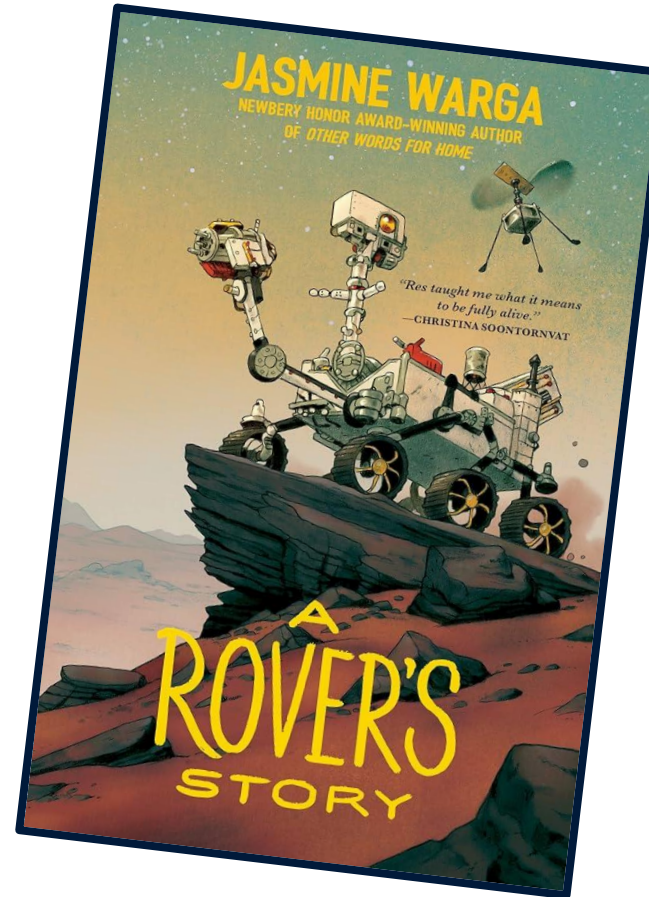
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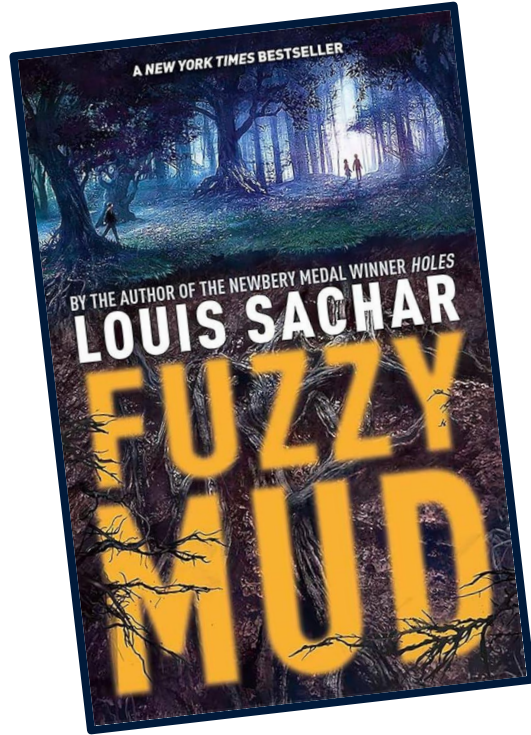
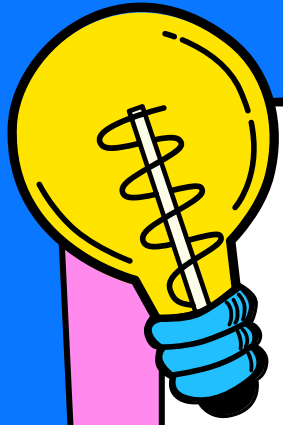
A Rover's Story by **Jasmine Warga**

Meet Resilience, a Mars rover determined to live up to his name.

Res was built to explore Mars. He was not built to have human emotions. But as he learns new things from the NASA scientists who assemble him, he begins to develop humanlike feelings. Maybe there's a problem with his programming...

[Book Link](#)





Fuzzy Mud by Louis Sachar

Tamaya and Marshall cut through the restricted woods behind their school to avoid a bully—but encounter a strange mud that has the potential to destroy nearly all life on Earth. While Marshall struggles with the emotional effects of being bullied by Chad, Tamaya develops an unusually aggressive rash from the mud and worries that in protecting Marshall she has gravely injured Chad.

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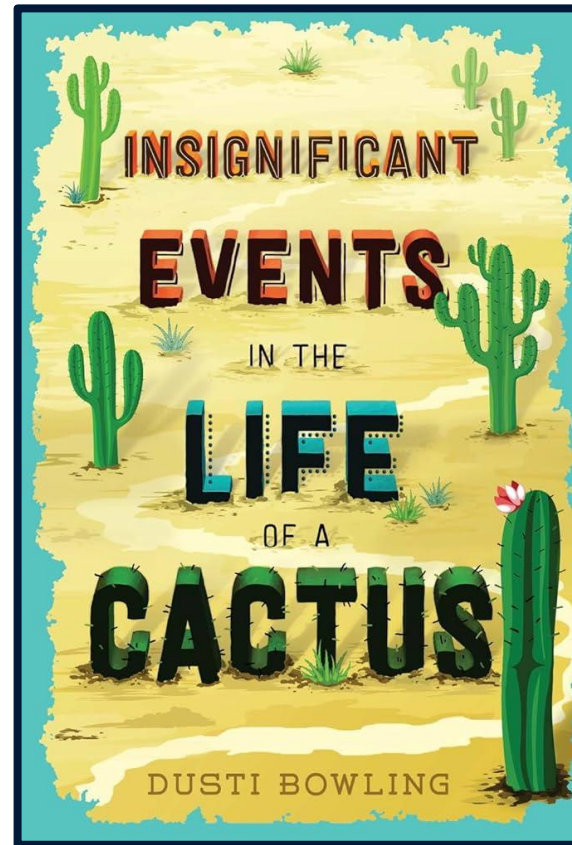
Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus

by Dusti Bowling

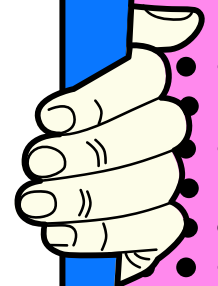
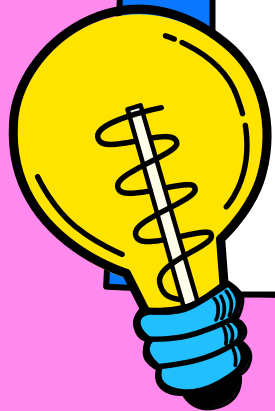
Aven's dad has just been offered a new job, managing a rundown theme park, so the family must move from their Kansas home.

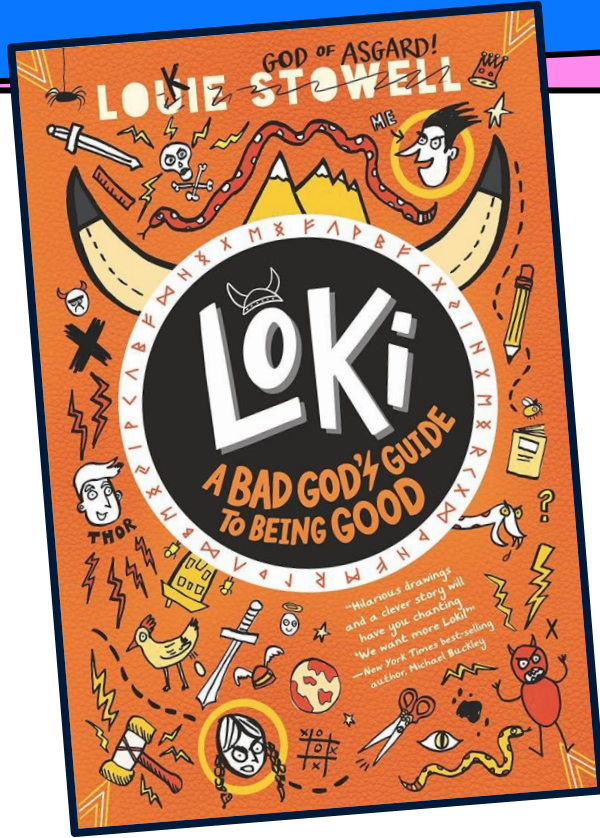
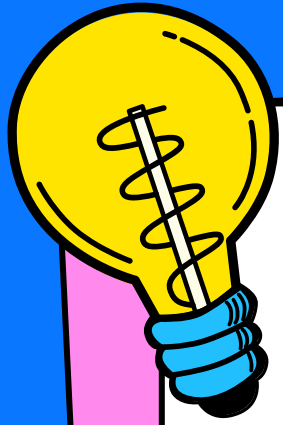
Aven, who has no arms, has never lacked confidence. She's always gone to school with the same friends, and her adoptive parents have ensured she's felt able to do pretty much anything, just finding a different way to do it. Moving to Arizona and being a newbie, however, brings new challenges. Thankfully, she forms powerful friendships with Connor (who has Tourette's Syndrome) and Zion (who's overweight). Together, they have a mystery to solve, as the theme park conceals some surprising secrets...

[Book Link](#)



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Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Being Good by Louie Stowell

After playing one trick too many, Loki, Norse god of mischief, is sent by Odin to live on earth as an 11-year-old boy. He has one month to prove that he can mend his ways, or Odin will condemn him to eternal torture. Loki must record evidence of his moral improvement in a magical diary which, unfortunately for him, corrects lies and deducts "virtue points" from his score whenever he behaves badly. Furious that he must suffer indignities such as attending school and doing chores, Loki struggles to be good.

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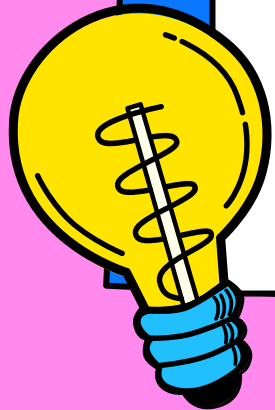
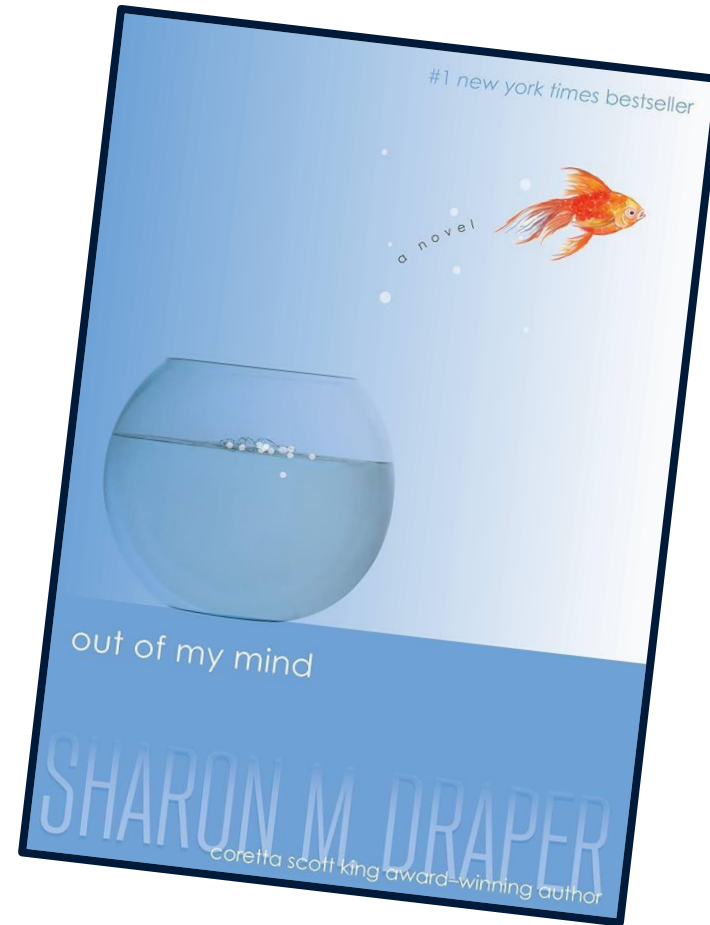
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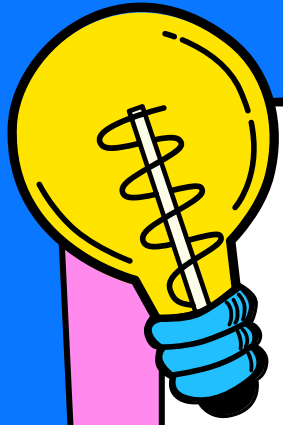
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Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper

Eleven-year-old Melody has a photographic memory. She's the smartest kid in her whole school - but no one knows it. She has cerebral palsy so she can't walk or talk or write. Most people—her teachers and doctors included – don't think she's capable of learning. Being stuck inside her head is making Melody go out of her mind – that is, until she discovers something that will allow her to speak for the first time ever. At last Melody has a voice . . . but not everyone around her is ready to hear it.

[**Book Link**](#)





Pax by Sara Pennypacker

[Book Link](#)

Pax and Peter have been inseparable ever since Peter rescued him as a kit. But one day the unimaginable happens: Peter's dad enlists in the military and makes him return the fox to the wild.

At his grandfather's house 300 miles away from home, Peter knows he isn't where he should be—with Pax. He strikes out on his own despite the encroaching war, spurred by love, loyalty, and grief to be reunited with his fox.

Meanwhile Pax, steadfastly waiting for his boy, embarks on adventures and discoveries of his own . . .

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The Great Treehouse War

by Lisa Graff

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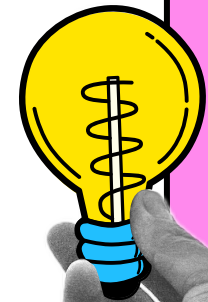


On Winnie's last day of fourth grade, her parents got divorced and decided that Winnie would live three days a week with each of them and spend Wednesdays by herself in a treehouse between their houses, to divide her time perfectly evenly. Winnie's frustration with her parents grew until it felt like it was as big as a tree itself.

By the end of fifth grade, Winnie decides that the only way to change things is to barricade herself in her treehouse until her parents come to their senses—and her friends decide to join. It's kids vs. grown-ups, and no one wants to back down first. But with ten kids in one treehouse, all with their own demands, things get pretty complicated! Even if they are having the most epic slumber party ever.



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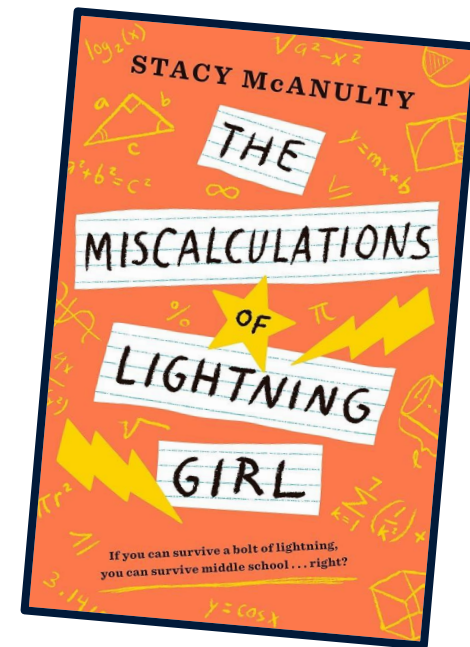
The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl

by Stacy McAnulty

Lucy Callahan was struck by lightning. She doesn't remember it, but it changed her life forever. The zap gave her genius-level math skills, and ever since, Lucy has been homeschooled. Now, at 12 years old, she's technically ready for college. She just has to pass 1 more test--middle school!

Lucy's grandma insists: Go to middle school for 1 year. Make 1 friend. Join 1 activity. And read 1 book (that's not a math textbook!). Lucy's not sure what a girl who does calculus homework for fun can possibly learn in 7th grade. She has everything she needs at home, where nobody can make fun of her rigid routines or her superpowered brain. The equation of Lucy's life has already been solved. Unless there's been a miscalculation?

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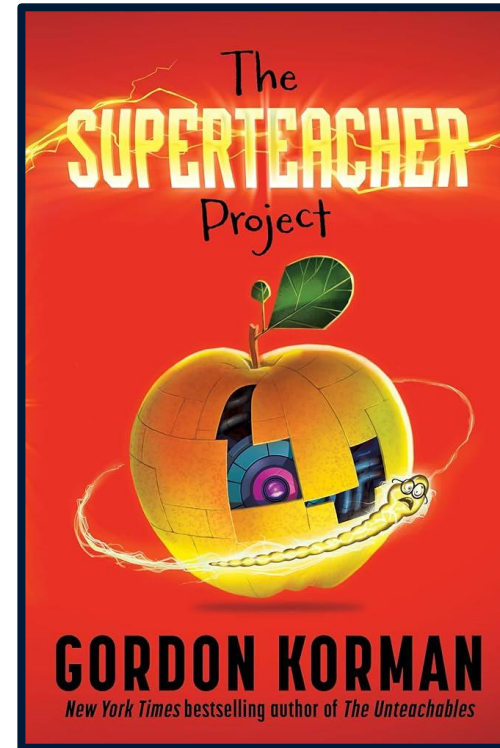


The Superteacher Project by Gordon Korman

Oliver Zahn is not a fan of his new homeroom teacher, Mr. Aidact. The guy is sort of stiff, never cracks a smile, and refers to them as "pupils." The worst part is he catches Oliver before he can pull any of his signature pranks! It's time for Oliver and his best friend, Nathan, to show the new teacher who's boss.

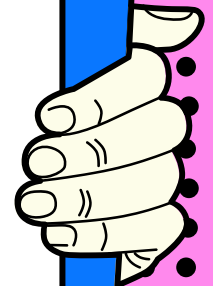
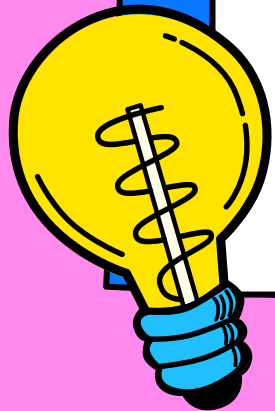
But as the weeks go by, they start to realize that Mr. Aidact is not what they expected. He has an uncanny ability to remember song lyrics or trivia. When the girls' field hockey team needs a new coach, he suddenly turns out to be an expert. He never complains when other teachers unload work on him. Against all odds, Mr. Aidact starts to become the most popular teacher at Brightling.

Still, Oliver and Nathan know that something is fishy. They're determined to get to the bottom of the mystery: What's the deal with Mr. Aidact?



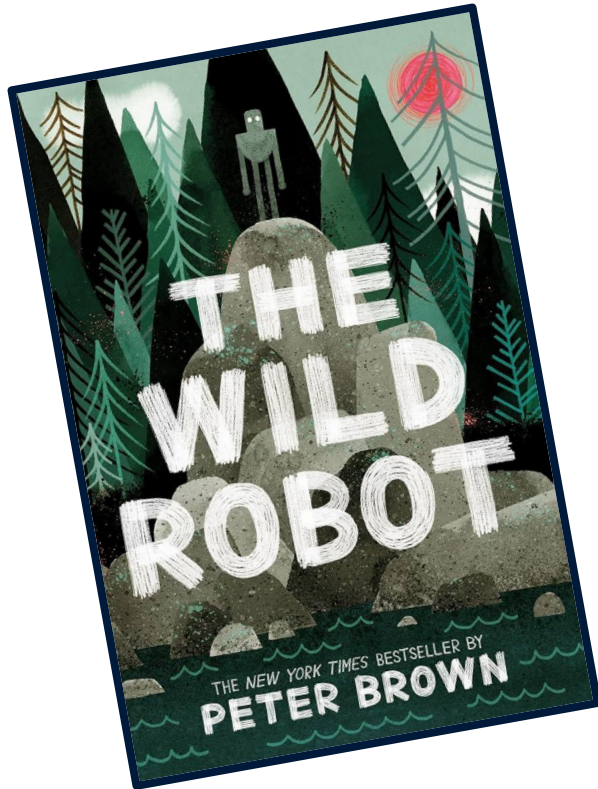
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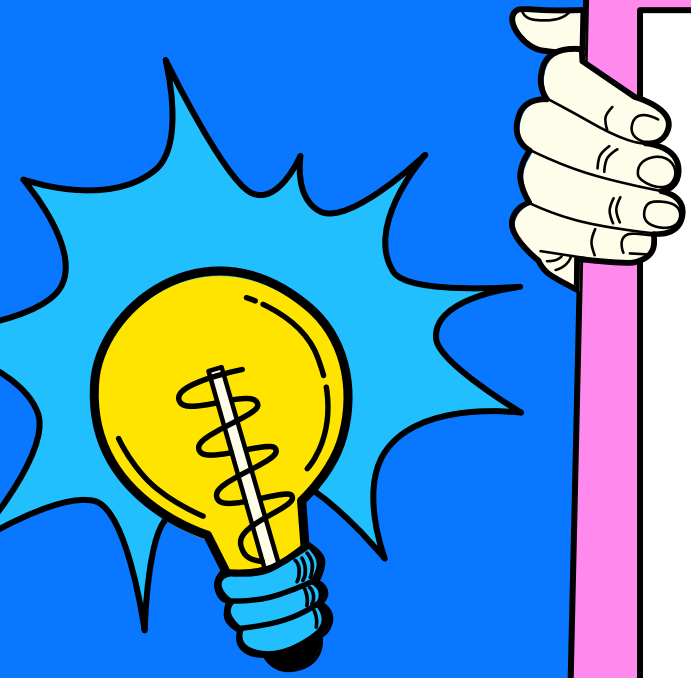
The Wild Robot by Peter Brown



When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is—but she knows she needs to survive. After battling a fierce storm and escaping a vicious bear attack, she realizes that her only hope for survival is to adapt to her surroundings and learn from the island's unwelcoming animal inhabitants.

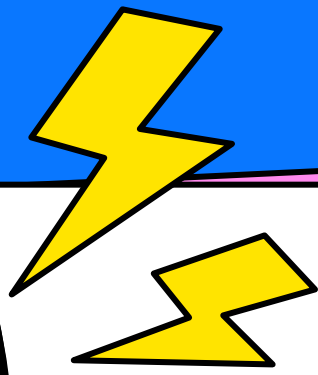
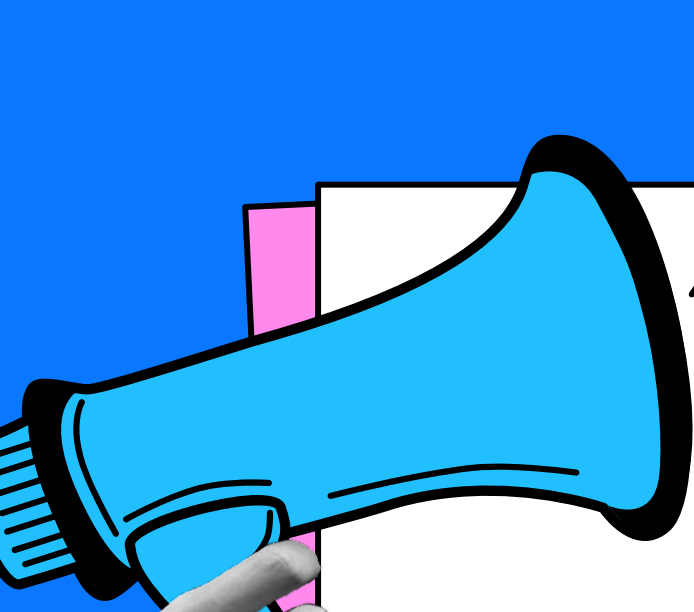
As Roz slowly befriends the animals, the island starts to feel like home—until, one day, the robot's mysterious past comes back to haunt her.

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Books and doors are the same thing. You open them, and you go through into another world.

Jeanette Winterson



Credits.



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A Rover's Story: Overview by HarperCollins, book trailer by Bay Shore-Brightwaters Public Library

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