

Cam Jansen and the Graduation Day Mystery #31

By David A. Adler; Illustrated by Joy Allen *For ages 7-10*

Cam Jansen, elementary school detective, is up to her 31st mystery. She's got to be doing something right! Children making the transition from picture books to chapter books have found Cam Jansen books a great help and motivator. In her latest case, Cam must use her skills and her photographic memory to catch the thief who stole Eric's father's graduation present.

The One and Only Ivan

By Katherine Applegate, Illustrated by Patricia Castelao Costa *For ages 8-10*

"The Ape at Exit 8" is Ivan, a mighty silverback gorilla who lives in a circus-themed shopping mall. Based on a true story, this novel tells how Ivan uses his talent for drawing to rescue the other animals. Winner, 2013 Newbery Medal.

Ivy and Bean Make the Rules

By Annie Barrows; Illustrated by Sophie Blackall *For ages 7-9*

Nancy, Bean's older sister, is going to camp, but Bean can't go: You have to be eleven to go to camp. Never one to accept defeat, Bean and her best friend Ivy create a camp of their own. A triumph of friendship, ingenuity, and fun!

Or start with the first book in the series: *Ivy and Bean*

Hello Nebulon!

By Ray O'Ryan; Illustrated by Colin Jack *For ages 5-8*

It's 2120, and Zack Nelson and his family are leaving Earth to move to the planet Nebulon. Their space-aged house has all kinds of awesome gadgets that Zack will be using every day, but still Zack worries that he and his twin sister won't have any friends. But then he meets a fellow student and slowly starts to realize that things on Nebulon might just be alright after all. Young readers will zoom through the story to find out what happens to Zack, entertained and delighted along the way!

Captain Underpants and the Revolting Revenge of the Radioactive Robo-Boxers

By Dav Pilkey *For ages 7 and up*

For once, the critics agree with what children have been saying for years: USA Today tells us: "Call Pilkey...the savior of the 'reluctant reader.'" Newsweek says *Captain Underpants* is "a triumph of irreverence." And young readers say: "They are funny and crazy!" Now, in the newest book in the series, everything is threatened. Could it be the end for Captain Underpants?

Or start with the first book in the series: *The Adventures of Captain Underpants*

Gone Fishing: A Novel in Verse

By Tamera Will Wissinger; Illustrated by Matthew Cordell *For ages 6-9*

Nine-year-old Sam and his dad are going to the lake: "For fishing tomorrow/it's just us two. Not Mom, not Grandpa/not Lucy..." In a series of engaging poems that narrate the day, they prepare their gear;

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plans change (Lucy does tag along); fish get caught; siblings get along; and all ends deliciously at dinner. We're guessing that this delightful excursion will lead lots of kids to try their luck at fishing—and to try their hand at poetry!

Nic Bishop Snakes

By Nic Bishop; illustrated with photographs *For ages 5 and up*

Super-sharp photographs show a great variety of snakes, sometimes at rest but often in action, while equally clear text presents basic facts about each. The handsome design welcomes curious (and maybe even some fearful) children to get up close and learn more.

Llama Llama Time to Share

By Anna Dewdney *For ages 2-5*

While Mama Llama and Nelly Gnu have tea, their two toddlers are left with a boxful of toys to share. All goes well, until that Gnu girl decides to play with Llama's treasured Fuzzy Llama doll. Llama's not ready for that much sharing.

Or start with the first book in this series: *Llama Llama Red Pajama*

Olivia and the Fairy Princesses

By Ian Falconer *For ages 3-6*

Olivia is one best-selling pig—and with good reason. Strong-willed, high-spirited and, in this book, in search of her true identity—Olivia's been keeping young children smiling (and recognizing themselves) for a dozen books now. She's sure to please.

Or start with the first book in this series: *Olivia*

This Moose Belongs to Me

By Oliver Jeffers *For ages 4-7*

For the "Can I keep him?" would-be pet owner, this story of Wilfred and Marcel the Moose is a great fit. Wilfred and Marcel make a happy pair, but it isn't long before Wilfred notice little things about the very big moose. It seems he has some secrets, like the neighbor who greets Marcel as "Rodrigo," and the fact that he prefers apples to, well...Wilfred. Still their friendship is real, their story is charming, and every page of this picture book is a visual treat.

Yes, Let's

By Galen Goodwin Longstreth; Illustrated by Maris Wicks *For ages 3-5*

Preschoolers will happily follow one family's day in the country, from the dedication page with its maze-like roads leading three cars through the woods to a stream-side destination, right to the evening return trip with the happily exhausted parents and children barely making it up the stairs to their bedrooms. The short rhythmic text is simple, fast, and fun to read aloud, while the detail-filled cartoon-like illustrations invite long looks at every spread.

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Creepy Carrots!

By Aaron Reynolds; Illustrated by Peter Brown *For ages 4 and up*

Jasper Rabbit loves to eat carrots—especially the ones that grow at Crackenhopper Field...until the day the carrots start following him. This slightly spooky book will please youngest fans of scary tales while it delivers a subtle message about being greedy.

Pete's a Pizza Board Book

By William Steig *For ages 4-8*

Pete's dad turns a rainy day into lots of fun when he makes Pete into a pizza: Pete's kneaded and tossed; covered with tomatoes (checkers) and cheese (bits of paper), put into the oven (the couch) and soon is ready to slice and be nibbled. But the sun comes out and the pizza runs out to play with his friends. Absolutely silly and great fun!

Bink & Gollie: Best Friends Forever

By: Kate DiCamillo Illustrated by: Alison McGhee *Age Level: 6-9*

Friends Bink and Gollie are very different but they have fun together — even when one of them behaves peculiarly. In three vignettes, Gollie assumes a royal role, Bink tries to get taller, and together they start a memorable collection. Comic illustrations add to the fun of the short text.

Ninja Meerkats: The Clan of the Scorpion

By: Gareth Jones *Age Level: 6-9*

Meet Jet, Chuck, Donnie and Bruce — not only ninjas skilled in martial arts but clever, bright and brave. The first books in the series about ninja meerkats are fast and funny, silly and generously illustrated, just right for light summer reading!

Kelsey Green, Reading Queen

By: Claudia Mills *Age Level: 6-9*

Meet Kelsey Green, extraordinary 3rd grade reader, maybe even the best. When her school begins a reading competition, Kelsey discovers what's most important about reading and about readers. This is the first installment in a new series, "Franklin School Friends".

I Scream Ice Scream! A Book of Wordles

By: Amy Krouse Rosenthal Illustrated by: Serge Bloch *Age Level: 6-9*

What's a "wordle"? The title uses wordles. "Reindeer" and "rain dear" are wordles. Get it? Readers will be inspired to make up their own as they go through the clever language and comically illustrated wordles presented.

Follow Follow: A Book of Reverso Poems

By: Marilyn Singer Illustrated by: Josee Masse *Age Level: 6-9*

The original form of poetry (introduced in *Mirror Mirror*) is again used to present different perspectives adapted from <http://lexington.patch.com/> and <http://www.readingrockets.org/books/summer/2013/6-9/>

on the same topic. Characters large and small — from the Emperor in a birthday suit to tiny Thumbelina — a clever form and lush illustrations bring well known characters into focus.

Deadly: The Truth about the Most Dangerous Creatures on Earth

By: Nicola Davies Illustrated by: Neal Layton *Age Level: 6-9*

A host of deadly predators and their lethal methods are presented. Informative though playful descriptions with cartoon illustrations (that both enhance and mitigate the "gross" factor), the thin volume is sure to intrigue — and inspire further reading.

Stink and the Freaky Frog Freakout

By: Megan McDonald *Age Level: 6-9*

Stink is still afraid to put his head underwater so fears he'll remain a "polliwog". When frogs start to appear everywhere, however, Stink learns about them, what's really going on, and learns to swim! The latest installment about Judy Moody's little brother is sure to please.

The 13-Story Treehouse

By: Andy Griffiths *Age Level: 6-9*

Terry and Andy are friends who live in a huge tree house complete with a bowling alley, game room, laboratory, and much more all of which lead to fantastic, funny adventures. Comic cartoon illustrations vary the format which ranges from traditional to comic book.