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Picture Book

Agee, Jon. **The retired kid.** Although he enjoys some aspects of his retirement, eight-year-old Brian gains a new perspective on his job of being a child after spending time in Florida's Happy Sunset Retirement Community. New York: Hyperion Books for Children, c2008. **P/AGE**

Azore, Barbara. **Wanda and the wild hair.** Wanda loves the way her wild, curly hair feels when she touches it but decides to follow her mom's advice and visits the hairdresser for some help. Toronto: Tundra Books, c2005. **P/AZO**

Azore, Barbara. **Wanda's freckles.** Wanda's freckles make her feel special until the day a group of boys point, laugh, and tease her for having spots. Toronto: Tundra Books, c2009. **P/AZO**

Buxton, Jane. **The littlest llama.** High in the Andes Mountains, the littlest llama wants to play but his mother, sisters, gran, and aunt are busy, and so he leaves the herd to seek a playmate and finds adventure, instead. New York: Sterling Pub., c2008. **P/BUX**

Campbell, Nicola L. **Shi-shi-etko.** Shi-shi-etko, a Native American girl, spends the last four days before she goes to residential school learning valuable lessons from her mother, father, and grandmother, and creating precious memories of home. Toronto: Berkeley, CA: Greenwood Books, c2005. **P/CAM**

Campbell, Nicola L. **Shin-chi's canoe.** Hungry and lonely, young Shin-chi tries desperately to hold on to his Native traditions, sneaking out to sing his grandfather's prayer song and release his canoe in the river. Toronto: Berkeley, CA: Greenwood Books, c2008. **P/CAM**

Tyson, Leigh Ann. **An interview with Harry the Tarantula.** Katy Did of KBUG Radio interviews Harry about a recent adventure and, in the process, finds out a lot about tarantulas. Washington, D.C.: National Geographic, c2003. **P/TYS**

Easy Reader

LeSeig, Theo. **In a people house.** Easy-to-read rhyme cites a number of common household items. New York: Random House, c2000. **E/LES**

LeSeig, Theo. **Ten apples up on top!** "A hilarious story in rhyme about a number of animals who could carry 10 apples on their heads. New York; Beginner Books, c2004. **E/SEU**

Junior

Adler, Davis A. **Cam Jansen and the Green School mystery.** Cam Jansen's school is going green. For each can or bottle Cam and her classmates bring in to be recycled, the school earns a nickel. But when all the nickels go missing, everyone suspects they were stolen. Can Cam *click!* and use her photographic memory to solve this mystery? New York: Viking, c2008. **J/ADL**

Bergen, Lara. **A masterpiece for Bess.** Flattered at first that all the other fairies and sparrow men want her to paint their portraits, Bess soon begins to feel overwhelmed and tries to find a way to return to the kind of painting she really wants to do. New York: Random House, c2007. **J/BER**

Driscoll, Laura. **Vidia and the Fairy Crown.** Vidia can be nasty and selfish, but is she a thief? When she is falsely accused of stealing Queen Clarion's crown, she begins an investigation that leads her on a wild-goose chase to the far corners of the Home Tree. New York: Random House, c2006. **J/DRI**

Fagan, Cary. **Jacob Two-Two on the high seas.** After Jacob Two-Two's father writes a very important novel, the family makes plans to move. They board the SS *Spring-a-Leak* for a journey across the ocean. But something is wrong. Toronto: Tundra books, c2009. **J/FAG**

Goldberg, Whoopi. **Sugar Plum Ballerina's: plum fantastic.** When her mother moves the family to Harlem and enrolls her in the Nutcracker School of Ballet, reluctant dancer Alexandra is picked to be the Sugar Plum Fairy in the big recital. New York: Disney/Jump at the Sun Books, c2008. **J/GOL**

Goldberg, Whoopi. **Sugar Plum Ballerina's: toeshoe trouble.** Brenda Black tells her spoiled cousin Tiffany that she owns a pair of ballerina Camilla Freeman's tap shoes, but then Tiffany demands to see the shoes, which actually belong to the headmistress of Brenda's ballet school. New York: Disney/Jump at the Sun Books, c2009. **J/GOL**

Keene, Carolyn. **Pony problems.** A new petting zoo has opened in River Heights. The zoo has the *cutest* Shetland pony named Buttons who keeps escaping from his pen and showing up all over town! New York: Aladdin Paperbacks, c2008. **J/KEE**

Keene, Carolyn. **Scream for ice cream.** When a local ice cream factory hosts a contest for new flavors, Nancy and the Clue Crew enter, but when a friend's secret recipe goes missing, Nancy suspects that someone is up to no good. New York: Aladdin Paperbacks, c2008. **J/KEE**

Spires, Ashley. **Binky the space cat.** Binky is a space cat - at least in his own mind. He tries to prepare a rocket ship so that he can explore outer space, but he has second thoughts about taking off. Toronto: Kids Can Press, c2009. **J/SPI**

Intermediate

Augarde, Steve. **Winter Wood.** Midge discovers Celandine still alive in a local nursing home, where she's kept the all-but-forgotten Orbis. As the wee folk deal with wild passion and difficult politics, Midge tries to find a connection with them. New York: David Flicking Books, c2009. **AUG**

De Fombelle, Timothee. **Toby alone.** After Toby's scientist father discovers that the Tree their miniature civilization calls home is alive and at risk from deep digging, thirteen-year-old Toby, only one-and-a-half millimeters tall, must save his now endangered family and the Tree's very existence. Somerville Mass: Candlewick Press, c2008. **DEF**

Moss, Marissa. **Amelia's Science Fair disaster.** Amelia gets assigned a school science project with the worst partners ever! How will she survive the science fair? New York: Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers, c2008. **MOS**

Non-fiction

Aguilar, David. **Planets, stars and galaxies: a visual encyclopedia of our universe.** This text introduces readers to the most current information available about the universe. Washington, D.C.: National Geographic, c2007. **520/A**

Allaby, Michael. **Visual encyclopedia of Earth.** Curious kids want to know everything about their planet. They'll find the answers to their questions here, as they investigate our world from its core to its cosmic connections. Washington, D.C.: National Geographic, c2008. **550/A**

Barnhill, Kelly Regan. **Do you know where your water has been?** Are you ready to go behind the scenes of our amazing sanitation system? From the history of toilets to the mystery of tap water, you'll never look at garbage, toilets, and waste the same way again! Mankato, Minn.: Capstone Press, c2009. **628.1**

Garlick, Mark A. **Atlas of the Universe.** Designed for the next generation of space enthusiasts, *Atlas of the Universe* contains everything you need to navigate the night sky and the farthest reaches of the cosmos. New York: Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers, c2008. **523.1/G**

National Geographic Kids Almanac 2010. Amazing animals will take readers into the wild and into the water. Discover cultural connections from food, currency, literature and lots more from around the world. Washington, D.C.: National Geographic, c2009. **031.02/N**

O'Mara, Genevieve. **The lunar cycle: phases of the moon.** Read and discover all the interesting facts about the Earth's Moon, Eclipses, the Moon and Tides and much more. New York: Powerkids Press, c2009. **523.32/O**

Smart-Opedia: The amazing book about everything. This fun book entertains youngsters with answers to questions they might not even have known they had, and helps them decipher the world around them. Toronto: Maple Tree Press, c2008. **031/S**

Smart-Opedia junior: the amazing book about everything. Hot on the heels of the best-selling *Smart-opedia* for ages 8 to 12, comes *Smart-opedia Junior*. This cool book is designed to provide hours of entertainment and education. Toronto: Maple Tree Press, c2008. **031/S**

Storad, Conrad J. **Javelinas.** Readers learn about the physical characteristics, habitat, and behaviour of Javelinas, thorough vivid photographs and clear, concise sentences. Minneapolis, MN: Lerner Publications, c2009. **597.48/S**

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Strange but true: the world's weirdest wonders. The editors of LIFE explore the true stories behind history's most astonishing places, people, and events. Teen readers will be astounded by this colossal compendium of crazy coincidences, wild weather, peculiar people, and astounding animals. You have to see it to believe it! New York: life Books, c2008. **031.02/S**

Young Adult

Brown, Jennifer. **Hate list.** Five months ago, Valerie Leftman's boyfriend, Nick, opened fire on their school cafeteria. Shot trying to stop him, Valerie inadvertently saved the life of a classmate, but was implicated in the shootings because of the list she helped create. New York: Little Brown, c2009. **YA/BRO**

Cobley, Jason. **Frankenstein: the graphic novel.** "Frankenstein" is such a well known title, yet the films strayed so far beyond the original novel that many people today don't realize how this classic horror tale deals with such timeless subjects as alienation, empathy and understanding beyond appearance. Towcester, UK: Classical Comics, 2008. **YA/741.5/C**

Dessen, Sarah. **The truth about forever.** Up-Macy, 16, witnessed her father's death, but has never figured out how to mourn. Instead, she stays in control—good grades, perfect boyfriend, always neat and tidy—and tries to fake her way to normal. New York: Viking, c2004. **YA/DES**

Dobkin, Bonnie. **Neptune's children.** Terrorists design a virus to take over the world, but something goes wrong. On a vacation at the Isles of Wonder, a theme park similar to Disney World, Josh and his little sister watch as all of the adults die around them, leaving them and thousands of others under age 13 to fend for themselves. New York: Walker and Co, c2008. **YA/DOB**

Killan, Beth. **Boy trouble.** Seventeen-year-old Eva Cordes's life becomes complicated when she has to deal with feuding roommates, landing a role in the hottest show on television, being pursued by heartthrob actor Teague Archer, and getting to know the older brother she just discovered. New York: MTV Books, c2007. **YA/KIL**

Killan, Beth. **The 310: everything she wants.** Hollywood newcomer Eva Cordes begins to unravel her family's scandalous secrets, an effort that is complicated by the approach of Valentine's Day and the unexpected advances of a high school friend. New York: MTV Books, c2006. **YA/KIL**

Killan, Beth. **The 310: life as a poser.** Hollywood newcomer Eva Cordes begins to unravel her family's scandalous secrets, an effort that is complicated by the approach of Valentine's Day and the unexpected advances of a high school friend. New York: MTV Books, c2006. **YA/KIL**

McCafferty, Megan. **Charmed thirds.** Leaving her New Jersey hometown for New York City's Columbia University, Jessica finds her life on the upswing, until she lands an internship at an ultra-hip Brooklyn-based magazine, and meets three very different men. New York: Three Rivers Press, c2006. **YA/MCC**

McCafferty, Megan. **Second helpings: a novel.** Jessica Darling is about to begin her final year of high school. She is not looking forward to it. Her best friend, Hope, has moved away, leaving her with only budding-movie-star Bridget to confide in. She also is doing her best to forget Marcus Flutie, the oh-so-sexy guy who captured her heart the year before, only to break it. New York: Three Rivers Press, c2003. **YA/MCC**

McCafferty, Megan. **Sloppy firsts: a novel.** Devastated when her best friend moves away, sixteen-year-old Jessica Darling feels isolated at school and at home, as she struggles to deal with her father's obsession with her track meets, her boy-crazy peers, and her own nonexistent love life. New York: Crown Publishers, c2001. **YA/MCC**

Myers, Walter Dean. **Crystal.** Crystal Brown is en route to stardom as a black fashion model. Her career demands increasing time away from family, friends, school, and normal adolescent concerns. As a model, Crystal confronts a temperamental photographer, sexual pressures, and a demanding agent. New York: HarperTrophy, c2001. **YA/MYE**

Oliver, Jasmine. **Armani angels.** It's the end of the semester at fashion college, and Frankie, Marina, and Sinead are crazy busy. Between part-time jobs, fashion projects, and parties every night, the end of the semester is totally blowing out! New York: Simon Pulse, c2007. **YA/OLI**

Orr, Tamra. **Amenorrhea: why your period stops.** In this edition of the sexual health series you will learn how to understand ovarian cysts and tumors, how to find the right treatment, and also where you can go for further information. New York: Rosen Publishers, c2009. **YA/618/172/O**

Orr, Tamra. **Ovarian tumors and cysts.** In this edition of the sexual health series you will learn how to understand your monthly cycle, how to take care of yourself, and also where you can go for further information. New York: Rosen Publishers, c2009. **YA/616.99/O**

Sapphire. **Push: a novel.** For Precious Jones, 16 and pregnant with her father's child, miraculous hope appears and the world begins to open up for her when a courageous, determined teacher bullies, cajoles, and inspires her to learn to read, to define her own feelings and set them down in a diary. New York: Vintage Books, c1996. **YA/SAP**

Redd, Nancy Amanda. **Body drama.** From body hair and bras, to acne and weight issues, along with crucial issues such as the importance of a healthy self image, *Body Drama* is a groundbreaking book packed with informative fast facts, FYIs, how-tos, and moving personal anecdotes as well as hundreds of un-retouched photographs. New York: Gotham Books, c2008. **YA/612.008/R**

Shiraz, Yasmin. **Retaliation: a novel.** Violence runs rampant on the streets of Washington, DC, and on one seemingly quiet day, the Odom family finds its world destroyed when seventeen-year-old Tashera is brutally attacked by a group of high school girls. Chantilly, VA: Rolling Hills Press, c2007. **YA/SHI**

Simone, Ni-Ni. **A girl like me.** When a radio contest puts her in close contact with sexy singer Haneef, sixteen-year-old Elite, who has a crack-addicted mother and is secretly raising her siblings on her own, gets the chance to make her dreams come true. New York: Dafina Books, c2008. **YA/SIM**

Vandweral, Andrew H. **The battle for Duncragglin.** Convinced that the Scottish caves contain the secret of his parents' disappearance, Alex and his friends set out along the rugged coast determined to find some answers and find themselves transported to the late thirteenth century in the midst of a Scottish war. Toronto: Tundra books, c2009. **YA/VAN**

Wilson, Michael R. **The endocrine system: hormones, growth and development.** In this edition of the sexual health series you will learn about prevention, and support, and treatment and how to take care of yourself, and also where you can go for further information. New York: Rosen Pub., c2009. **YA/612.4/W**

Wiseman, Eva. **Puppet: a novel.** A fictionalized account of the last blood libel trial in Hungary in 1882 is told through the eyes of Julie, a friend of the murdered servant girl Esther and a servant at the jail where Morris Scharf, the accused, is imprisoned. Plattsburgh, N.Y.: Tundra Books, c2009. **YA/WIS**

Youme. **Pitch black: don't be skerd.** That's your guide Anthony speaking. He'll show you how he lives in the tunnels underneath the New York City subway system—that is, if you'll let him. El Paso: Cinco Puntos Press, c2008. **YA/305.38/Y.**

Parent Teacher

Cousins, Lucy. **Noah's Ark.** Lucy Cousins offers a visual feast of pink flamingos, green alligators, gray elephants, and, of course, Noah in this vibrant retelling of the Bible story. Cambridge, Mass.: Candlewick Press, c2004. **PT/P/COU**

Harper, Charley. **123's.** A classic 123 counting book featuring the colorful wildlife illustrations of Charley Harper. Young children can learn how to count to ten, through the delightful and graphic images of animals. Los Angeles: AMMO, c2008. **PT/P/HAR**

Hindley, Judy. **Eyes, nose, fingers, and toes: a first book about you.** Eyes are to Blink. Eyes are to Wink. Eyes are for looking and finding—You. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, c2004 **PT/P/HIN**

Jocelyn, Marthe. **ABC Times three: English, Espanol, Francais.** This alphabet book has an interesting twist: each letter is presented with text in three languages. Toronto: Plattsburgh: Tundra books, c2005. **PT/P/JOC**

Jocelyn, Marthe. **A day with Nellie.** Nellie spends the day eating, napping, and playing with her stuffed animals. Toronto: Tundra books, c2005. **PT/P/JOC**

MacDonald, Margaret Read. **Three-minute tales: stories from around the world to tell when time is short.** MacDonald has compiled more than 70 short, easy-to-learn tales that are ideal for beginning a program or filling in short lags that may occur during a performance. Arkansas: August House Pub., c2004. **PT/398.2/M**

Schindeler, Trevor. **Marshmallow math: early math for toddlers, preschoolers, and primary school children.** Given the importance of early learning in cognitive development, Marshmallow Math begins with number concepts that young children can master before they learn to read and write numbers. Victoria, B.C.: Trafford, c2002. **PT/P/372.7/S**

Wild, Margaret. **Kiss! Kiss!** Baby Hippo forgets to kiss his mama good-bye before he goes off to play. As he walks through the jungle, he sees other animal babies kissing their mothers, so he returns home and makes amends. New York: little Simon, c2008. **PT/P/WIL**

Willems, Mo. **The pigeon loves things that go!** In this board book, readers will see him emoting at the thought of driving a plane, a train, a car, and more, all in his deliriously over-the-top style. New York: Hyperion Books for Young Children, c2005. **PT/P/WIL**

Bermudiana

Bermuda National Trust. **Bermuda architectural heritage.** Smith's Parish is the fifth volume of parish-by-parish series of books by the Bermuda National Trust dedicated to the preservation of our islands heritage. Bermuda National Trust, The Trust, c2005. **BDA.SECT/720.97/B**

Fairy Tales/Mythology

Andrews, Jan. **Stories at the door.** It's six stories, in fact. Six of the silliest funniest tales you have ever heard. Toronto: Tundra Books, c2007. **398.2/A**

Playaways

Angus, David. **Great inventors and their inventions.** Nine remarkable men produced inventions that changed the world. But who were the men who had these ideas and made reality of them? Solon, Ohio: Playaway Digital Audio, p2009. **PL/920/A**

Classic ghost stories. Ghost stories have a timeless appeal for readers of all ages, and this audio book collects 11 of the best ever written from the 19th and 20th centuries. Solon, Ohio: Playaway Digital Audio, p2009. **PL/CLA**

Grahame-Smith, Seth. **Pride and prejudice and zombies.** As a mysterious plague falls upon the village of Meryton and zombies start rising from the dead, Elizabeth Bennett is determined to destroy the evil menace, but becomes distracted by the arrival of the dashing and arrogant Mr. Darcy. Solon, Ohio: Playaway Digital Audio, p2009. **PL/YA/GRA**

Myers, Walter Dean, **Bad boy: a memoir.** Into a memoir that is funny, heartbreaking, and unforgettable, Myers richly weaves the details of his Harlem childhood in the 1940's and 1950's. Solon, Ohio: Playaway Digital Audio, p2007. **PL/YA/B/MYE**

Sound Recordings

Averback, Jim. **In a blue room.** Alice bounces on her bed, wide awake and making demands. She will only sleep in a room in which everything is blue. Prince Frederick, MD: Recorded Books, p2008. **SR/P/AVE**

Banks, Kate. **Max's words.** Max's brother Benjamin collects stamps; his brother Karl collects coins. Max wants to collect something too; he decides to collect words. Prince Frederick, MD: Recorded Books, p2009. **SR/P/BAN**

Carman, Patrick. **Haunted hike.** It's Halloween in Elliot's Park and the squirrels are all in costume, ready for some trick-or-treating fun. But when Elliot, Chip, Twitch, and the rest of the gang think they see a ghost in Camp Canyon, there's a frightful mystery to be solved. Prince Frederick, MD: Recorded Books, p2009. **SR/E/CAR**

Dungy, Tony. **You can do it!** In a family where everyone seems to have found their special talent, all Linden knows is that he wants to make people happy. Prince Frederick, MD: Recorded Books, p2009. **SR/P/DUN**

Harrington, Janice N. **The chicken-chasing Queen of Lamar.** In this delightful story about life on a farm, an African-American youngster is determined to become the best chicken chaser ever, although Big Mama repeatedly asks her to leave the animals alone. Prince Frederick, MD: Recorded Books, p2009. **SR/P/HAR**

Lies, Brian. **Bats at the beach.** What could be better fun than a fun day at the beach with your loved ones? How about if your family members are furry, friendly bats? Prince Frederick, MD: Recorded Books, p2009 **SR/P/LIE**

Rylant, Cynthia. **Annie and Snowball and the dress-up birthday.** Annie and her pet bunny, Snowball, love living next door to Annie's favorite cousin, Henry and his dog, Mudge. Whether it's playing Frisbee or watching old movies, there's no shortage of fun to be had when these four are together. Prince Frederick, MD: Recorded Books, c2009. **SR/P/RYL**

Teach your baby Spanish. Stimulate your baby's neural pathways by playing the CD with your baby and saying the words out loud. You will also help the baby attach meaning to the words by following the teaching tips provided. California: Smart Kids, p2006. **SR/460/S**