FICTION

Beaty, Andrea. ADA TWIST AND THE PERILOUS PANTS*
When Ada’s uncle gets carried away by his helium pants, she and her friends must try to bring him back down to earth.

Blakemore, Megan Frazer. FRANKIE SPARKS AND THE CLASS PET*
Third grade scientist Frankie must convince her class and teacher that a rat would make the best class pet.

Choldenko, Gennifer. ONE-THIRD NERD
Three siblings must come up with a way to keep their dog, Cupcake, from being rehomed.

DiCamillo, Kate. STELLA ENDICOTT AND THE ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE POEM*
A classroom argument over a poem about a pig leads to a trip to the principal's office for Stella and Horace.

Dominguez, Angela. STELLA DIAZ HAS SOMETHING TO SAY*
Shy Stella sometimes mixes up English and Spanish words. Can she make a big presentation to her class and make a friend without getting embarrassed?

Elliott, Zetta. DRAGONS IN A BAG*
Delivering baby dragons from Brooklyn to a magical world is not as easy as it sounds.

Farina, Katy. BABY-SITTERS LITTLE SISTER: KAREN’S WITCH*
Karen is convinced her neighbor is a witch! Can she prove it? (Spin-off of The Baby-sitter's Club series)

Gallagher, John. MAX MEOW: CAT CRUSADER*
Max, an ordinary cat, becomes extraordinary after eating a radioactive space meatball.

González, Saraí. SARAI AND THE MEANING OF AWESOME*
Sarai’s grandparents must move, but Sarai and her sister are determined to find a way to buy back their house.

Green, John Patrick. INVESTIGATORS*
The InvestiGators are a duo of super spy alligators traveling through the sewers to solve mysteries and fight supervillains!

MacLachlan, Patricia. WONDROUS REX
Grace’s writer aunt posts an ad for an assistant and a magical dog shows up on their doorstep.

McDonald, Andrew. REAL PIGEONS FIGHT CRIME*
A squad of unique and clever pigeons use their skills to solve three mysteries and fight bad guys.

Manternach, Karla. MEENA MEETS HER MATCH
Bright and colorful Meena runs into some darkness as she navigates friendship troubles and a diagnosis of epilepsy.

Mills, Claudia. VERA VANCE COMICS STAR*
Will comics-loving Vera be allowed to go to Comic-Con with her after school club? Her mom has other ideas.

Newton, A.I. THE ALIEN NEXT DOOR: THE NEW KID*
A new kid from another planet tries to blend in at his new school but his neighbor, Harris, is on to him.

Patterson, James. MISSION IMPAWSIBLE*
Junior and his dog pals are up to no good after his owners leave him at the kennel while they take a summer vacation.

*Title is one in a series
Reed, Melody. **THE MAJOR EIGHTS: BATTLE OF THE BANDS***
Jasmine and her friends love jamming for fun but are they ready for a Battle of the Bands competition?

Sheinkin, Steve. **ABRAHAM LINCOLN: PRO WRESTLER***
Young Abraham Lincoln travels through time to fulfill his dream of becoming a professional wrestler, but his siblings need to get him back so he can become president.

Timberlake, Amy. **SKUNK AND BADGER***
A quiet badger has his world upended when a charismatic skunk becomes his roommate.

Tsang, Katie. **SAM WU IS NOT AFRAID OF SHARKS***
Scaredy-cat Sam is afraid to attend a birthday party at the beach after a frightening encounter with a shark at the aquarium.

Urban, Linda. **ROAD TRIP WITH MAX AND HIS MOM***
Max is inspired to be a brave explorer as he travels to a family event with his newly divorced mom.

Vernon, Ursula. **LITTLE RED RODENT HOOD***
A wacky twist on the traditional Little Red Riding Hood tale starring Hamster Princess.

**INFORMATIONAL BOOKS**

Aronson, Sarah. **JUST LIKE RUBE GOLDBERG: THE INCREDIBLE TRUE STORY OF THE MAN BEHIND THE MACHINES***
The life of a zany cartoonist and inventor who created wildly complicated machines to achieve simple tasks.

Burgan, Michael. **WHAT IS THE STORY OF BATMAN***
The DC Comics superhero’s origin story and his impact on TV, movies and comics.

Krull, Kathleen. **FLY HIGH JOHN GLENN: THE STORY OF AN AMERICAN HERO***
The life story of an astronaut, U.S. senator, fighter pilot and all-around hero, John Glenn.

Lloyd, Christopher. **HUMANIMAL: INCREDIBLE WAYS ANIMALS ARE JUST LIKE US***
Animals and humans have more in common than you might think!

Manley, Curtis. **JUST RIGHT: SEARCHING FOR THE GOLDILOCKS PLANET***
An exploration of whether there may be another planet out there “just right” for life to exist.

Pallotta, Jerry. **WHO WOULD WIN? BATTLE ROYALE***
Learn about animal anatomy and behavior while figuring out who would win epic battles between some of nature’s most dangerous creatures.

Miller, Rhett. **NO MORE POEMS!***
Humorous poems and illustrations about childhood dilemmas like annoying siblings, homework, sports, and bath time.

**CHALLENGING READS**

Alexander, Lori. **ALL IN A DROP: HOW ANTONY VAN LEEUWENHOEK DISCOVERED AN INVISIBLE WORLD***
A self-taught scientist changes the world with his discoveries about microbes.

Baptist, Kelly J. **ISAIAH DUNN IS MY HERO***
Times are tough for Isaiah Dunn but he gets by with help from his best friend, Sneaky, and his deceased Dad's notebook of stories.

Brown, Don. **ROCKET TO THE MOON? BIG IDEAS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD***
A history of rockets from just the spark of an idea to landing on the moon!

Ortega, Claribel A. **GHOST SQUAD***
Lucely must save her Dad’s ghost tour business and her town from troublemaker spirits she and her friend accidentally released with a spell gone wrong.

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