

High Interest Non-fiction



Xtreme illusions

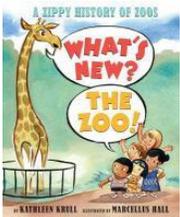
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Dive into another dimension and experience the eye-boggling and brain-twisting extremes of these awesome optical illusions. "Xtreme Illusions" features every kind of visual trick and deceptive image, all in a cutting-edge style and using dynamic paper mechanics that are instantly engaging.



Money: how to make it, save it and spend it (a smart girl's guide) by Nancy Holyoke (J 332.024 HOL)

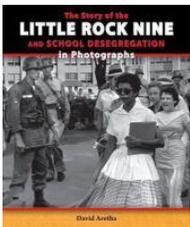
Makes learning about money management easy and fun! The quizzes, tips, and helpful quotes from other girls will help her answer questions about her money style.



What's new? The zoo! : a zippy history of zoos by Kathleen Krull

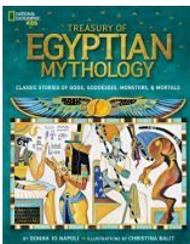
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A millennia-long history of animal keeping shares facts about what zookeeping has taught humanity and how individual lives have been profoundly shaped by the wild creatures found in zoos all over the world.



The story of the Little Rock Nine and school desegregation in photographs by David Aretha (J 379.263 ARE)

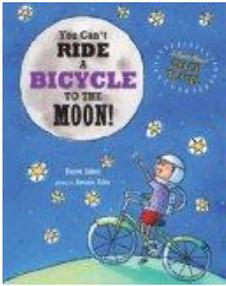
Discusses the desegregation of Little Rock Central High School, including the nine African-American students that successfully integrated the Arkansas school and the controversy and crisis surrounding the event.



Treasury of Egyptian mythology: classic stories of gods, goddesses, monsters & mortals by Donna Jo Napoli

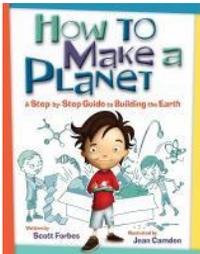
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An illustrated tableau of Egyptian myths, combines narrative accounts of the stories of the Sun God Ra, the Sphinx, and numerous pharaohs and queens along with historical, cultural, and geographic facts.-- Source other than Library of Congress.



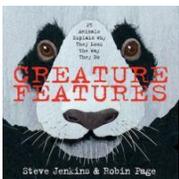
You can't ride a bicycle to the moon!: a book about space travel by Harriet Ziefert (J 523.3 ZIE)

What should I eat in space today? Something that won't float away! Food that sticks onto a spoon is best when dining on the moon. Learn all about the pioneering dog-stronauts and how technology created for space affects our life on earth.



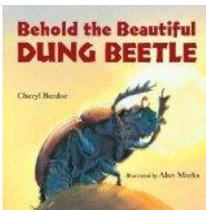
How to make a planet: a step-by-step guide to building the Earth by Scott Forbes (J 550 FOR)

Offering a new spin on astronomy and earth sciences books for kids, this out-of-this-world how-to details the making of a planet, namely the incredible, life-sustaining, one-in-a-billion planet Earth, starting with its basic ingredients, protons and neutrons, and making abstract concepts easier to understand.



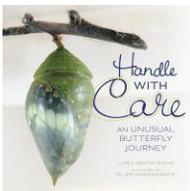
Creature Features: 25 animals explain why they look the way they do by Steve Jenkins (J 571.31 JEN)

Packed with many cool facts and visuals on where certain animals live and what they eat, this book captures 25 animals and explains how their markings help them to survive.



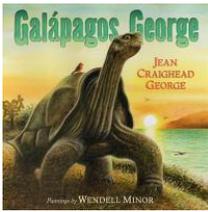
Behold the beautiful dung beetle by Cheryl Bardoe (J 595.764 BAR)

When an animal lightens its load, dung beetles race to the scene. They battle over, devour, hoard, and lay their eggs in the precious poop. Dung is food, drink, and fuel for new life - as crucial to these beetles as the beetles are to many habitats, including our own.



Handle with care: an unusual butterfly story by Loree Griffin Burns (J 595.789 BUR)

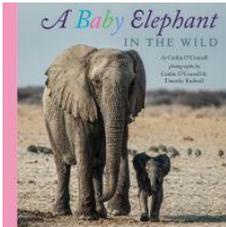
In 1869, Alfred Beach wanted to build America's first air-powered railway below New York City, but Boss Tweed, powerful politician and notorious crook, opposed. Working under night cover, Beach and his crew carved a three-hundred-foot tunnel beneath a department store. Before long, the project was discovered and the public raved about its potential. But no further tunnels were ever built. What happened to Beach's railway, and where is it now?



Galapagos George by Jean Craighead George

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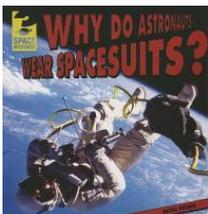
This is the story of the famous Lonesome George, a giant tortoise who was the last of his species, lived to be one hundred years old, and became known as the rarest creature in the world. His story gives us a glimpse of the amazing creatures inhabiting the ever-fascinating Galapagos Islands.



A baby elephant in the wild by Caitlin O'Connell

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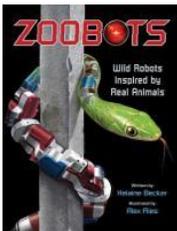
With in-the-field photographs, this photo essay brings young children to the African scrub desert to witness how a baby elephant survives in the wild.



Why do astronauts wear spacesuits? by Michael Portman

(J 629.45 POR)

The image of Neil Armstrong stepping onto the moon in his spacesuit is a familiar one to most people. Few stop to think what an amazing invention the spacesuit is. Without it and similar ones of today, astronauts couldn't have accomplished the breathtaking feats they have. This book explores the many features of spacesuits, no ordinary uniforms. Photographs of astronauts performing spacewalks and other remarkable achievements show off the spacesuit in action.



Zoobots: wild robots inspired by real animals by Helaine Becker

(J 629.892 BEC)

Science fiction comes to life in this riveting showcase of zoobots -- robots inspired by animals. Detailed reports on machines that look and behave like creepy, crawly creatures such as geckos, jellyfish and bats will encourage budding scientists to imagine the next zoobot.



Kylie Jean craft queen by M. Peschke

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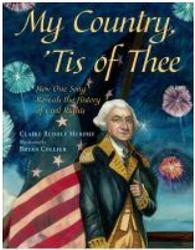
Hi, y'all! It's Kylie Jean, and I'm a true craft queen. You can be a craft queen too! Join me in making all kinds of crafts, from rodeo to pirate designs. My favorites are princess party invitations, a treasure chest jewelry box, and a fancy pink cowgirl hat. Let's get crafting.



So you want to work in fashion?: how to break into the world of fashion and design by Patricia Wooster

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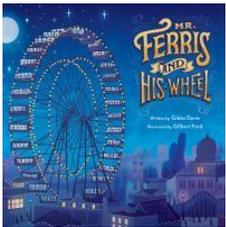
Have a passion for fashion? This comprehensive guide can help you land your dream job in the world of fashion and design.



My Country 'tis of Thee: how one song reveals the history of civil rights by Claire Rudolph Murphy

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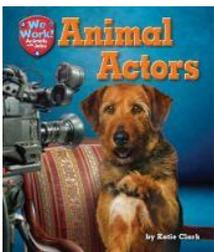
Everyone knows the words to “My Country, 'Tis of Thee.” What most don’t realize is that this iconic song has been a beacon of change for hundreds of years. Generations of protesters and civil rights pioneers have created new lyrics, beginning in royalist Britain and continuing through conflicts in colonial times, the American Revolution, the suffragist and labor movements, and the struggles for black and Native American civil rights. With spectacular illustrations by Caldecott Honor–winning artist Bryan Collier, *My Country, 'Tis of Thee* offers a fascinating insight into the American fight for freedom.



Mr. Ferris and his wheel by Kathryn Davis

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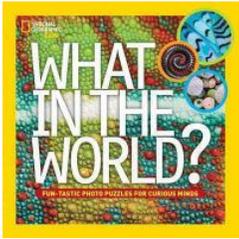
Capturing an engineer's creative vision and mind for detail, this fully illustrated picture book biography sheds light on how the American inventor George Ferris defied gravity and seemingly impossible odds to invent the world's most iconic amusement park attraction, the Ferris wheel.



Animal actors by Katie Clark

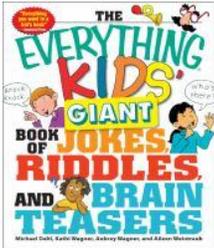
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Humans aren't the only entertainers in movies and on stage. From Terry the dog, who played Toto in *The Wizard of Oz*, to Popcorn Deelites the horse, who played the racehorse Seabiscuit in the movies, animals have been entertaining Americans for years. In this introduction to the world of animal actors, readers will get a sense of the amazing range of animals that act, what's required to be successful (beyond luck and a great manager), and the casting process. The bright, colorful pictures and fascinating text are sure to engage your star-struck emergent readers and give them a deep appreciation for the work these animal actors do.



What in the world? Fun-tastic photo puzzles for curious minds by Julie Vosburgh Agnone (J 793.7 AGN)

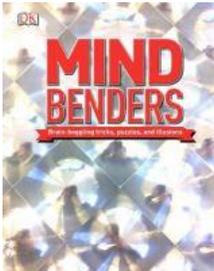
Offers a series of diverse types of picture puzzles intended to strengthen visual skills, cognitive skills, and memory.



The everything kids' giant book of jokes, riddles and brain teasers

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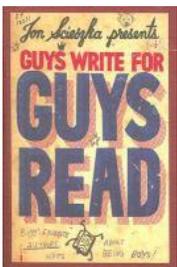
Presents a collection of jokes, riddles, puzzles, and brain teasers, and provides tips about how to deliver the perfect punch line.



Mind benders: brain-boggling tricks, puzzles and illusions

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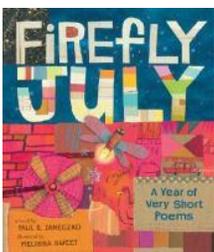
A treasury of sixty brainteasers, optical illusions, and logic puzzles gives instructions on how to figure out each answer, then shares separate solutions and explanations about how the various challenges work.



Guys write for guys read

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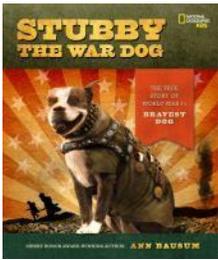
This fast-paced, high-energy collection of short works features today's most popular writers and illustrators writing about what it means to be a guy. Contributors include Chris Crutcher, Stephen King, Matt Groening, Daniel Pinkwater, Neil Gaiman, and many more. Includes an all-new foreword by Jon Scieszka and an excerpt from *Knucklehead*.



Firefly July: a year of very short poems

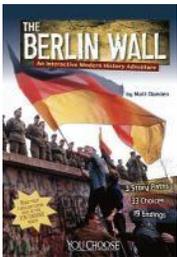
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A selection of short American poems dealing with the four seasons and the different weather events and animal patterns that can occur within each.



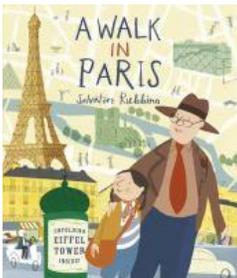
Stubby the war dog: the true story of World War I's bravest dog by Ann Bausum (J 940.483 BAU)

American soldier J. Robert Conroy befriended a stray dog with a stumpy tail while training to fight overseas in WWI. They bonded so closely that Conroy smuggled him to Europe, where Stubby accompanied Conroy's regiment on the Western Front, lending both his superior olfactory senses and amiable temperament to the war effort.



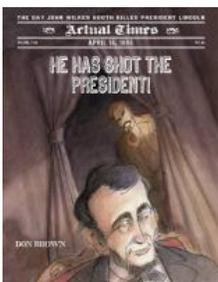
The Berlin Wall: an interactive history adventure by Matt Doeden (J 943.155 DOE)

After World War II Germany splits into two countries the Communist German Democratic Republic in the east and the Federal Republic of Germany in the west. Its capital of Berlin is divided as well, but many people are leaving East Berlin for the freedom of the West. In 1961 East German leaders build a wall through the city to keep its people from escaping. Will you: Consider escaping from East Berlin soon after the wall is built? Serve as an East German guard at the wall? Join in the protests against the wall? Everything in this book happened to real people. And YOU CHOOSE what you do next. The choices you make could lead you to escape, imprisonment, or even death.



A walk in Paris by Salvatore Rubbino (J 944.361 RUB)

Presents facts, trivia, and the history behind famous landmarks in Paris, including Notre Dame Cathedral, the Eiffel Tower, and the Louvre Museum, as a girl and her grandfather walk about the city.



He has shot the president!: April 14, 1865: the day John Wilkes Booth killed President Lincoln by Don Brown (J 973.709 BRO)

The fifth installment in Don Brown's Actual Times series featuring significant days in American history covers the Lincoln assassination and the ensuing manhunt. In "He Has Shot the President " both Lincoln and Booth emerge as vivid characters, defined by the long and brutal Civil War, and set on a collision course toward tragedy. With his characteristic straightforward storytelling voice and dynamic water color illustration, Don Brown gives readers a chronological account of the events and also captures the emotion of the death of America's greatest president.