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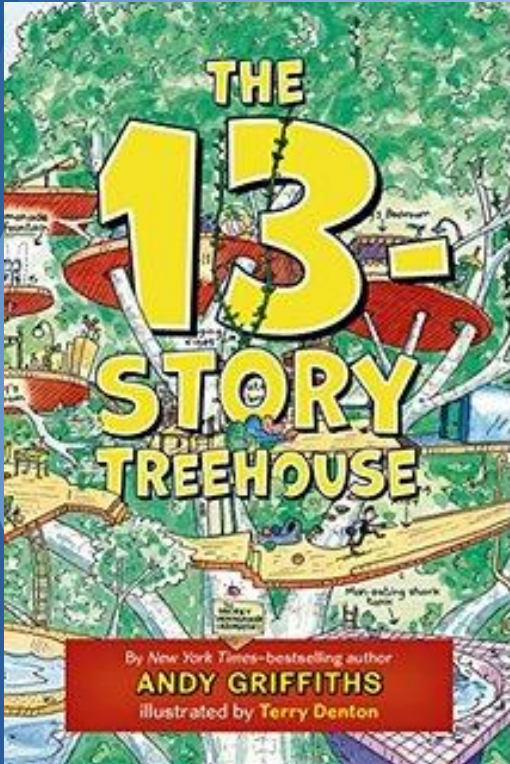


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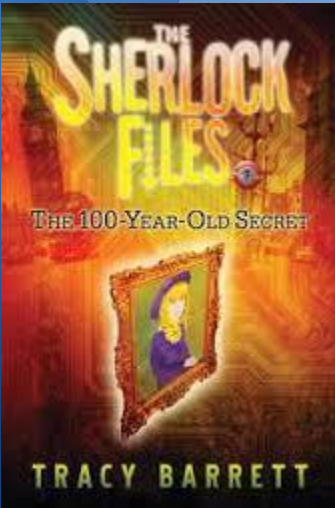
# The 13-Story Treehouse

by Andy Griffiths - Illustrated by Terry Denton



Andy and Terry write comic books and live in a huge treehouse complete with a game room and a bowling alley. Their publisher, Mr. Big Nose, is waiting for their newest book. Can they finish it in time while avoiding a giant banana attack, a monster disguised as a mermaid and many other distractions?

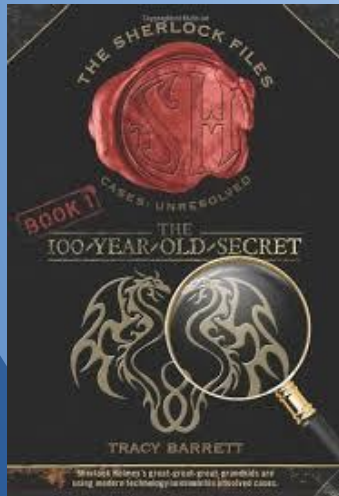
If you like *Big Nate* and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, you'll love this book!



# 100 Year Old Secret

by Tracy Barrett

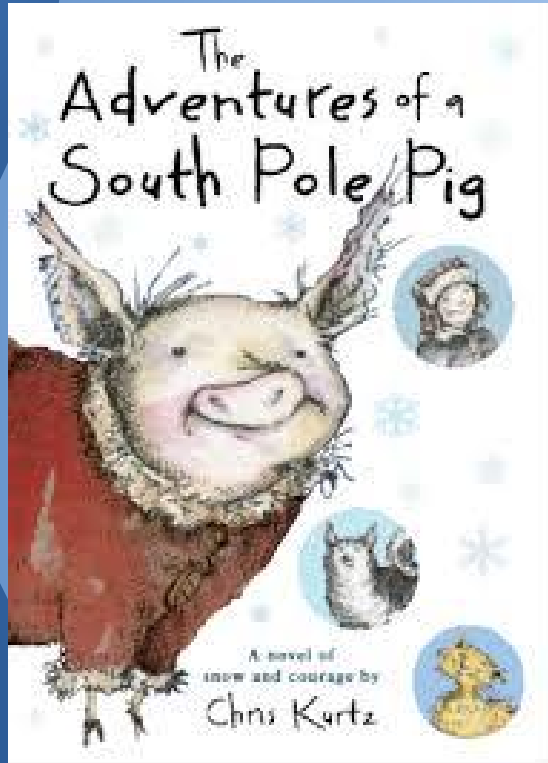
Xena and Xander Holmes have just moved to London when they learn that their great grandfather was none other than the famous detective, Sherlock Holmes! They inherit his “Unsolved Cases” notebook and immediately start following clues to find a painting that’s been missing for 100 years. Can they solve the mystery of the missing painting when even their expert grandfather couldn’t?



First in a series: The Sherlock Files!

# Adventures of a South Pole Pig

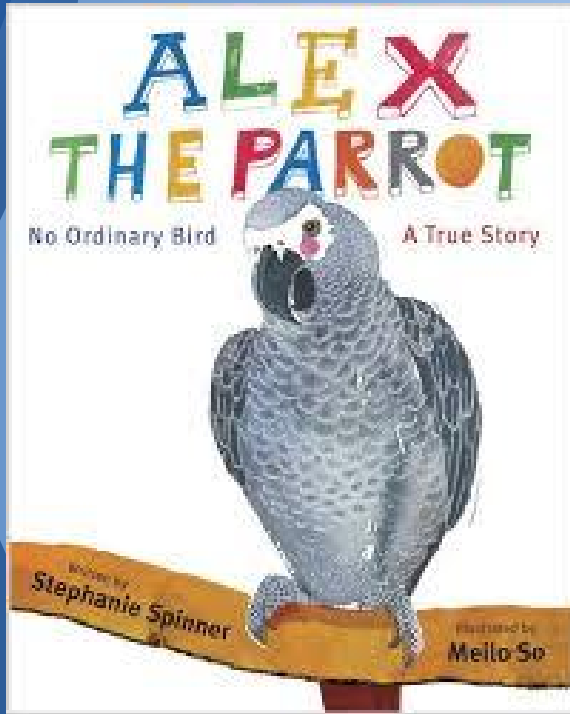
by Chris Kurtz - Illustrated by Jennifer Black Reinhardt



Flora wants so much more adventure than the confines her pig pen can offer. One day she spies dogs training on her farm and Flora's dream is born: she will be a sled dog! She ends up on a boat set for Antarctica with a sled dog team and a crew of new and unlikely friends, but will Flora get a chance to prove she can be more than bacon?

# Alex the Parrot: No Ordinary Bird

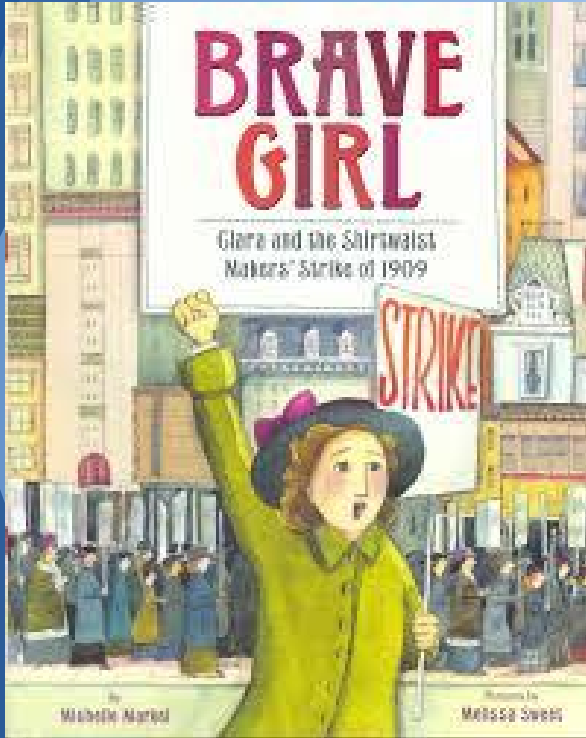
by Stephanie Spinner - Illustrated by Meilo So



Are birds smart? Can they learn? Scientist Irene Pepperberg thought that even though birds had small brains, they were capable of learning. Alex (short for Avian Learning EXperiment) is an African Gray parrot who spent years learning with Irene. Together, Alex and Irene taught scientists, and the world, that some birds could be very smart and could learn. Read this inspiring true story.

# Brave Girl: Clara and the Shirtwaist Makers' Strike of 1909

by Michelle Markel - Illustrated by Melissa Sweet



When Clara Lemlich arrived in the United States as a young girl she spoke no English and began working in a sewing factory. Her job was difficult, dangerous and paid very little money. Soon Clara starting fighting for better working conditions and better pay. Read the inspiring true story of how one young girl made a big difference.

# Dorko the Magnificent

by Andrea Beaty



Robbie Darko is a kid magician who never manages to get the trick right but loves magic more than anything. When grumpy Grandma Melvyn moves in Robbie learns she knows more about magic than anyone else he knows. Can they learn to get along so they can perform at the end of the year talent show?

# Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library

by Chris Grabenstein

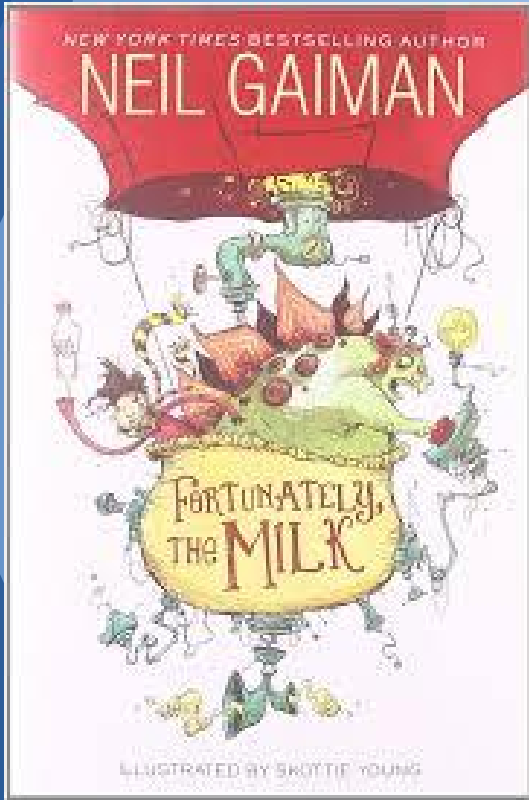


Kyle Keeley is a huge fan of games; board games, puzzles, video games, you name it. He's also a big fan of the library. When he finds out his favorite gamemaker, Luigi Lemoncello, has just built a brand new library and invited 12 twelve-year-olds to escape from the library he does everything he can to get a ticket. They must follow clues to find a secret passageway out of the library before time runs out. Using their brains and knowledge of books, who will be the first to find the way out?



# Fortunately, the Milk

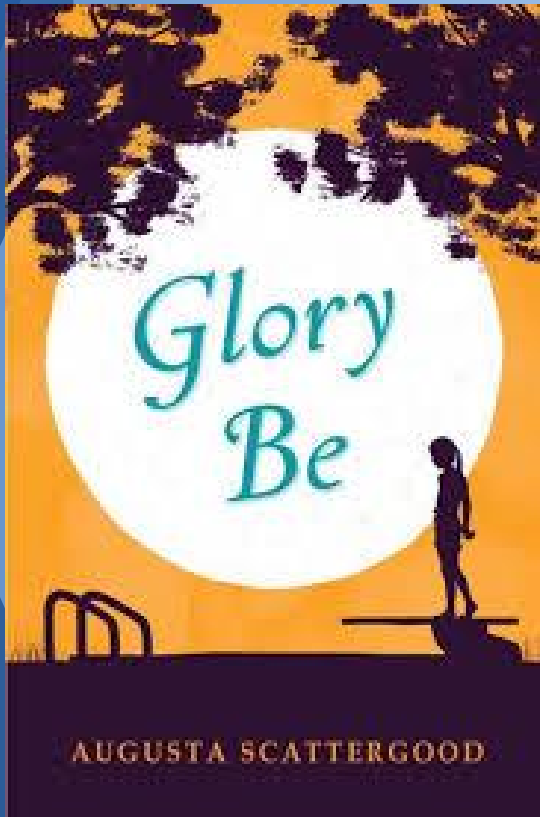
by Neil Gaiman



Mom's away and the kids have no milk for their cereal. What happens when Dad runs to the store to get milk? Time travel, aliens, pirates and prehistoric creatures are all part of this fantastical tale that you have to read to believe.

# Glory Be

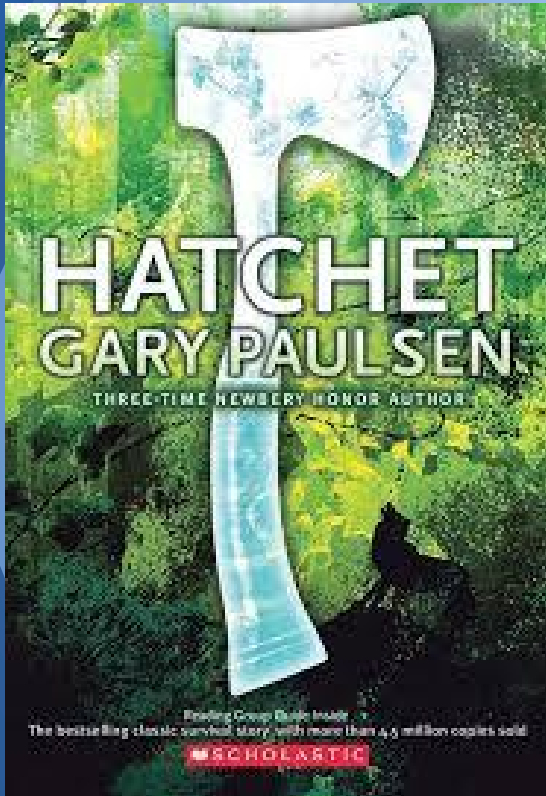
by Augusta Scattergood



It's 1964, the summer she will turn 12, and Glory can't wait for the community pool to open so she can spend her days swimming. While her small town in Mississippi is deciding if the pool will actually open, Glory struggles with her sister not having time for her and a new friend from up north who is teaching her that things are not always as they seem.

# Hatchet

by Gary Paulsen



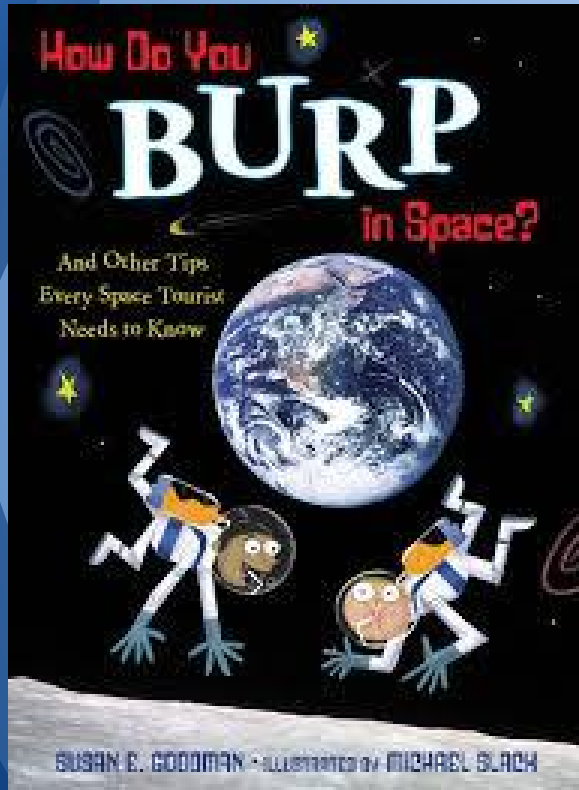
Thirteen-year-old Brian is flying to Canada when his plane crashes into a lake leaving him the only survivor.

Left stranded in the wilderness, Brian has to learn to find food and make shelter.

Does Brian survive? Read this exciting book to find out!

# How Do You Burp in Space? And Other Tips Every Space Tourist Needs to Know

by Susan E. Goodman - Illustrated by Michael Slack

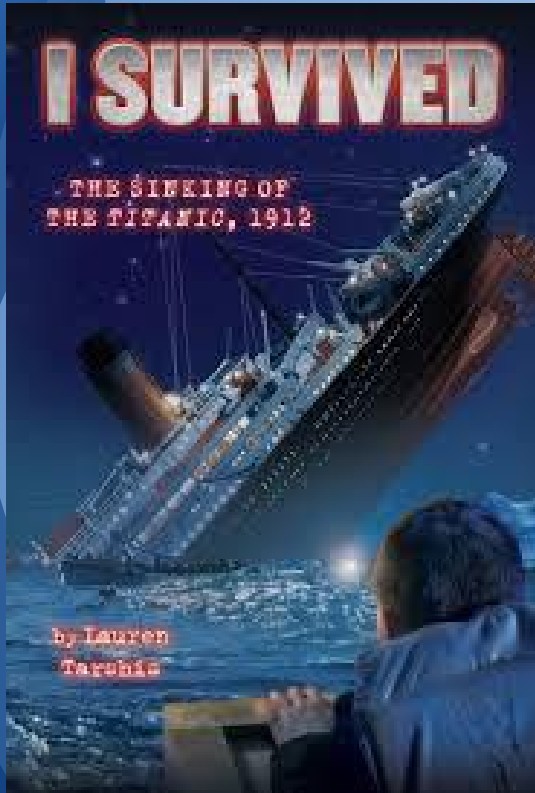


Have you ever thought about being a space explorer? How do you eat in space? Use the bathroom? Take a bath? What do you DO all day?

Read this handy guide for space travelers to find out all these answers and more!

# I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic

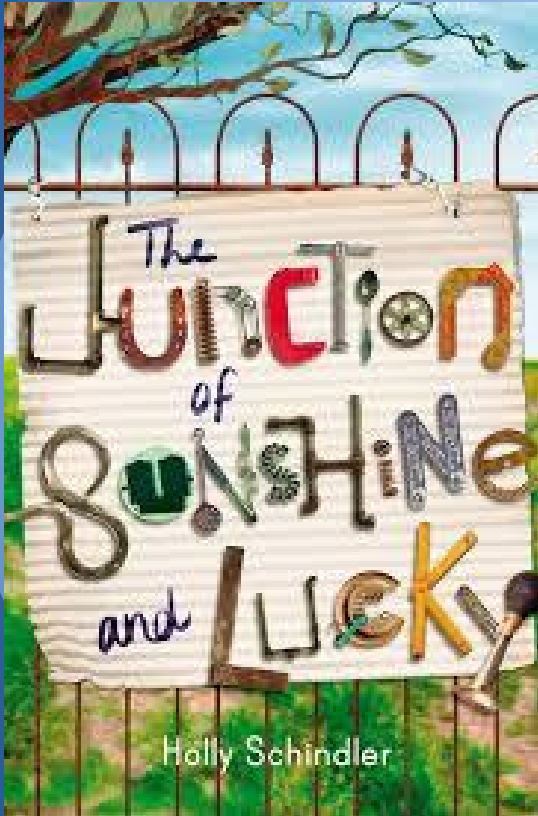
by Lauren Tarshis



George and Phoebe Calder are two kids traveling on the maiden voyage of the Titanic in 1912. George is exploring the ship looking for a mummy that's supposed to be on board when the ship hits an iceberg. George has to race against time to find his sister and get off them both off the ship before it sinks. Read to find out if they are able to escape the ship before it sinks into the freezing ocean.

# The Junction of Sunshine and Lucky

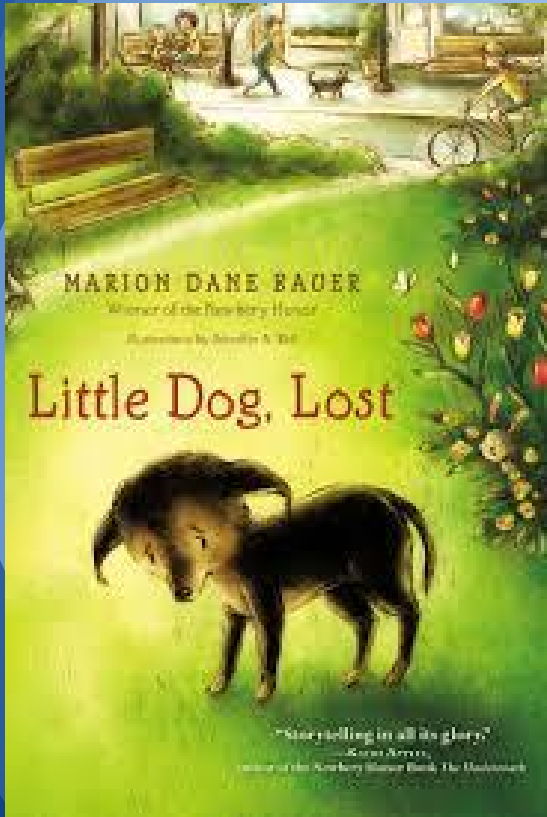
by Holly Schindler



Auggie and her Grandfather Gus live in the poor section of town. When The House Beautification Committee launches an attack on Auggie's house as well as her neighborhood, she is determined to help her friends. Will they be able to save their homes or will the families be evicted and the houses torn down?

# Little Dog, Lost

by Marion Dane Bauer - Illustrated by Jennifer A. Bell

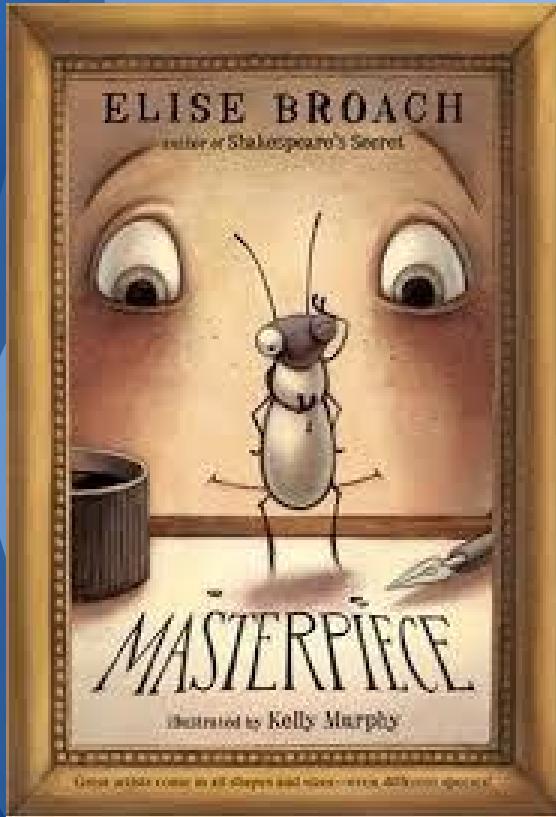


A boy, a dog, and an old man are lonely before the boy plans a rally, the dog looks for a boy, and all the townspeople run to the old man's aid when lightning strikes his home and something miraculous happens.

This novel in verse will warm the hearts of readers.

# Masterpiece

by Elise Broach



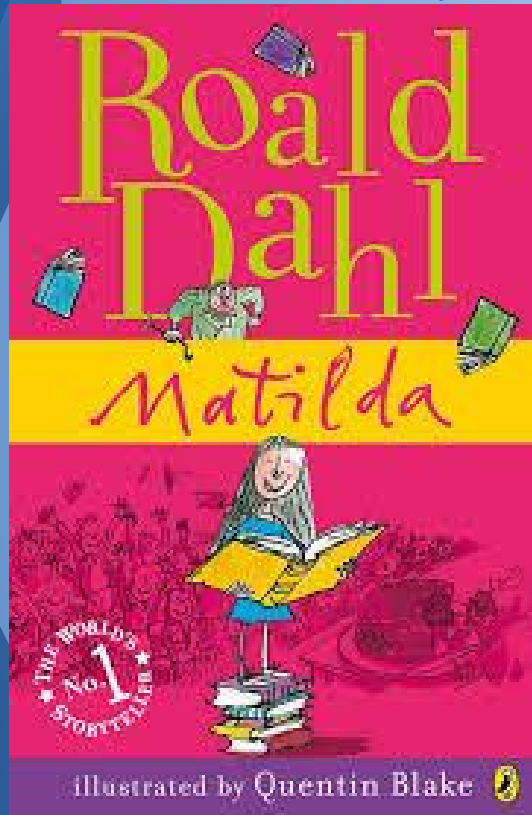
James is a ten-year-old boy and Marvin is a beetle that lives under the kitchen sink. Marvin decides to give James a pen-and-ink drawing of the city for his birthday gift.

What happens next sends the boy and the beetle on an adventure to the Metropolitan Museum to recover stolen art. Can this unlikely duo work together without being caught?



# Matilda

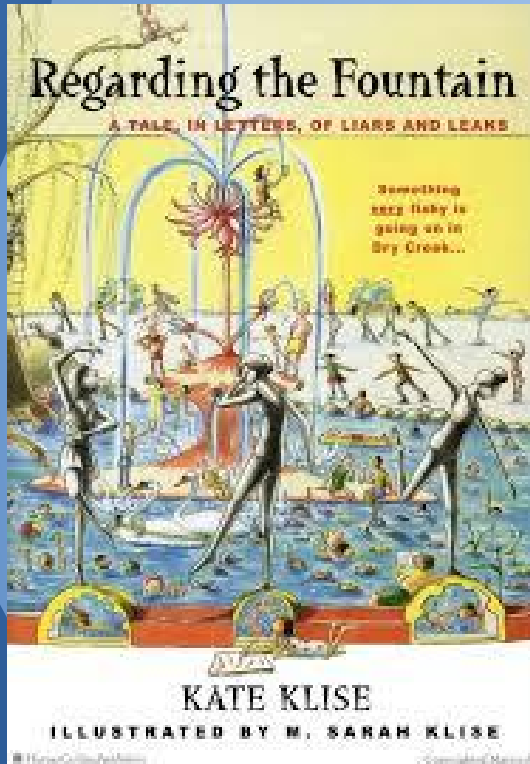
by Roald Dahl - Illustrated by Quentin Blake



Matilda is a very smart girl who only wants to go to school and read books, but her grouchy parents and horrid principal make her life miserable. With the help of her kind teacher, Miss Honey, Matilda learns she has the amazing ability to move objects with her powerful mind. Read to discover how she uses her brain to solve her problems.

# Regarding the Fountain

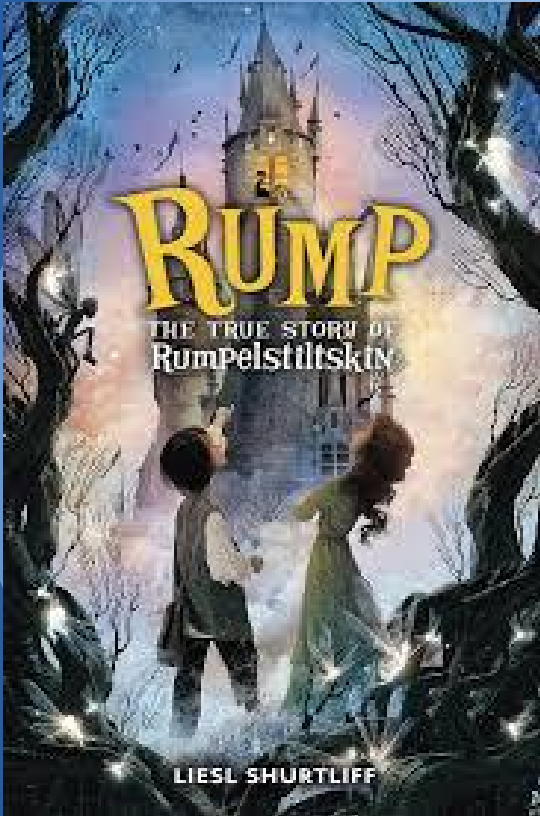
by Kate Klise - Illustrated by M. Sarah Klise



Oh no! The drinking fountain at Dry Creek Middle School has dried up. The school secretary hires a fountain specialist, Florence Waters, to design a new one. Follow the twists and turns through letters, memos and postcards as Florence Waters and the students discuss the design of the new fountain. Can they solve the mystery of the dried up fountain?

# Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin

by Leisl Shurtliff



Does your name define who you are? Rump certainly thinks so. In an attempt to learn his real name and find out why he can spin straw into gold, he leaves his village to find answers. Red Ridinghood warns him that magic isn't all it's cracked up to be. Does Rump discover his past and learn his destiny or does magic bring him only unhappiness? Read to find out.

# Sidekicks

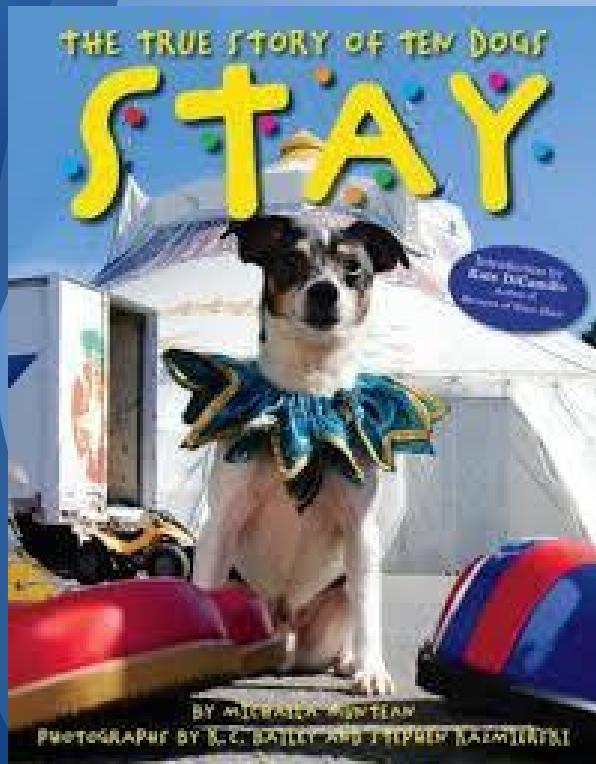
by Dan Santat



Captain Amazing is so busy saving the world that he doesn't have time for his own pets. He needs help and decides to hold auditions for a sidekick. While he is auditioning regular people for the job, his pets have another idea. They take matters in their own paws and battle each other to become Captain Amazing's sidekick. Read to find out who becomes a super pet!

# Stay: The True Story of Ten Dogs

by Michaela Muntean



When Luciano Anastasini decides to create a new act for the circus he turns to dogs no one else wants. He believes all dogs are valuable and worthy of love. Find out what happens when ten unwanted dogs are given a chance to shine.

This book is full of colorful photographs of these funny, lovable pups.