

Division Two-Booklist-2011

O'Malley, Kevin ***Backpack Stories***

A comic book format attracts children to these four adventure stories about backpacks. A variety of graphic art styles give the history of backpacks and tell of a science fair, a superhero, and a backpack that comes to life.

Perry, John **The Book That Eats People**

Warnings begin on page 1 and continue to the last page to never turn your back on this book. In between are the gory details of what happened to those who failed to heed these warnings!

Goldish, Meish ***Bug-a-licious***

From dragonflies on a stick to grasshopper tacos, children go buggy over the different tasty ways insects are eaten around the world. Detailed photographs of the unique treats spark readers' interest as they learn about food eaten in other cultures.

Lunis, Natalie ***Chihuahua: Señor Tiny***

This well-written informational text covers details about Chihuahuas from their history connecting them with the ancient Aztecs to contemporary stories about being a dog hero. Endearing photographs and interesting facts motivate children to continue reading this book.

Lowry, Lois **Crow Call**

Crow Call is Lowry's debut picture book. Children and adults alike are engaged by the sepia-tinted, photograph-like illustrations and the universal message—appreciate the value and simple beauty of spending time together. (Team 3)

Barton, Chris

The Day-Glo Brothers: The True Story of Bob and Joe Switzer's Bright Ideas and Brand-New Colors

The true story of the Switzer brothers' invention of daylight fluorescent colors describes their journey toward brightening our lives with color. Children are drawn toward the eye-popping colors as they witness the brothers' experimentation with color.

Doubilet, David and Jennifer Hayes.

Face to Face With Sharks

This informational text contains a plethora of colorful close-up photographs of sharks. Children are initially drawn to the photos and then begin reading the fascinating and up-to-date facts revealed by the National Geographic researcher and photographer.

Jones, Charlotte Foltz ***The King Who Barked: Real Animals Who Ruled***

This book tells the stories of animals that really held public office. The whimsical illustrations paired with the short descriptions of animals from different continents make for amusing and humorous stories that grab young readers' attention.

Krosoczka, Jarrett J. ***Lunch Lady and the Cyborg Substitute***

The mysterious lunch lady uses her Spatu-copter and Chicken Nugget Bombs to outsmart the evil Cyborg Substitute. Children extend their imagination through this humorous graphic novel. (Team 2)

Williams, Karen Lynn and Khadra Mohammed. ***My Name Is Sangoel***

When Sangoel's father was killed in the war in Sudan, his family moved to America. In school, children couldn't pronounce his name and some laughed. Sangoel was afraid he would lose his name until he came up with an idea.

Zoticus de Lesseps, Zoticus ***Oceanology: The True Account of the Voyage of the Nautilus***

This interactive, fictional water-stained notebook brings children through an undersea journey. Students learn about the Nautilus, creatures of the sea, underwater volcanoes, and more! Textured illustrations, informational flaps, and small diaries keep all students entertained while reading.

Adler, David A. and Michael S. Adler ***A Picture Book of Harry Houdini***

Often said to be the greatest magician of all time, Harry Houdini has surely been an inspiration to many contemporary magicians. This fascinating biography provides some interesting insights into his knowledge of, and motivation for, illusion.

Houran, Lori Haskins ***Pug: What a Mug!***

Pugs can be traced back to China, more than 2,000 years ago. Today pugs have become favorites for people from a variety of backgrounds. Kids can learn a lot about the care and history of pugs through this book.

John Lechner. ***Sticky Burr #2: The Prickly Peril***

This story, set in a forest of sticky burrs, is based on the classic plot of good triumphing over evil. Jealous Burweena seeks revenge on Sticky Burr and the village members. The graphic-novel format has high appeal for reluctant readers. (Team 4)

Erik Craddock. ***Stone Rabbit #1: BC Mambo***

This graphic novel appeals to intermediate readers. The journey of the rabbit hero into a time portal in his bathroom floor leads him to adventures with dinosaurs, Neanderthal rabbits, and a little man with a big ego!

Steve Gritton. ***The Trouble With Sisters and Robots***

Lizzy follows her big brother Kyle wherever he goes. When Kyle creates a robot that goes on a rampage, turning everything into metal, Lizzy becomes the hero. Little sisters are not so bad after all! (Team 2)

Andrew Clements. ***Extra Credit***

Reluctant pen pals, Abby from Illinois and Sadeed from Afghanistan discover as they write that beneath their differences they are very much alike. Readers learn that with communication comes understanding. (Team 5)

Andy Briggs. ***Hero.com: Rise of the Heroes***

An innocent web search for movie trailers leads to outrageous adventures as regular kids download powers and become superheroes. At first their powers allow exciting adventures but later lead them into a frightening fight to save the world.

Paulsen, Gary

Mudshark

Lyle Williams, aka Mudshark, has a keen mind that remembers anything and everything. His loves are reading and sports—both of which come in handy in this humorous mystery set at a wild and frantic school. (Team 1)

Stephens, Sarah Hines

Show Off: How to Do Absolutely Everything. One Step at a Time.

Have you ever watched someone do something and then wondered how to do the same thing? This nonfiction book is bursting with easy-to-follow directions for hundreds of activities. There is something for everyone to try.

Korman, Gordon

Zoobreak.

Korman's knack for characterizing nerdy kid stereotypes in a school and then turning them into heroes is always entertaining. When Savannah's missing monkey is found on a traveling boat zoo, the misfits take action that mixes humor and heroics. (Team 4)