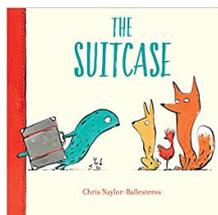
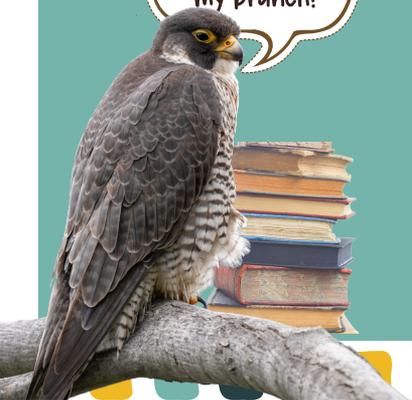


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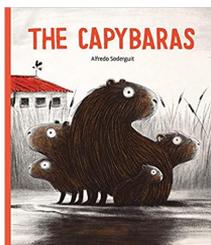
Monthly Kid Picks from  
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## *The Suitcase* by Chris Naylor-Ballesteros

This lovely little book has so much heart. A group of friends meet a newcomer who is very tired from a long and difficult journey. They have many questions. What is in the suitcase? Read and find out. Best for ages 3-5. - Liz



## *The Capybaras* by Alfredo Soderguit

This beautiful and charming picture book tells the heartwarming story of diversity and acceptance! A group of capybaras become friends with an unlikely crew of animals in order to survive hunting season. Best for ages 4-8. - Kennedy



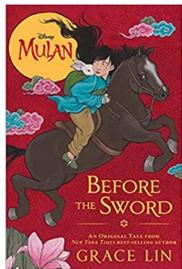
## *The Midnight Fair* by Gideon Sterer & Mariachiara Di Giorgio

This wordless book recreates the magic of an evening at the carnival. Best for ages 3-8. - Linda



## *Zion Unmatched* by Zion Clark and James H. Hirsch

Terrific photographs and stirring quotes make this one unforgettable, inspirational picture book biography. See how this amazing athlete and motivational speaker prepares and trains for the Paralympic games! Readers will never forget meeting Zion! Best for ages 8-12. - Brian



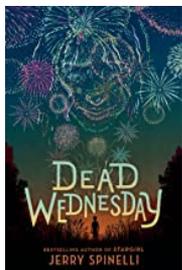
## **Before the Sword** by Grace Lin

This fast-paced adventure is a thrill-a-minute mixture of action, fantasy and suspense. Mulan has to battle incredible odds and forces in a race against time to save her sister. A rollicking roller coaster ride of a book. Best for ages 10 & up. - *Brian*



## **The Wild Huntsboys** by Martin Stewart

You could read the book, but the audio is magical on this one. Martin Stewart has invented a world of wartime London, but in the present day. Listen to stories of spies, thieves, unlikely teams, and magical curses! Adventurous and funny! Best for ages 10-12. - *Robin*



## **Dead Wednesday** by Jerry Spinelli

On Dead Wednesday, kids are matched with the name of a teenager who died a preventable death as a lesson in making smart choices. But when shy "Worm" Tarnauer's match haunts him and won't leave, he starts to actually live his own life. A mild ghost story where it's not clear who is helping whom. Best for 10 & up. - *Kim*



## **The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise** by Dan Gemeinhart

Coyote and her dad, Rodeo, have lived a transient life for five years. They have a home, it just happens to be a converted school bus. While they are inarguably eccentric, the reason for their always-moving life stems from the losses of one tragic day, which they rarely talk about. How many miles will it take to heal? Will Coyote succeed in her secret mission to retrieve a priceless family treasure? This story is best listened to while journeying yourself (even if it's just around town)! Best for ages 10 & up. - *Jess*



## **Too Bright to See** by Kyle Lukoff

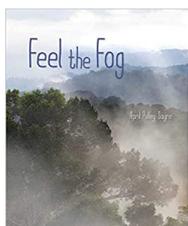
Part ghost story, part coming-of-age, this novel by the author of the picture book *When Aidan Became A Brother* is already my pick for best book of the year. It's heartfelt, poignant, and beautifully written; it turns expected tropes on their heads; and it feels like a breath of fresh air among similar tales that would likely feature suffering and rejection. Best for ages 10-12. - *Louise*

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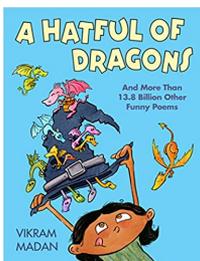
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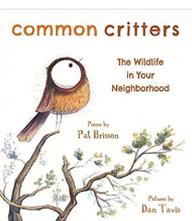
## Feel the Fog by April Pulley Sayre

This book features the author's incredible photos that accompany her glorious poem about fog while also introducing part of the water cycle. The 2 page spread in the back answers lots of kids' questions about fog. An absolute winner. Best for ages 3-8. - Martha



## A Hatful of Dragons by Vikram Madan

This hilarious and inventive poetry collection stars not only dragons, but robots and space creatures and a whole bunch of other wacky characters! Find out how the author pulls off the feat of 13.8 billion poems in the book! Silly illustrations + clever poetry = great fun!!! Best for ages 7 & up. - Brian



## Common Critters, The Wildlife in Your Neighborhood

by Pat Brisson

Hilarious yet accurate poetry makes this book a delight - as do the funny pictures. Great for laughs, for an exploration of wildlife all around us, and also for learning poetry. The book closes with excellent resources both about urban wildlife and about "the poet's toolkit." Best for ages 5-11. - Martha



## Just Pretend by Toni Sharp

Fans of Shannon Hale's *Best Friends* and Raina Telgemeier's *Guts* will love this heartwarming story of up-and-coming fantasy writer Tori's adventures in juggling friendship, family and middle school. Best for ages 8-12. - Kennedy



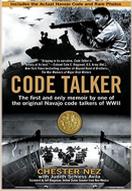
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# "EE-CHUP" REVIEWS

Check out these kid-to-kid recommendations!



Coca, age 9, recommends

Code Talker

by Chester Nez

"It was interesting!  
This book is great."

Zoe, age 9, recommends



Junie B. Jones

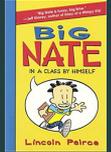
by Barbara Park

"It's funny!"

Arlo, age 8, recommends

Big Nate

by Lincoln Peirce



"I liked this book because it's funny. It is fun to read!"

Greta recommends a graphic novel,

W.I.T.C.H.

by Elisabetta Gnone



"The characters are very interesting. The art is a little so-so at places, but it's not distracting."



Momentous Events in the Life of a Cactus

by Dusti Bowling

Will says:  
"I loved this book because it's about overcoming your struggles and accepting other people."

An eyrie (pronounced "airy") is a special name for a bird of prey's nest. For many years, Squawker's eyrie, with the falcon's "scrape" style of nest, was at the library!

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