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Fairy Science - Ashley Spires 2019-09-10

An enchanting STEM-and-fairy-filled picture book from the award-winning author-illustrator of *The Most Magnificent Thing!* All the fairies in Pixieville believe in magic--except Esther. She believes in science. When a forest tree stops growing, all the fairies are stumped--including Esther. But not for long! Esther knows that science can get to the root of the problem--and its solution! Whether you believe in fairy magic or the power of science, you will be charmed by Esther, the budding fairy scientist.

The Girl who Never Made Mistakes - Mark Pett 2011

Beatrice is so well-known for never making a mistake that she is greeted each morning by fans and reporters, but a near-error on the day of the school talent show could change everything.

Reckless Daughter - David Yaffe 2017-10-17

"She was like a storm." —Leonard Cohen
Joni Mitchell may be the most influential female recording artist and composer of the late twentieth century. In *Reckless Daughter*, the music critic David Yaffe tells the remarkable, heart-wrenching story of how the blond girl with the guitar became a superstar of folk music in the 1960s, a key figure in the Laurel Canyon music scene of the 1970s, and the songwriter who spoke resonantly to, and for, audiences across the country. A Canadian prairie girl, a free-spirited artist, Mitchell never wanted to be a pop star. She was nothing more than "a painter derailed by circumstances," she would explain. And yet, she went on to become a talented self-taught musician and a brilliant bandleader, releasing album after album, each distinctly experimental, challenging, and revealing. Her lyrics captivated listeners with their perceptive language and naked emotion, born out of Mitchell's life, loves, complaints, and prophecies. As an artist whose work deftly balances narrative and musical complexity, she has been admired by such legendary lyricists as Bob Dylan and Leonard Cohen and beloved by such groundbreaking jazz musicians as Jaco Pastorius, Wayne Shorter, and Herbie Hancock. Her hits—from "Big Yellow Taxi" to "Both Sides, Now" to "A Case of You"—endure as timeless favorites, and her influence on the generations of singer-songwriters who would follow her, from her devoted fan Prince to Björk, is undeniable. In this intimate biography, drawing on dozens of unprecedented in-person interviews with Mitchell, her childhood friends, and a cast of famous characters, Yaffe reveals the backstory behind the famous songs—from Mitchell's youth in Canada, her bout with polio at age nine, and her early marriage and the child she gave up for adoption, through the love affairs that inspired masterpieces, and up to the present—and shows us why Mitchell has so enthralled her listeners, her lovers, and her friends. *Reckless Daughter* is the story of an artist and an era that have left an indelible mark on American music.

All Alone in the Universe - Lynne Rae Perkins 2010-10-26

"Before last summer Maureen and I were best friends....At least I think we were. I don't know what happened exactly. As some people who get hit by trucks sometimes say, 'I didn't see anything coming.'" When her best friend since the third grade starts acting as though Debbie doesn't exist, Debbie finds out the hard way that life can be a lonesome place. But in the end the heroine of this wryly funny coming-of-age story--a girl who lives in a house covered with stuff that is supposed to look like bricks but is just a fake brick pattern--discovers that even the hourly tragedies of junior high school can have silver linings, just as a house covered with Insul-Brick can protect a real home. This first novel shines--fun, engrossing,

bittersweet, and wonderfully unpredictable.

Fur and Feathers - Janet Halfmann 2010-01-01

Sophie dreams of wild animals losing their fur, feathers, scales, and skin, and helps them all find their proper coverings again.

The World's Most Magnificent Machines - David Long 2020-11-03

The longest ship ever built, the heaviest digger and the largest aeroplane, the world's first working motorcar, and its most expensive one. What machines like these have in common is that they all say a lot about the inventiveness and imagination of the people who conceived and created them. Some of them are useful, others are just a bit of fun, but the best ones are truly magnificent, and fascinating to discover. Designed to drive faster, fly higher, carry more cargo or - in the case of space rockets - travel hundreds of thousands of miles to places no-one has ever been before, not every idea has worked but the best have been inspired and inspirational, and in a few cases they have gone on to change the world. It is the human stories and atmospheric art that make this a book to actually read and delight in.

Your Fantastic Elastic Brain - JoAnn M. Deak 2010

Introduces the anatomy and functions of the brain; describes how the the brain is able to stretch and grow; and explains how mistakes are an essential part of learning.

Saul Bellow - Saul Bellow 2010-11-04

A never-before-published collection of letters - an intimate self-portrait as well as the portrait of a century. Saul Bellow was a dedicated correspondent until a couple of years before his death, and his letters, spanning eight decades, show us a twentieth-century life in all its richness and complexity. Friends, lovers, wives, colleagues, and fans all cross these pages. Some of the finest letters are to Bellow's fellow writers-William Faulkner, John Cheever, Philip Roth, Martin Amis, Ralph Ellison, Cynthia Ozick, and Wright Morris. Intimate, ironical, richly observant, and funny, these letters reveal the influences at work in the man, and illuminate his enduring legacy-the novels that earned him a Nobel Prize and the admiration of the world over. *Saul Bellow: Letters* is a major literary event and an important edition to Bellow's incomparable body of work.

The Most Magnificent Thing - Jennifer Loakes 2021-09-15

A warm hug, a loud cheer, a tickly hand, a steady hand - *The Most Magnificent Thing* is a tribute to the everyday magnificence of dads.

Infinite Jest - David Foster Wallace 2009-04-13

A gargantuan, mind-altering comedy about the Pursuit of Happiness in America Set in an addicts' halfway house and a tennis academy, and featuring the most endearingly screwed-up family to come along in recent fiction, *Infinite Jest* explores essential questions about what entertainment is and why it has come to so dominate our lives; about how our desire for entertainment affects our need to connect with other people; and about what the pleasures we choose say about who we are. Equal parts philosophical quest and screwball comedy, *Infinite Jest* bends every rule of fiction without sacrificing for a moment its own entertainment value. It is an exuberant, uniquely American exploration of the passions that make us human - and one of those rare books that renew the idea of what a novel can do. "The next step in fiction...Edgy,

accurate, and darkly witty...Think Beckett, think Pynchon, think Gaddis. Think." --Sven Birkerts, *The Atlantic*

[The Thing Lou Couldn't Do](#) - Ashley Spires 2017-05-02

An endearing story about a little girl who doesn't think she can. "Up there! The tree can be our ship!" one of Lou's friends exclaims when they decide to play pirates. "Ummm" responds Lou. Usually she loves adventures. But this is new. Lou has never climbed a tree before. And she knows she can't do it. She doesn't even want to try. But this adventure does look fun, and when all her excuses run out, Lou realizes the bravest adventurers are those who TRY. An inspiring lesson for anyone who's ever avoided something hard.

[There Will Be No Miracles Here](#) - Casey Gerald 2019-10-01

NAMED A BEST BOOK OF 2018 BY NPR AND THE NEW YORK TIMES A PBS NEWSHOUR-NEW YORK TIMES BOOK CLUB PICK "Somehow Casey Gerald has pulled off the most urgently political, most deeply personal, and most engagingly spiritual statement of our time by just looking outside his window and inside himself. Extraordinary." —Marlon James "Staccato prose and peripatetic storytelling combine the cadences of the Bible with an urgency reminiscent of James Baldwin in this powerfully emotional memoir." —BookPage The testament of a boy and a generation who came of age as the world came apart—a generation searching for a new way to live. Casey Gerald comes to our fractured times as a uniquely visionary witness whose life has spanned seemingly unbridgeable divides. His story begins at the end of the world: Dallas, New Year's Eve 1999, when he gathers with the congregation of his grandfather's black evangelical church to see which of them will be carried off. His beautiful, fragile mother disappears frequently and mysteriously; for a brief idyll, he and his sister live like *Boxcar Children* on her disability checks. When Casey—following in the footsteps of his father, a gridiron legend who literally broke his back for the team—is recruited to play football at Yale, he enters a world he's never dreamed of, the anteroom to secret societies and success on Wall Street, in Washington, and beyond. But even as he attains the inner sanctums of power, Casey sees how the world crushes those who live at its margins. He sees how the elite perpetuate the salvation stories that keep others from rising. And he sees, most painfully, how his own ascension is part of the scheme. *There Will Be No Miracles Here* has the arc of a classic rags-to-riches tale, but it stands the American Dream narrative on its head. If to live as we are is destroying us, it asks, what would it mean to truly live? Intense, incantatory, shot through with sly humor and quiet fury, *There Will Be No Miracles Here* inspires us to question—even shatter—and reimagine our most cherished myths.

[Solid, Liquid, Gassy \(A Fairy Science Story\)](#) - Ashley Spires 2020-09-08

Esther the fairy is back, to investigate the water cycle! From the award-winning author of *The Most Magnificent Thing*, for fans of *Ada Twist, Scientist* and *Hidden Figures*. Esther the fairy doesn't believe in magic. But fairies are all about magic, despite Esther's best efforts to reveal the science of their world. This time around, though, she's got her fairy pals Clover and Fig, along with trusty sidekick Albert the bird, to help create a more science-oriented entry for their school's "Magic Fair" -- Pixieville's magical answer to a science fair, which has never gone well for Esther before. When the local pond disappears, Esther realizes this might be the perfect opportunity for a real experiment! It's up to Esther and her fairymates to ask questions, make hypotheses, do research and show their conclusions -- this time, all about the water cycle. But when everyone Esther knows believes that Jack Frost is responsible for ice and that moon sneezes cause evaporation, she'll have to learn that sometimes discovery is its own reward. *Solid, Liquid, Gassy (A Fairy Science Story)* is the second book in Ashley Spires' hilarious picture book series about a charming, determined heroine who celebrates the joys of curiosity and wonder.

[Papa's Mechanical Fish](#) - Candace Fleming 2013-06-04

Candace Fleming and illustrator Boris Kulikov pair up to tell a fun story about a real submarine inventor in *Papa's Mechanical Fish*. Clankety-bang! Thump-whirr! That's the sound of Papa at work. Although he is an inventor, he has never made anything that works perfectly, and that's because he hasn't yet found a truly fantastic idea. But when he takes his family fishing on Lake Michigan, his daughter Virena asks, "Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a fish?"—and Papa is off to his workshop. With a lot of persistence and a little bit of help, Papa—who is based on the real-life inventor Lodner Phillips—creates a submarine that can take his family for a trip to the bottom of Lake Michigan.

[100 Questions Every Person Should Ask Themselves](#) - C. B. Daniels 2016-06-26

100 Questions Every Person Should Ask Themselves is a journal for those who want to dive a little deeper into who they truly are and what they need to do in order to become the person they want to be. It's a wonderful book for anyone going through a big life change or for those who feel like they need a new direction and a fresh start. Just remember that self-examination can be painful. So be ready. This journal pulls no punches. But if you're honest with yourself, and honest in your writing; you'll find that by the end of this journal you'll have learned much more about who you are and what you should be doing to get where you need to be. *100 Questions Every Person Should Ask Themselves* is set up so that you can go at your own pace; whether that means doing multiple entries in a day or just one a week. Feel free to skip around and choose the question that is perfect for that specific day. And while this journal is aimed specifically at adults, there's nothing inappropriate inside, so it's suitable for young adults as well.

[Binky: License to Scratch](#) - Ashley Spires 2013-09-01

Binky the space cat and his team of space pets are left at the vet's office while their humans are away. Binky plans an escape, only to stumble on a secret experiment that could give vicious aliens the upper hand! It's up to Binky and his friends to save the humans ... and themselves! *Binky: License to Scratch* is the final book in the *Binky Adventure* series, where dry humor and sci-fi slapstick are mixed with lots of heart.

[Eight Days Gone](#) - Linda McReynolds 2018-01-01

The historic Apollo 11 mission to the moon is recounted for the very young in this richly-detailed, vividly rendered description of the voyage from launch, to landing, to Moonwalk. Glorious illustrations and rhyming verse, along with individual recognition of each of the three astronauts, make this dramatic story a blast for young readers.

[Rosie Revere, Engineer](#) - Andrea Beaty 2013-09-03

New York Times Bestseller *Rosie* may seem quiet during the day, but at night she's a brilliant inventor of gizmos and gadgets who dreams of becoming a great engineer. When her great-great-aunt Rose (*Rosie the Riveter*) comes for a visit and mentions her one unfinished goal—to fly—*Rosie* sets to work building a contraption to make her aunt's dream come true. But when her contraption doesn't fly but rather hovers for a moment and then crashes, *Rosie* deems the invention a failure. On the contrary, Aunt Rose insists that *Rosie's* contraption was a raging success: you can only truly fail, she explains, if you quit. From the powerhouse author-illustrator team of *Iggy Peck, Architect* comes *Rosie Revere, Engineer*, another charming, witty picture book about believing in yourself and pursuing your passion. *Ada Twist, Scientist*, the companion picture book featuring the next kid from *Iggy Peck's* class, is available in September 2016! -- ?xml:namespace prefix = o ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office" /-- Praise for *Rosie Revere, Engineer* "Comically detailed mixed-media illustrations that keep the mood light and emphasize *Rosie's* creativity at every turn."—Publishers Weekly "The detritus of *Rosie's* collections is fascinating, from broken dolls and stuffed animals to nails, tools, pencils, old lamps and possibly an erector set. And cheddar-cheese spray." —Kirkus Reviews "This celebration of creativity and perseverance is told through rhyming text, which gives momentum and steady pacing to a story, consistent with the celebration of its heroine, *Rosie*. She's an imaginative thinker who hides her light under a bushel (well, really, the bed) after being laughed at for one of her inventions." —Booklist Award 2013 Parents' Choice Award - GOLD 2014 Amelia Bloomer Project List ReadBoston's Best Read Aloud Book

[The Story of a Pioneer](#) - Anna Howard Shaw 1920

This autobiography follows the life of Anna Shaw (1847-1919) from her birth in Newcastle-on-Tyne, England through her presidency of the National American Woman Suffrage Association. Shaw immigrated with her genteel but financially pressed family to America in 1851. They settled first in New Bedford and then in Lawrence, Massachusetts, finally migrating in 1859 to a pioneer farmstead in northern Michigan, where Anna performed much of the subsistence labor during her father's long absences. The first part of her narrative emphasizes her efforts to gain an education and take up a ministerial career. After two years at Albion College, she attended Boston Theological School (1876-1878) and accepted a pastorate in East Dennis, Cape Cod, after graduation; later she also took temporary charge of the Congregational Church in Dennis. After her ordination had been blocked by members of the New England Conference of the

Methodist Episcopal Church opposed to ordaining women, Shaw was ordained by the 1880 Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in Tarrytown, N.Y.

Finding Beauty - Talitha Shipman 2021-02-16

You are beautiful from the top of your head to the tip of your toes--but beauty is far more than something you can have. It's also something you have to find. In other people. In nature. In acts of kindness. In math, and art, and music, and sports. In this beautiful inspirational book for girls, author-illustrator Talitha Shipman turns the concept of beauty inside out, transforming girls into beauty-seeking adventurers charging out into the world with confidence and ambition to find beauty and make beauty wherever they go.

The Marvelous Thing That Came from a Spring - Gilbert Ford 2016-09-13

With magnificent dioramic illustrations, Gilbert Ford captures the joy, creativity, and determination behind the invention of an iconic, one-of-a-kind toy: the Slinky! One day, a spring fell from the desk of Richard James, an engineer and a dreamer. Its coils took a walk...and so did Richard's imagination. He knew right away that he had stumbled onto something marvelous. With the help of his wife, Betty, Richard took this ordinary spring and turned it into a plaything. But it wasn't just any old trinket—it was a Slinky, and it would become one of the most popular toys in American history.

Bigmama's - Donald Crews 1998

Visiting Bigmama's house in the country, young Donald Crews finds his relatives full of news and the old place and its surroundings just the same as the year before.

What to Do with a Box - Jane Yolen 2018-04-10

If you give a child a box, who can tell what will happen next? It may become a library or a boat. It could set the scene for a fairy tale or a wild expedition. The most wonderful thing is its seemingly endless capacity for magical adventure, a feature imaginatively captured in cardboardsque art and rhythmically celebrated in this poetic tribute. This board book edition of the popular 2016 picture book of the same name takes the literal shape of a box to bring an imaginative concept to life.

Being Small (Isn't So Bad After All) - Lori Orlinsky 2019-04-16

"Being small is the worst! No one ever picks me for their sports team and my feet hurt from standing on my tiptoes all the time. There can't be anything good about being small,]€,]right? "

Binky Under Pressure - Ashley Spires 2011-09

When a new kitten is brought into his home, certified space cat Binky, determined to get rid of the intruder, is surprised to find out she is his boss.

Perfectly Imperfect Mira - Faith Pray 2022

Mira wants to be good at something, but she is held back by her desire to be perfect.

Read Write Inc. Comprehension: Module 21: Children's Book: The Most Magnificent Mosque -

Ann Jungman 2007-05-03

Read Write Inc. Comprehension is the next step in developing children's composition and writing skills once they have become confident readers. The programme offers 30 weekly modules, specially written to link reading and writing activities to carefully levelled texts. 16 of the modules are linked to published quality fiction and non-fiction children's books. The accompanying Read Write Inc. module offers activities which provide practice in reading, writing and spelling, and consolidate the pupils' knowledge through comprehension and guided composition. The illustrated children's books, of which this is one, that accompany 16 of the Comprehension modules can all be purchased from Oxford University Press in the same way as the module packs.

Motion - Darlene R. Stille 2004

Offers an introduction to the principles of motion, describing inertia, gravity, and friction.

The Most Magnificent Thing - Ashley Spires 2014-04-01

A little girl and her canine assistant set out to make the most magnificent thing. But after much hard work, the end result is not what the girl had in mind. Frustrated, she quits. Her assistant suggests a long walk, and as they walk, it slowly becomes clear what the girl needs to do to succeed. A charming story that will give kids the most magnificent thing: perspective!

Cool Dog, School Dog - Deborah Heiligman 2009

When Tinka the dog follows her owner to school and creates havoc, the children discover a way to let her stay in the classroom and help.

Small Saul - Ashley Spires 2011-01-03

Small Saul is a different kind of pirate. Will Small Saul be able to prove his worth as a pirate or will he be thrown overboard?

Imogene's Last Stand - Candace Fleming 2011-02-16

Meet Imogene Tripp, a plucky girl with a passion for history. As a baby, her first words were "Four score and seven years ago." In preschool, she finger-painted a map of the Oregon Trail. So it's not surprising that when the mayor wants to tear down the long-neglected Liddleville Historical Society to make room for a shoelace factory, Imogene is desperate to convince the town how important its history is. But even though she rides through the streets in her Paul Revere costume shouting, "The bulldozers are coming, the bulldozers are coming!" the townspeople won't budge. What's a history-loving kid to do? Filled with quotes from history's biggest players—not to mention mini-bios—and lots of humor, this is the perfect book for budding historians. "This girl-power story succeeds as an energetic—and funny—against-all-odds tale." —The Horn Book Magazine, Starred

Spurious Correlations - Tyler Vigen 2015-05-12

"Spurious Correlations ... is the most fun you'll ever have with graphs."--Bustle Military intelligence analyst and Harvard Law student Tyler Vigen illustrates the golden rule that "correlation does not equal causation" through hilarious graphs inspired by his viral website. Is there a correlation between Nic Cage films and swimming pool accidents? What about beef consumption and people getting struck by lightning? Absolutely not. But that hasn't stopped millions of people from going to tylervigen.com and asking, "Wait, what?" Vigen has designed software that scours enormous data sets to find unlikely statistical correlations. He began pulling the funniest ones for his website and has since gained millions of views, hundreds of thousands of likes, and tons of media coverage. Subversive and clever, Spurious Correlations is geek humor at its finest, nailing our obsession with data and conspiracy theory.

Most Magnificent Thing, The - Ashley Spires 2014-04-01

A little girl and her canine assistant set out to make the most magnificent thing. But after much hard work, the end result is not what the girl had in mind. Frustrated, she quits. Her assistant suggests a long walk, and as they walk, it slowly becomes clear what the girl needs to do to succeed. A charming story that will give kids the most magnificent thing: perspective!

Violet the Pilot - Steve Breen 2016-09-13

Violet is a science-loving girl inventor with a flair for the air! Fans of Ada Twist, Scientist and Rosie Revere, Engineer will love this classic underdog story by two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist Steve Breen. By the time she's two years old, Violet Van Winkle can engineer nearly any appliance in the house. And by eight she's building elaborate flying machines from scratch—mind-boggling contraptions such as the Tubbubbler, the Bicycopter, and the Wing-a-ma-jig. The kids at school tease her, but they have no idea what she's capable of. Maybe she could earn their respect by winning the blue ribbon in the upcoming Air Show. Or maybe something even better will happen—something involving her best-ever invention, a Boy Scout troop in peril, and even the mayor himself! "An engaging story of a spunky girl who follows her dreams . . . Violet is a terrific role model."--School Library Journal

Binky the Space Cat - Ashley Spires 2009-08-01

Binky's blast-off into outer space (outside) to battle aliens (bugs) is delayed when he realizes he's left something behind - and it's not the anti-gravity kitty litter.

The Wish Tree - Kyo Maclear 2016-09-27

In winter Charles and his trusty toboggan set out to find the wish tree, and along the way he helps to make the wishes of his friends Squirrel, Fox, and Beaver come true.

Burt the Beetle Doesn't Bite! - Ashley Spires 2021-06-01

A hilarious story about one bug's quest for greatness (with some cool insect facts mixed in!). Meet Burt, a ten-lined june beetle. He's sure he has a superpower like other insects. No, he can't carry 50 times his weight, like ants, or spray paralyzing venom, like some termites. What june beetles seem to do best is chase porch lights and lie on their backs flailing their legs in the air ... hmm. Maybe Burt doesn't have any special

skills after all ... But when some other bugs get into perilous trouble that even their superpowers can't get them out of, Burt realizes there is one helpful thing only he can do ... Why shouldn't every bug have its day (even the wannabe superhero kind)? Kids will be rooting for this one!

Jabari Tries - Gaia Cornwall 2022-02-01

Jabari is inventing a machine that will fly all the way across the yard! But making it go from CRASH to WHOOSH will take grit, patience, and maybe even a little help from his sister. Jabari is making a flying machine in his backyard! "It'll be easy. I don't need any help," he declares. But it doesn't work! Jabari is

frustrated. Good thing Dad is there for a pep talk and his little sister, Nika, is there to assist, fairy wings and all. With the endearing father-child dynamic of Jabari Jumps and engaging mixed-media illustrations, Gaia Cornwall's tale shows that through perseverance and flexibility, an inventive thought can become a brilliant reality.

Spork - Kyo Maclear 2017-04-04

A humorous "multi-cutlery" tale about how Spork --- half spoon, half fork --- finally finds his place at the table. A charming story for anyone who has ever wondered about their place in the world.