

## Books for More Mature Stars

*After Ever After* by Jordan Sonnenblick: Jeffrey Alper, who we met in *Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie*, is back. His cancer is in remission but now he's facing the difficulties of being a teen.

*Built to Last* by David Macaulay: Historians and artisans will enjoy this feast for the eyes. Macaulay explores the architectural wonders that were built to last.

*Chronicles of Vladimir Tod: Twelfth Grade Kills* by Heather Brewer: Past, present, and future all play a role in Vlad's decisions when new crooked characters arrive in town.

*Clockwork Angel* by Cassandra Clare: For those who read the *Mortal Instruments* trilogy, this steampunk prequel is a must.

*Dork Diaries: Tales from a Not-So-Fabulous Life* by Rachel Renee Russell: The girls' answer to *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*.

*Mike and Mike's Rules for Sports and Life* by Greenberg, Golic, and Chaikivsky: Sports fans will enjoy the banter of Greenberg and Golic as they debate unusual ideas.

*Mockingjay* by Suzanne Collins: As a two time survivor of the *Hunger Games*, will Katniss continue to outwit and outlast the enemies who wish for her demise?

*Oogy: The Dog Only a Family Could Love* by Larry Levin: When the Levin Family discovered Oogy, an abused bait dog, it was love at first sight, but oh what a sight!

*Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer* by John Grisham: Grisham turns his talent for writing legal thrillers to a younger audience with good results.

*Witch and Wizard: Battle for the Shadowland* by James Patterson: Whit and Wisty plot to gain control over Shadowland using their new magical powers.

## Star Studded Books for the Family

*Mirror Mirror: A Book of Reversible Verse* by Marilyn Singer: Did you ever wonder what your favorite stories might sound like if you read them in reverse? A great book that beautifully illustrates the fact that there are often two sides to every story.

*Pop! The Invention of Bubble Gum* by Meghan McCarthy: Did you ever wonder how one of life's sweetest treats was invented? Best read while chewing a wad of gum!

*Someone Used My Toothbrush and Other Bathroom Poems* by Carol Diggery Shields: Humorous poems about while mishaps and misunderstandings occur in the bathroom.

*A Whiff of Pine, A Hint of Skunk: A Forest of Poems* by Deborah Ruddell: Take this book on a family hike. What do you see and smell along the way?

Visit your local public or school library to borrow these books. Our local bookstores also stock many of the titles in this list.

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## Dazzling Books for a Cold Winter's Night



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## Picture Books that Twinkle for Little Stars

*City Dog, Country Frog* by Mo Willems and Jon Muth: Two unlikely creatures meet one summer and become the best of friends. A memorable story about the importance of friendships, both old and new.

*Cupcake* by Charise Mericle Harper: Vanilla Cupcake feels unloved when he is not selected on a plate of fancier cupcakes. But life gets a little sweeter when he befriends a candle.

*Don't Fidget a Feather* by Erica Silverman: Duck and Gander are two friends who are always competing over something! When danger arrives, Duck learns the value of friendship.

*Even Monsters Need Haircuts* by Matthew McElligott: Where do monsters go for haircuts? A young character grooms these monsters of doom.



*Holler Loudly* by Cynthia Leitich Smith: Mama and Daddy Loudly name their new son 'Holler' because he is BORN loud! Follow young Holler's adventures!

*Knuffle Bunny Free: An Unexpected Diversion* by Mo Willems: Knuffle Bunny gets lost when Trixie and her parents visit Oma and Opa in Holland. Is Trixie able to handle being Knuffle Bunny free?

*Miss Brooks Loves Books (And I Don't)* by Barbara Bottner: Miss Brooks has met her match! Missy is a reluctant reader who stubbornly resists her overzealous librarian's efforts to help her love books...until just the right title comes along. A wonderful story for reluctant readers and book lovers alike.

*Olivia Goes to Venice* by Ian Falconer: Olivia and her family spend spring vacation in Venice checking out the bridges, gondolas, and gelato, and she comes home with the perfect souvenir.

*Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes* by Eric Litwin: Pete the cat just LOVES his white shoes! He is strollin' along, singin' his song about his white shoes, when something unexpected happens! This is an EXCELLENT book about rolling with the punches and being happy with what you have!

*Your Daddy Was Just Like You* by Kelly Bennett: Grandma shares with a little boy all the ways, both good and bad, that his Dad was just like him growing up.



## Rising Star Chapter Books

*Another Whole Nother Story* by Dr. Cuthbert Soup: What could be difficult about taking your family on a road-trip....back in time? Ethan Cheeseman and his children must travel back in time to end an ancient family curse and save their mother.

*Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth* by Jeff Kinney: Greg Heffley is experiencing some major growing pain of the boy-girl variety...and other life changes.

*Fantasy: An Artist's Realm* by Ben Boos: Artist Ben Boos creates a fantasy-land feast for the eyes. This book is for lovers of enchanted forests, strange cities, fairy glens, elves, hobgoblins, and dwarves.

*A Ghost Tale for Christmas Time* by Mary Pope Osborne: Jack and Annie's latest Magic Tree house adventure takes them to Victorian England where they meet Charles Dickens, the author of *A Christmas Carol*.

*The Search for Wondla* by Tony DiTerlizzi: Eva Nine, a girl growing up in a fully robotic home, tries to survive in the real world without all of the comfort of her automated home. Log onto wondla.com for an entertaining experience!

## Nonfiction Books that Sparkle

*Before Columbus: The Americas of 1491* by Charles C. Mann: Be amazed at the recent study results showing civilization before the Europeans arrived in the "New World."

*Betty Crocker's Kids Cook!* by Betty Crocker, Editor: Over 60 illustrated, kid-friendly recipes—chock-full of nutrition information—from the original food diva.

*The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer: This is the true story of an inspirational young Malawian man who, through his own determination and desire to learn, built a windmill that brought electricity to his impoverished family.

*Chasing Lincoln's Killer* by James L. Swanson: Relive the true story of the manhunt for John Wilkes Booth after his assassination of President Lincoln.

*How to Clean a Hippopotamus: A Look at Unusual Partnerships* by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page: Why do some animals relate and help each other?

*A Really Short History of Nearly Everything* by Bill Bryson: Bryson's adaptation for younger readers of his history of science is a winner for the science lover or the curious.

*Ubiquitous: Celebrating Nature's Survivors* by Joyce Sidman: "Over 99% of the species that have ever existed are extinct." This book examines, through poetry, prose and vivid illustrations, fourteen species that survived the test of time. Well-researched and fun, this is the perfect book for a young scientist in the making.

*World of Wonders: The Most Mesmerizing Natural Phenomena on Earth* by Elisabeth Roman: Pack your bags and get ready to travel to some of the most stunning and unique places on earth. No sunscreen necessary!

