

Birthday Book Club titles

Picture Books:

The Littlest Train by Chris Gall

In a small room, down a short flight of stairs, there lives a little toy train...about to have a BIG adventure! There's an endless world to explore, and awe-inspiring new friends to meet. But when the day is done and the sun goes down, will the littlest train find his way home?

The Mermaid by Jan Brett

When Kiniro, a young mermaid, comes upon a gorgeous house made of seashells and coral, she is so curious that she goes inside. She's thrilled to find a just-right breakfast, pretty little chair, and, best of all, a comfy bed that rocks in the current. But when the Octopus family returns home, they are not happy to find their home disturbed. A striking under-the-sea version of Goldilocks.

Juvenile Fiction:

Frank Einstein and the Bio-Action Gizmo by Jon Scieszka

Kid-genius and inventor Frank Einstein loves figuring out how the world works by creating household contraptions that are part science, part imagination, and definitely unusual. In the series opener, an uneventful experiment involving a lightning storm and a flash of electricity brings Frank's inventions—the robots Klink and Klank—to life!

Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow by Jessica Townsend

A cursed girl escapes death and finds herself in a magical world--but is then tested beyond her wildest imagination. Perfect for fans of the Harry Potter series and Neil Gaiman, this fast-paced plot and imaginative world has a fresh new take on magic that will appeal to a new generation of readers.

Middle School Fiction:

Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling

Aven Green was born without arms. When her parents take a job running Stagecoach Pass, a rundown western theme park in Arizona, Aven life takes an unexpected turn when she and her new friend Connor discover a room at Stagecoach Pass that holds bigger secrets than Aven ever could have imagined. It's hard to solve a mystery, help a friend, and face your worst fears, but Aven's about to discover she can do it all . . . even without arms.

Slider by Pete Hautman

David is going to compete in the Super Pigorino Bowl, the world's greatest pizza-eating contest, and he has to win it, because he borrowed his mom's credit card and accidentally put \$2,000 on it. So he *really* needs that prize money. As if training to be a competitive eater weren't enough, he's also got to keep an eye on his autistic little brother, Mal.

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Teen Fiction:

Invictus by Ryan Graudin

Born outside of time as the son of a time-traveler from the 24th century and a first-century gladiator, Farway takes a position commanding a ship that smuggles valuables from different eras before meeting a mysterious girl with knowledge that places his existence in question.

Warcross by Marie Lu

For the millions who log in every day, Warcross isn't just a game-it's a way of life. Teenage hacker Emika Chen works as a bounty hunter, tracking down Warcross players who bet on the game illegally. When she gets a call from the game's creator, he asks her to become a spy on the inside of this year's tournament in order to uncover a security problem. Emika's whisked off to Tokyo and thrust into a world of fame and fortune that she's only dreamed of. But soon her investigation uncovers a sinister plot, with major consequences for the entire Warcross empire.