

Reading Rocks 2025-26

Dogtown

by Katherine Applegate & Gennifer Choldenko

Dogtown is a shelter for stray dogs, misbehaving dogs, and discarded robot dogs. Chance (a real dog) and Metal Head (a robot dog) embark on an adventure to find their forever homes.

Willodeen

by Katherine Applegate

Eleven-year-old Willodeen lives in Perchance, a place where there are creatures of all types. The annual migration of hummingbirds, a source of local pride and tourist income, has dwindled, and Willodeen is determined to figure out what happened to the hummingbirds.

The Vanquishers

by Kalynn Bayron

In an alternate San Antonio, there have been no known cases of vampirism since a group of masked vampire hunters called the Vanquishers wiped out the last horde of the undead twenty years ago, but twelve-year-old Boog Wilson's parents are not taking any chances, especially when Boog's new classmate Aaron goes missing.

Dave the Unicorn: Welcome to Unicorn School

by Pip Bird

Mira is excited to be at Unicorn School where you get your own unicorn best friend and go on magical quests! But Mira is paired with Dave, a unicorn who loves doughnuts, doesn't follow directions very well, and farts a lot. Can this pair save the day when a school trip goes wrong?

Noisemakers: 25 Women Who Raised Their Voices and Changed the World: A Graphic Collection

by Erin Bried

A collection of inspiring comics about twenty-five extraordinary women who made a racket, a bang, and uproar! You'll meet a daredevil pilot, a shark whisperer, and an undercover spy! All noisemakers, through and through.

Squire and Knight

by Scott Chantler

Staying behind to catch up on some reading while his inept boss, Sir Kelton, rides off to slay a demonic dragon, Squire soon notices something isn't quite right about the village he is in, and seeks to uncover its secrets.

American Horse Tales: The Dust Bowl

by Michelle Jabès Corpora

A young girl named Ginny and her family must leave their farm in Oklahoma and travel west to California. In order to survive, the family must sell their horse (Ginny's best friend), Thimble. But Ginny will do anything in order to find a way for them to stay together.

Spooky Sleuths: The Ghost Tree

by Natasha Deen

When Asim moves to a new town, he must save his teacher when an evil spirit from Guyanese folklore begins to wreak havoc.

The Bridge to Sharktooth Island

by Sharon Estroff

When Daniel, Joy, and Kimani suddenly find themselves stranded on a mysterious island, they must work together to find clues hidden around that somehow hold the key to finding their way back home.

Mr. Lemoncello's Very First Game

by Chris Grabenstein

Everybody starts somewhere, and once upon a time Luigi Lemoncello was a thirteen-year-old boy in a large family who dreamed of being a showman; he gets his first chance working for a famous barker at a summer carnival where a mysterious puzzle leads him and his friends on a treasure hunt.

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The School for Whatnots

by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Max and Josie are best friends but Josie suddenly disappears at the end of 5th grade. As Max searches for her, he discovers that all their classmates were Android Whatnots, and Josie had to pretend to be one too; did she disappear because her real identity was discovered? Will Max be able to find her?

The Skull

by Jon Klassen

This is an old story. It is about a girl named Otilla who runs away. It is also about a house in the woods, and a skull who lives there, and a secret the skull has, and the night that Otilla finds out what that secret is.

Faker

by Gordon Korman

Trey's dad is a conman; he connects with the parents of Trey's rich friends, and they invest in one of his (fake) schemes. Then Trey's family disappears and begins again in a new place. But Trey's getting tired of running and never having a friend for longer than a few months. Can he get his family to stop?

Home Away from Home

by Cynthia Lord

Mia is spending her summer with her grandmother in a small Maine town, expecting it to be an oasis of stability in her changing life, but there is a new know-it-all boy next door, and soon she finds herself competing with him in identifying an injured bird of prey – and pretty much everything else.

Magnolia Wu Unfolds It All

by Chanel Miller

Magnolia Wu's parents own a laundromat in New York City, where socks are often lost. She and her friend Iris set off across the city to solve the mystery of each missing sock, asking questions in subways and delis and plant stores and pizzerias, meeting people and uncovering the unimaginable.

The Sherlock Society

by James Ponti

Siblings Alex and Zoe Sherlock, and their friends Lina and Yadi spend their summer in Miami investigating the "cold cases" their grandfather accumulated as a reporter--first up, Al Capone's buried treasure.

Impossible Creatures

by Katherine Rundell

Christopher discovers the Archipelago, a world where mythological creatures were secreted away by magic long ago. Those creatures are now dying and it is up to Christopher and Mal, a girl from the Archipelago, to save both of their worlds.

Pets Rule!: My Kingdom of Darkness

by Susan Tan

Ember, a rescue Chihuahua, thinks he is an evil overlord, destined to rule the world. He has just been adopted by the Chin family (his "minions"), and is shocked to find himself growing attached to them. Does Ember still have what it takes to control the neighborhood... and the world?

Mr. Whiskers and the Shenanigan Sisters

by Wendelin Van Draanen

Streetwise stray dog Mr. Whiskers and sisters Misty and Zelda follow clues through the streets of San Francisco in their search for the sibling's kidnapped father.

A Rover's Story

by Jasmine Warga

Built to explore Mars, Resilience begins to develop human-like feelings as he learns from the NASA scientists who assembled him. Once on Mars, he must overcome obstacles as he explores the red planet.

Infinity Blast and the Space Weapon of Doom

by Brad Wright

Infinity, Gabriel, and Twilight are on the run, spurred by the arrest of their astrophysicist parents who have decoded a mysterious message from Mars. Their mission: Destroy the military's orbital space weapon before President Harker can deploy it against the peaceful aliens approaching Earth.