



Children's Booklist 2025: Read-alouds for Gr. 4-5

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The Big Book of Mysteries

by Tom Adams

Over 100 real-life mysteries that might just give you goosebumps! Uncover the world's greatest mysteries, from Bigfoot to the Bermuda Triangle. Including alien abductions, haunted houses, and much

more, this book will explain the extraordinary. Then you'll just have to make up your own mind.

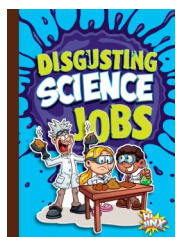


Stranded! : A Mostly True Story from Iceland

by Aevor por Benediktsson

The author humorously recounts the time his grandfather got stranded with a friend on a brand new volcanic island in Iceland. The

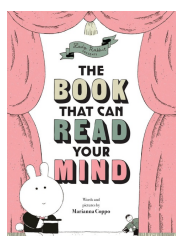
adventurers faced epic challenges like molten lava, melted eyeglasses and scant supplies before finally getting rescued.



Disgusting Science Jobs

by Mary E. Bleckwehl

How would you feel about picking up roadkill or cleaning up a crime scene? They're gross jobs that need to be done, nonetheless. So plug your nose and learn what makes these jobs so disgustingly awesome.



The Book That Can Read Your Mind

by Marianna Coppo

Inspired by 17th-century magic books, this interactive game-in-a-book stars magician Lady Rabbit, who can READ YOUR MIND, and invites readers to pick a member of the magician's adorable audience, then the book

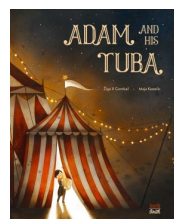
will guess who it is!



We Are Definitely Human

by X. Fang

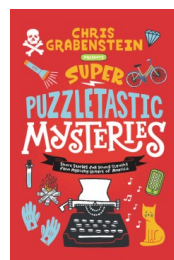
When three mysterious visitors from "Europe" crash-land in Mr. Li's field, he does what any good host would: he invites them back to his farmhouse and offers to help fix up their "car." No, there's nothing strange about these guests at all. Just like other humans, they "make business," "play sportsball" and "wear hat."



Adam and His Tuba

by Ziga X. Gombac

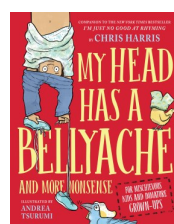
Everyone in the circus loves to perform--except for Adam, the very youngest member of the Von Trapeze family. The family is concerned...until the day Adam hears the sound of a tuba.



Super Puzzletastic Mysteries

by Chris Grabenstein

An anthology of short interactive stories by contributors like Stuart Gibbs, Lamar Giles and Bruce Hale-- featuring such characters as a hapless superhero and a stolen squirrel monkey--invites readers to try to solve each mystery themselves.



My Head Has a Bellyache

by Chris Harris

Filled with mind-bending verbal and visual riddles and comedic chaos, this hilarious book of poetry introduces a whole cast of colorful characters, including the Nail-Clipping Fairy, Orloc the Destroyer, and the Elderly Caveman.

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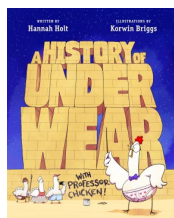
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The Courage of the Little Hummingbird : a tale told around the world

by Leah Henderson

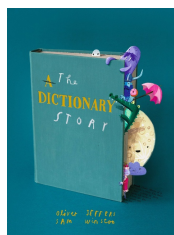
A retelling of a tale of bravery against seemingly insurmountable odds and a community working together to overcome adversity, reminding us that no challenge is too great, and that even the smallest of us can make a world of difference. Includes the origins of the folktale and facts about hummingbirds.



A History of Underwear with Professor Chicken

by Hannah Holt

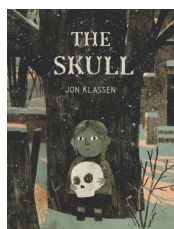
From Paleolithic loincloths to Henry VII's wives wearing underwear on their heads and beyond, this hilarious—and accurate—history of underwear (as comically modeled by chickens), tells the fascinating story of our most private clothing.



The Dictionary Story

by Oliver Jeffers

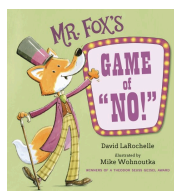
When Dictionary wishes she could tell a story like other books and decides to bring her words to life, comical chaos ensues and her friend Alphabet must come to the rescue, singing a song that brings calm and order to her pages once again.



The Skull : A Tyrolean Folktale

by Jon Klassen

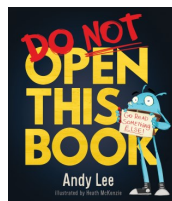
In this retelling of a traditional Tyrolean folktale, brave girl Otilia finds herself lost in the dark forest after escaping a terrible danger, then comes upon a cabin where she finds a skull who's afraid of something, too.



Mr. Fox's Game of "No!"

by David LaRochelle

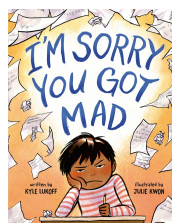
In this laugh-out-loud interactive picture book, Mr. Fox challenges readers to answer every question with "NO," while avoiding his clever traps to say "YES," including if they'd like to read this book again.



Do Not Open This Book for Eternity

by Andy Lee

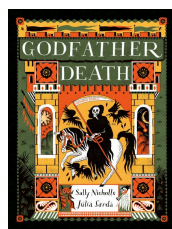
Take a hilarious trip through time with a reluctant tour guide. Readers will delight in doing exactly what they are asked NOT to do.



I'm Sorry You Got Mad

by Kyle Lukoff

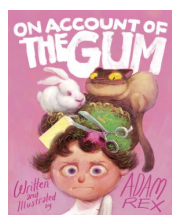
After he hurts his friend Zoe's feelings, Jack discovers there's more to an apology than just saying "I'm sorry," in this engaging exploration of how an apology goes deeper than just words.



Godfather Death

by Sally Nicholls

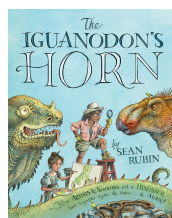
When a poor fisherman chooses Death to be godfather to his son, he's certain he's made a good choice. But when greed overcomes the fisherman, he learns a lesson.



On Account of the Gum

by Adam Rex

A family resorts to increasingly wacky measures to get a wad of gum unstuck from a kid's hair, causing everything from butter and scissors to the vacuum and a pet cat to become impossibly, hilariously entangled.



The Iguanodon's Horn

by Sean Rubin

Scientists and artists have long tried to figure out what the creature looked like. But it seems that every time they've made up their minds, someone makes a new discovery, and they have to start all over.



Mermaids Are the Worst!

by Alex Willan

Gilbert the Goblin's beachside vacation gets ruined by mermaids and their fin-flapping festivities.



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