



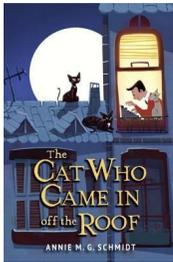
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Recent books for kids that the Children's Library staff have read & loved & that we think you will too!



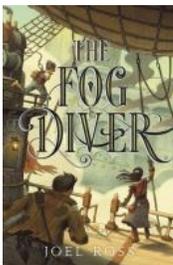
The Big Dark by Rodman Philbrick. J Fiction, JCD

When a massive solar flare knocks out the power grid, everything electric in Charlie Cobb's small New Hampshire town (and the rest of the world) goes dead: cell phones, generators, airplanes, cars and more. In the middle of a freezing winter, the world quickly descends into madness. When Charlie's mom runs out of the medication she depends on to control her diabetes, he decides it's up to him to try and get more. This book is exciting and action packed, but a bit disconcerting too. I imagine the world really would dissolve into similar chaos if something like this ever happened. Recommended for readers in grades 5 and 6 due to some potentially disturbing content.



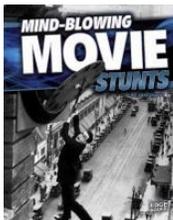
The Cat Who Came in off the Roof by Annie M.G. Schmidt. J Fiction, JCD

Mr. Tibble is in trouble with his boss because all of the stories he writes for the local paper are about cats. This is because Mr. Tibble is shy and has trouble mustering up the courage to talk to people about other story possibilities—but his boss says he will soon be out of a job unless he comes up with something more interesting than more cats. Then he meets the beautiful and mysterious Miss Minou, who seems to have her ear on the pulse of the town. But how does Miss Minou get all of her information? The answer will surprise and delight anyone who loves cats! This would be a good read for animal lovers, or readers in grades 4-6 who enjoy sweet old fashioned stories.



The Fog Diver by Joel Ross. J Fiction

The Fog has taken over the earth and humans are all forced to live on the mountain tops or floating platforms in the sky. Anyone who stays in the Fog too long becomes sick. But Chess, a 13-year-old born in a cage and with the Fog swirling in his eye, is immune. Chess thinks he is a freak, but actually he is special and is being hunted by the ruthless Lord Kodoc. Chess and his misfit crew work on an airship where they scavenge things from the ruins beneath the Fog to earn money for food. But now they need money to find a cure for their adoptive mother Mrs. E, and to save Chess from Lord Kodoc. Filled with adventure, danger, air battles, and humor this fast paced story will keep you reading past your bedtime. Recommended for grades 4 and up.



Mind-Blowing Movie Stunts by Joe Tougas. J 791.402 Touga

Do you love movies, especially the ones with amazing action scenes? Maybe you have asked yourself, "How did they do that?" and "What will they be able to do next?" This book will reveal some answers to those questions. It starts out by talking about the first movies that were made. Action in these movies may seem kind of funny now in the days of computer generated imagery (CGI) which makes amazing



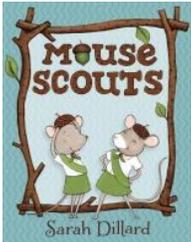
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things seem so real. In the very first movies made though, the action scenes were usually really tricky and could be very dangerous for the stunt performers. It's interesting to find out a little more about the people who have done and do these stunts for the movies. There is also a section at the end of the book about stunt animals in movies. This book would be good for grades 3 and up.

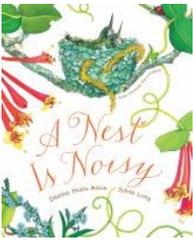
Mouse Scouts by Sarah Dillard. J Fiction

This book is the first in a delightful new chapter book series and tells the story of a group of six young girl mice who are moving up in scouting to become Acorn Scouts. Violet and Tigerlily are best friends, and Hyacinth, Petunia, Cricket, and Junebug each have their own personalities. At their first meeting as Acorn Scouts, they learn that the first badge they will work toward is the Sow It and Grow It Badge. In order to earn this badge, they will need to create and maintain a vegetable garden. Their leader, Miss Poppy, doesn't smile very much, but she does help them learn to find seeds and plan which girl mouse does which gardening duties. The girls become very resourceful when it comes to dealing with much bigger predators in their garden. Will they succeed at gardening and earn their first badge? The book features black and white illustrations on most pages and also includes excerpts from the Mouse Scout handbook, especially those with gardening tips. This is an enjoyable book and series for early chapter book readers in Grades 2 and 3.



A Nest is Noisy by Dianna Hutts Aston. E 591.56 Aston

This is a remarkable book about animals that live in nests – probably many that you never knew about. Did you know that orangutans make strong nests high in the canopy of the rainforest? They even make umbrella-like covers to protect themselves from the rain! There can be spiky nests in the desert, papery nests attached to tree branches and even pebbly nests underwater. There is also a frog that creates a foamy substance on a branch above water. The tadpoles are born in the nest and then, when the nest disintegrates, they drop into the water to continue developing into frogs. All of the amazing facts in this book are paired with beautifully detailed illustrations. This is a wonder-filled book for all ages.



Pax by Sara Pennypacker. J Fiction, JCD

When he was 7, Peter rescued a baby fox that had been orphaned. He and Pax have grown up together, and are the best of friends. They even have a sixth sense between them and somehow know when something is right or wrong with the other. Then Peter's father enlists in the military and Peter has to go live with his grandfather, 300 miles away. The fox can't come - so Peter is forced to take Pax out to the woods and leave him. Pax has never been on his own before, and once at his grandfather's, Peter realizes that he has made a mistake and sets out to find his friend. But many obstacles are in his path... Recommended for grades 4-6.



A Pig Called Heather by Harry Oulton. J Fiction

Heather is a pig living on a farm in Scotland, with her best friend, a girl named Isla, her farmer Dad, and a number of animal friends who help each other out whenever they can. Several years ago when Isla's mother died, Isla and Heather became inseparable friends. All that changes when the barn on the farm burns down and Isla and her father have to move to London. The new farm owner has advertisements and commercials for his chickens filmed at the farm. Heather is photographed for an ad, and becomes famous throughout Scotland and England. While being taken to London for the filming of more ads, she escapes and becomes quite determined to find Isla in London. Heather and Isla both have quite an adventure as a result of Heather's attempts to locate Isla. This humorous and entertaining story is all about friendship and courage. For grades 3-5.

