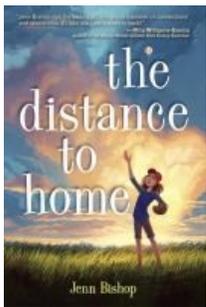


# READ

## October 2016

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



**The Distance to Home by Jenn Bishop.** J Fiction

11-year-old Quinnen is a huge baseball fan, and a talented player too - or at least she used to be. She is one of only two girls on her team, but that doesn't keep her from being a star pitcher. Quinnen's family lives in a town that has a minor league team, the Tri-City Bandits. Quinnen and her friends go to all the games and know everything about all of the players. One of the neat things about having a local team is the opportunity to host a player. This year for the first time, Quinnen's parents have signed up to do this. They're hoping they can cheer her up, and that a player will fill the hole left in their family after the death of their older daughter, Hayley, last year. In chapters alternating between this summer and last, the reader learns Quinnen's story and what led her to quit her beloved baseball. This book will be popular with sports lovers, and also readers who like sad stories. Recommended for grades 4-6.

**Eleven and Holding by Mary Penney.** J Fiction, JCD

If you live in Constant, Colorado, you might think that your life wouldn't change a lot. However, Macy, the narrator of this book, has found out that is not true for her or for other people there. Macy's dad is an Iraq War veteran and now is away from home again, saying he is involved in a special project for the army. Macy's grandmother has also recently died, leaving a huge hole in Macy's life, and Macy's mom seems to be really wrapped up in her job as a probation officer and also with taking care of Macy's baby brother. Fortunately, in the midst of all these changes, Macy has an amazing friend called Twee. They seem almost as close as twin sisters in the way they relate, knowing each other's thoughts and feelings without even speaking them out loud. As the book begins, Macy has gotten a letter from her dad and has decided to try to go see him on her own and convince him to come back home. Will she be able to accomplish this and what will she find out if she does -- will it be more than she bargained for? This book is recommended for 5<sup>th</sup> graders and 4<sup>th</sup> graders who are aware of the changes occurring during puberty.

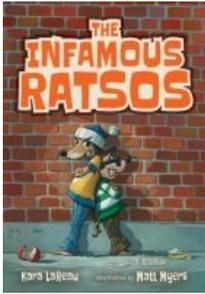
**Frozen Wild by Jim Arnosky.** J 591.75 Arnos

This new book by Jim Arnosky has the same type of wonderful illustrations that we've seen in so many of his wildlife books – beautiful paintings of wild animals that also show where and how they live. Arnosky begins this book by explaining why we have the different seasons on our planet when other planets do not experience these changes. Then he goes on to look at some animals we might see where we live, beginning with beavers. Throughout the book there are pages that open out to show a full panorama of the different animals that he talks about. For the beaver there is a page that shows what a beaver dam might look like in winter. He also talks about other animals we might see such as squirrels, rabbits, foxes, deer and moose. In later sections of the book he looks at the Arctic and Antarctic areas and talks about how animals survive in those harsh year-round winter conditions. This would be a good book for all ages because of the illustrations. For younger children parents would need to read it or just explain more about it at their child's level.



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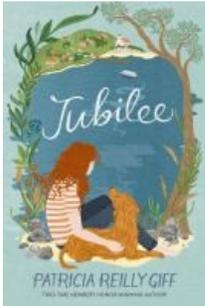


**The Infamous Ratsos by Karen LaReau. J Fiction**

Louie and Ralphie Ratso are determined to be tough and mean, just like their dad, Big Lou. But every time they try to do something nasty, it turns out to be anything but. How can the siblings stop doing good deeds on accident?! A short, sweet and fun beginning chapter book. We've added this one to our Beginning Chapter Books list (Did you know we had a Beginning Chapter Books list? Ask at the Children's Information Desk for more info!).

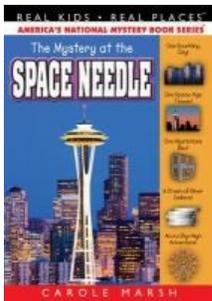
**Jubilee by Patricia Reilly Giff. J Fiction**

Eleven year old Judith has lived on an island with her Aunt Cora ever since her mother abandoned her when she was very young. She has not been able to speak since her mother left her, so she communicates through gestures and drawings. Aunt Cora loves her deeply and calls her Jubilee, a celebration. As summer is ending, she rescues an abandoned pet, known as Dog, who becomes her constant companion. As the new school year starts, Jubilee is facing the challenge of being in a regular fifth grade classroom instead of a special class. She wants to feel normal at school, but is hurt by classmates that don't understand her. An unlikely friendship begins to develop with a classmate, Mason, who is her partner on a school project, and accepts her as she is. She constantly thinks about the mother she doesn't know and wonders why her mother abandoned her. She hopes that she will see her mother again someday and fantasizes that this will help her regain speech. Can supportive relationships and a special pet help Jubilee heal from her hurts and begin to speak again? This is touching book about relationships, acceptance, courage and strength. It would be a good choice for students in Grades 4-6.



**Mystery at the Space Needle by Carole Marsh. J Fiction**

Christina and Grant have just flown to Seattle with their grandparents, Mimi and Papa, where Mimi is working on writing a book and is also meeting a good friend at a fundraiser. At an auction to raise money for the Space Needle, Mimi wins a box that includes items from the 1962 World's Fair. Christina and Grant observe that someone else was bidding on the same box at the auction. Soon they realize that they are being followed all over Seattle by two men who leave them notes and tell them that they want the box. Besides the Space Needle, the mystery involves a Ferris wheel and old silver dollars. Christina and Grant try to piece together the clues while continuing to outrun the men who are pursuing them, hoping to solve the Space Needle mystery. This mystery incorporates aspects of history, geography, and culture and is part of the author's new series, *America's National Mystery Book Series*. This book and the rest of the titles will be enjoyed by mystery fans in grades 3-5.



**The Poet's Dog by Patricia MacLachlan. J Fiction**

Two children are lost in a snowstorm. They are rescued by an unusual dog - one who can talk! Not everyone can understand him, but poets and children can. The dog (Teddy) has recently lost his poet friend/owner. He has been sleeping in the shed b/c he can't bear to go in the house without Sylvan. But Sylvan's cabin is shelter for the children, and warm once the boy has built a fire. For the next several days as the storm rages outside, the boy, the girl and the dog become fast friends, and the poet's dog slowly and sadly tells the children his story. Magical. This short novel in verse would make a great read aloud for grades 3 and up.



**The Remarkable Journey of Charlie Price by Jennifer Maschari. J Fiction**

Charlie and his little sister are still grieving the death of their mother, who died 6 months ago of cancer. They miss her terribly, and their father is overwhelmed with work and taking care of Charlie and Imogen all by himself. There are no more delicious home cooked meals, and dad seems to stay at work later and later each night because being home without mom there is so sad. So when Imogen tells Charlie one morning that she saw mom, Charlie is of course angry and upset. Imogen says they made cookies together and then played with her puppets - some of Imogen's favorite things to do when mom was alive. Of course Imogen must have been dreaming - but then she shows Charlie the door under her bed. A door that leads to another world where mom really is alive. The temptation to stay with her is great, but every time they come back to the real world Charlie knows something isn't right. Imogen seems to be fading right before his eyes. Can he save his sister before it's too late? Pair this creepy and suspenseful title with Coraline.

