

ELEMENTARY AGE

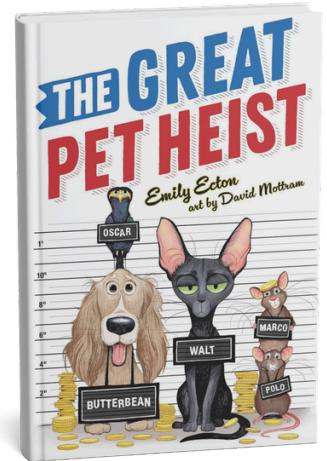
FICTION

1. The Great Pet Heist

by Emily Ecton (2014)

Summary:

When their owner suddenly disappears, a group of pets living in a city apartment building decide they must take matters into their own paws. Butterbean the cat leads a team of animals—including a clever bird and an anxious dog—through the building to search for clues and uncover the mystery. Along the way, their unlikely teamwork shows how determination and loyalty can help solve even the strangest problems.



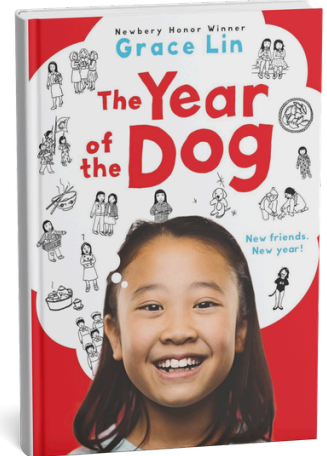
FICTION

2. Year of the Dog

by Grace Lin (2006)

Summary:

Pacy Lin begins the Lunar New Year with the hope that this will finally be the year she discovers her special talent. As she navigates school projects, friendships, and family traditions, she reflects on what it means to grow up Taiwanese American. Through everyday moments, creative challenges, and cultural celebrations, Pacy gradually learns more about her identity and the things that make her unique.



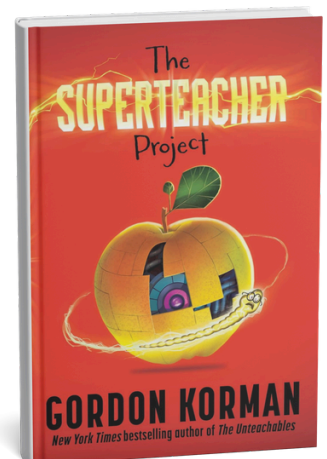
FICTION

3. The Superteacher Project

by Gordon Korman (2016)

Summary:

Oliver Zahn begins to suspect that his new teacher, Mr. Aidact, may not be an ordinary human teacher at all. Along with his friends, Oliver investigates the strange possibility that Mr. Aidact is actually a highly advanced robot created to be the perfect educator. As they try to uncover the truth, the students begin to understand what really makes someone a great teacher and leader.



NON-FICTION

4. Kid Innovators

by Robin Stevenson (2019)

Summary:

This inspiring book introduces readers to young inventors, scientists, and creators who used their curiosity to solve real problems. Each story highlights how these innovators noticed challenges in their communities and developed creative solutions. By sharing these examples, the book encourages kids to explore their own ideas and think like problem-solvers.



NON-FICTION

5. The Big Book of Why

by Britannica Group (2019)

Summary:

Designed for curious young minds, this book answers a wide range of “why” questions about the world, from science and nature to everyday life. Each topic is explained in an engaging and accessible way that encourages children to keep asking questions. By exploring these fascinating topics, readers develop a deeper curiosity about how the world works.



HIDDEN GEM SELECTION

6. The Last of the Name

by Rosanne Parry (2018)

Summary:

Danny's family must leave Ireland during the potato famine and travel across the ocean to start a new life in America. Along the difficult journey, Danny witnesses the struggles, hopes, and sacrifices of many families seeking a better future. His experiences help him understand the strength of family and the importance of perseverance during uncertain times.

