

Captain Pug

by Laura James

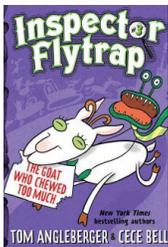
Pug is going on a seafaring adventure. He's had jam tarts for breakfast. He's wearing a smart sailor suit. There's just one problem. Pug is afraid of the water!



Dory the Real True Friend

by Abby Hanlon

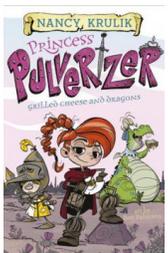
Dory, a highly imaginative youngest child, makes a new friend at school but her brother and sister are sure Rosabelle is imaginary, just like all of Dory's other friends.



The Goat Who Chewed Too Much

by Tom Angleberger

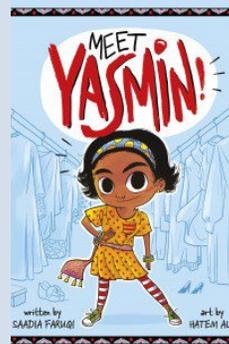
When his goat assistant is arrested for stealing the golden pickle paperweight, a mystery-solving Venus flytrap is determined to find the real thief.



Grilled Cheese and Dinosaurs

by Nancy Krulik

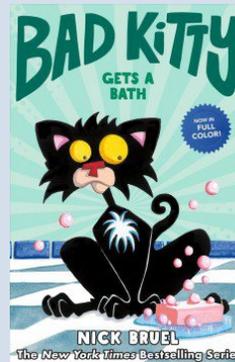
Princess Serena (or as she prefers, Princess Pulverizer) doesn't want to be a princess--she wants to be knight! But her father thinks otherwise. So he presents a challenge: the princess must first go on quests to prove that she truly deserves to go to knight school.



Meet Yasmin!

by Saadia Faruqi

In this compilation of four separately published books, Pakistani American second grader Yasmin learns to cope with the small problems of school and home, while gaining confidence in her own skills and creative abilities.



Bad Kitty Gets a Bath

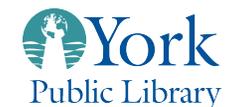
by Nick Bruel

Takes a humorous look at the normal way cats bathe, why it is inappropriate for humans to bathe that way, and the challenges of trying to give a cat a real bath with soap and water.



Funny!

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Real Pigeons

by Andrew McDonald

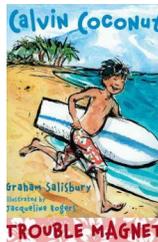
Ever wonder why pigeons act so weird? Because they are secretly chasing bad guys and flying around saving your butt. Your town is protected by a secret squad of crime-fighting feathered friends, and they won't stop until your neighborhood is safe



Stella Endicott and the Anything-is-possible Poem

by Kate Dicamillo

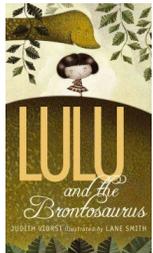
Stella Endicott crafts a beautiful poem about Mercy Watson, the pig who lives next door. But Horace Broom, Stella's irritating classmate, insists that Stella's poem is full of lies and that pigs do not live in houses.



Calvin Coconut: Trouble Magnet

by Graham Salisbury

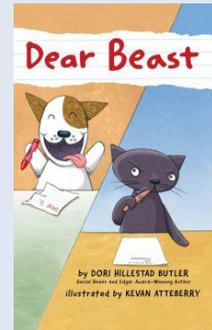
Nine-year-old Calvin catches the attention of the school bully on the day before he starts fourth grade, while at home, the unfriendly, fifteen-year-old daughter of his mother's best friend has taken over his room.



Lulu and the Brontosaurus

by Judith Viorst

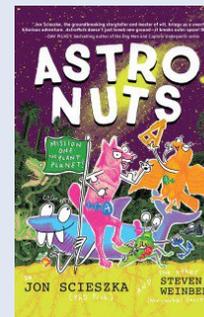
Lulu's parents refuse to give in when she demands a brontosaurus for her birthday and so she sets out to find her own, but while the brontosaurus she finally meets approves of pets, he does not intend to be Lulu's.



Dear Beast

by Dori Butler

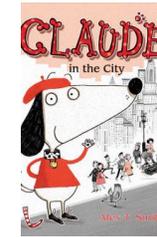
Through a series of letters, Simon, a grumpy and jealous cat, informs Baxter, his boy's new dog, that he is not welcome and should leave at once.



Astronuts

by Jon Scieszka

Carbon dioxide is out of control on Earth, and the fate of humankind rests in the paws of four experimental, untested Animal Astronauts (AlphaWolf, SmartHawk, LaserShark, and StinkBug).



Claude in the City

by Alex T. Smith

When Claude, a small, plump dog, and his friend, Sir Bobblysock, visit the city, Claude heroically (though accidentally) stops a thief and, when Sir Bobblysock becomes ill, Claude rushes him to a hospital and is mistaken for a doctor.



Dragonbreath

by Ursula Vernon

Danny Dragonbreath and his friend Wendell get an up-close underwater tour of the Sargasso Sea from Danny's sea-serpent cousin, encountering giant squid and mako sharks--and learn about standing up to bullies in the process.



Bird & Squirrel on the run!

by James Burk

A happy-go-lucky Bird and a cautious acorn-collecting Squirrel become unlikely best friends when Squirrel loses his winter stash while saving Bird from Cat, prompting a zany road-trip adventure in search of warm weather and plentiful food.



The Magic Finger

by Roald Dahl

Angered by a neighboring family's sport hunting, an eight-year-old girl turns her magic finger on them.